

# C-SCDC Helping you Build a Brighter Future

Fall 2014

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council is your non-profit Community Action Agency. The Homeownership and Asset Development Center is a Program of C-SCDC. We have other programs such as the Community Dental Clinic, River Valley Regional Food Bank, and Weatherization.

We are a HUD approved housing counseling agency, meaning we offer counseling and education for people wanting to buy homes or for people who already own a home. We also provide counseling to renters when needed and help families keep their homes. We also develop and build affordable housing and help make repairs to existing substandard housing. Our goal is to help provide safe, decent, and affordable housing to individuals and families in Crawford, Sebastian. And Franklin counties.



## Introducing our new “Quick App”

C-SCDC has now made it easier and faster to get you started on your way to becoming homeowner. This new pre-purchase application and submit it online. Check it out at [www.cscdcaa.org](http://www.cscdcaa.org)

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Violet, Kaetlynn, and LaToya participating in the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AmeriCorps in Little Rock, AR.



AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the

## Welcome Our New VISTAs

In August, we received three AmeriCorps VISTA, LaToya Campbell, Kaetlynn Hudson, and Violet Adams. The VISTA program is an anti-poverty program created by Lyndon Johnson's Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as the domestic version of the Peace Corps. Initially, the program increased employment opportunities for conscientious people who felt they could contribute tangibly to the War on Poverty. Currently volunteers served in communities throughout the U.S., focusing on enriching many anti-poverty programs within a community.

LaToya will be working on engaging and informing rural communities to build and strengthen partnerships to serve those communities. She will also help promote positive change in communities and to the residents that live in the communities.

Kaetlynn is working on establishing and enhancing the identity of the Riverview Hope Campus by addressing homeless issues in the City of Fort Smith and surrounding areas through traditional and social media.

Violet will be working as the program and policy developer for the Riverview Hope campus. Research and establish procedures for volunteer recruitment, program management, and other functions of the Riverview Hope Campus, the results of a community wide partnership.

Be looking for more information on the Riverview Home Campus coming soon.



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## Events and other things to know

### Individual Development Accounts

This program is currently looking to partner with secondary institutions to help qualifying students build long term assets and invest in their future. For more information call Kate 479-785-2303 ext. 117. Next class for financial fitness will be held November 1, 2014 at 8:30.

### Homebuyer's Assistance

Home buyers Workshops will be held, October 11, November 5, and December 13, 2014.

Home maintenance class will be held September 25, and December 13, 2014

For more information on how to attend please contact Michael Fuchtman at 479-785-2303 ext. 109 or Griselda Perez at ext. 101

### Self-help housing

We just finished Shirley Truex home in Van Buren and have two more under construction. Please look for Shirley's story in our next edition.

### Home rehabilitation

For August, this program has completed 10 homes. If you would like more information on this program please contact Calvin Williams at 479-785-2303 ext. 113.

### Weatherization

Currently we are looking for applicants for Weatherization projects in Johnson and Madison County. If you are interested about this program please contact 479-785-2303 ext. 101

### Community dental clinic

This program has touched the lives of 54 clients for the month of August. This number has dropped due to the lack of dentists. They are working very hard to get funding to pay for a full-time dentist. If you are needing information please go to our website at [www.cscdcca.org](http://www.cscdcca.org) and download this application.



Arbor Day celebrations brought 42 volunteers together in the community of Bluebird a new up and coming subdivision in Cedarville, AR

## Community Arbor Day in Cedarville

This year Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council helped the community of Bluebird celebrate Arbor by planting 45 Maple and Redbud trees throughout the community. This event helped resolve issues we faced about the tearing down of trees to build the new subdivision. Replacing the trees was very important, and this event allowed the residents to work together to help beautify their neighborhood.

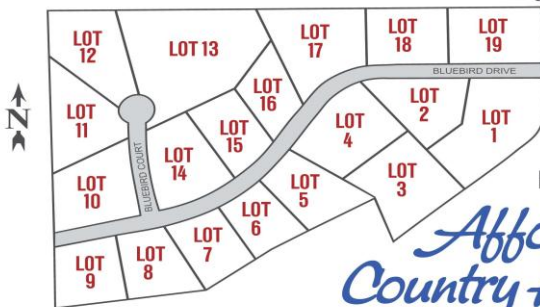
The volunteers consisted of officials of City of Cedarville, Arvest bank, and Cedarville High School students. They helped plant the trees ergonomically around the subdivision to make all the residents feel proud in their community.

C-SCDC anticipates to continue to build and grow deep rooted relationships within this community, and hopes events like this build a stronger neighborhood that works together.

Come alive on Bluebird drive, there are still lots available. Call our office and speak with Michael Fuchtman, who will get you started on your way to owning your own home.

Directions to Bluebird, take I40 West to Exit 5, Turn right on Hwy 59 N. Go 8 miles to Thompson Lane and turn left. Go across the bridge, as you turn the corner, the subdivision on the right.

# BLUEBIRD ADDITION



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## Sheniqua Chamber's Story

Meet Sheniqua Chambers. She walked into our office about a year ago, as a young mother of an energetic three year old. Sheniqua is determined to beat the stereotypes that come with being a "teen mom" by providing her daughter with a successful role model and a stable home. After speaking with Michael Fuchtman our housing counselor, she attended the Homebuyer Education and Financial Fitness classes provided by C-SCDC. Michael thought she would be a perfect candidate for the Home Equity Leverage Program (H.E.L.P.) a grant that provides help to first-time home buyers for down payment and closing cost assistance. C-SCDC had acquired a home using City of Fort Smith funds and remodeled it. Sheniqua received the address from Michael to go by and see what she thought of this newly remodeled home and it was love at first sight. Sheniqua could not wait to begin the final stage of homeownership. She and her daughter moved in to their home this past July, and could not be happier.



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