



Spring, 2010

C-SCDC UPDATE

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2010 ACAAA Conference

The 2010 Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association (ACAAA) Conference was held in Rogers on May 26-28 at the Embassy Suites. The Conference theme was "Striking Out Poverty." 163 participants and presenters attended the conference.

Kicking off the conference, the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Reducing Poverty and Promoting Economic Opportunity hosted a special Town Hall Meeting it was an opportunity to provide State Legislators with input from our agencies, those we serve and the greater community.

Conference workshops provided valuable information on Governance & Accountability, Leadership, Helping People and Changing Lives. The impact of the American Recovery & Re-investment Act (ARRA) on our agencies and communities was the focus of several workshops. There was also a tour of "Pieces of Me" a discount store developed by Office of Human Concern (OHC) using ARRA funding. Pieces of Me is more than just a discount store, it is also a job development and training project designed to assist the recently unemployed in re-entering the workforce. The conference also took time to recognize those who go the extra mile with the 3rd Annual Cappy Awards, ACAAA Action Awards and the Charles F. Cunningham Leadership Award.

DeeDra Hershel was nominated for a "Cappy" for Best Performance in a Leading Role. She didn't win but was given a certificate for being nominated. We are still very proud of her and her accomplishments.



Pictured above: C-SCDC Board Member Cecil M. Greene, Jr. enjoying the conference.



Pictured left to right: Nikki Brewer, Alma Lara, Karen Phillips, DeeDra Hershel, Krissi Vanderpool, Michele Trawick, Patty Park and Nenya Perry

2010 Community Development Service Awards



The 2010 Community Development Service Awards dinner was held at the Governor's Mansion on June 2, 2010.

The Arkansas Coalition of Housing and Neighborhood Growth for Empowerment (ACHANGE) celebrated National Homeownership Month by recognizing the contributions of individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations engaged in community service; affordable housing development, preservation and rehabilitation, homebuyers education and housing counseling.

DeeDra Hershel took home the award for Excellence in Education which recognizes outstanding performance in homebuyer education and housing counseling. Congratulations DeeDra!!!

Senator Lincoln Tours C-SCDC

Senator Blanche Lincoln took time from her busy schedule during a visit to Fort Smith to visit C-SCDC. After a tour of the facility Senator Lincoln sat down with members of the C-SCDC Board of Directors and staff where the discussion centered on the American Recovery and Re-investment Act (ARRA). Karen Phillips, Homeownership Center Director and Debbie Biggs, Weatherization Director, prepared handouts for Senator Lincoln showing how ARRA funds were being used to assist our clients.

Senator Lincoln is a strong supporter of many of the programs Community Action Agencies across Arkansas administer.



Candy Cooper's Special Visitors



Candy Cooper, HEAP Intake Specialist was surprised by a visit from the 2nd grade class of Morrison Elementary School. When she is not taking Li-HEAP applications Candy volunteers at the school. The students sang a thank you song and presented her with a card letting her know how much they appreciate her.

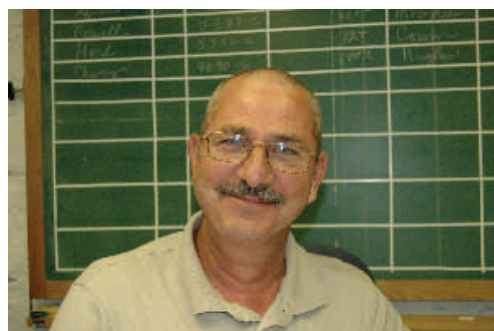
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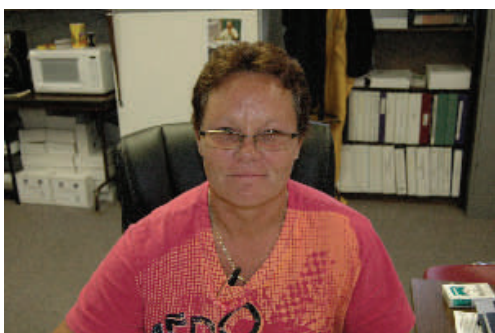
Erika Tomlin
HOC Administrative Assistant



Cristina "Krissi" Vanderpool
IDA Case Manager



Eddie Powers
Weatherization Assessor & Home Monitor



Kathy "Kat" Allen
Weatherization Assessor & Home Monitor



DeAnna Neal
Weatherization Assistant



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Custodian

Executive Director

Mark Whitmer

Personnel Director

Darlene Hill

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Sally Fisher

Homeownership Center

Director

Karen Phillips

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Debbie Biggs

Child Care Food Program

Carol Jenkins

Community Dental Clinic

Nenya Perry

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Debbie Biggs, Weatherization Director has been with C-SCDC for 6 years and has worn many hats during that time, but, Weatherization is her passion. When she not at work she works at the flower shop and loves to work in her yard.



Barbara Cox, Li-HEAP Intake Specialist has been with C-SCDC for 7 1/2 years. When she is not working she loves to work in her garden, spend time with her family and of course loves to shop.

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Mission Statement

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc. is a community action agency whose purpose is to make improvements in the lives of low-income individuals, families and the communities in which they live , so that a greater level of self-sufficient living can be achieved.