



# C-SCDC UPDATE

Summer, 2009

"KEEPING YOU INFORMED"



Pictured from left to right: Mark Whitmer, Ward Clemons DDS, Nyena Perry, Cecil M. Greene, Jr. and Elaine Stanfield.

## One Step Closer

Ground was broken for the new Community Dental Clinic on May 22nd. Mark Whitmer talked about how the process was started in December of 2004. Mark told the crowd "C-SCDC has stick-to-itiveness." Referring to the C-SCDC Board of Directors and Dental Clinic Advisory Council, "The faces may have changed but the goal remains the same."

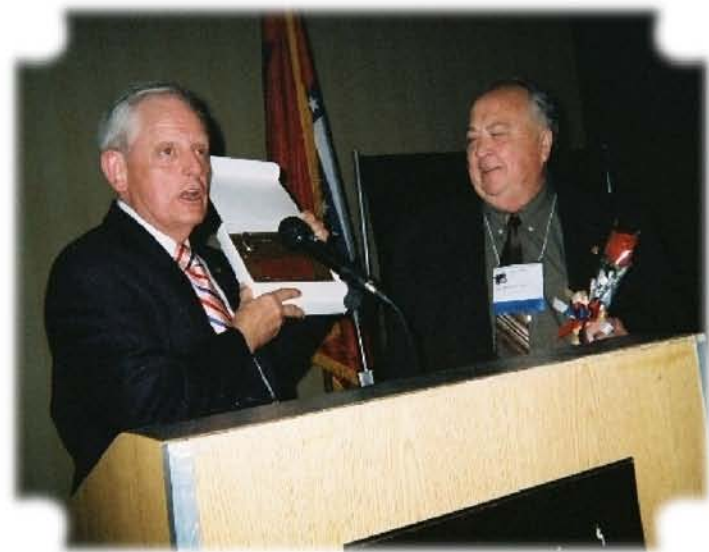
Twin Rivers Architecture is making some changes to the plans that the City of Fort Smith Building Department recommended and will be finished soon.

## 2009 ACAAA Conference is held in Fort Smith

The 2009 Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association (ACAAA) conference was held in Fort Smith May 26 - 29 at the Holiday Inn City Center. 142 attendees of Community Action Agencies from Arkansas got the opportunity to attend workshops, listen to speakers from Fort Smith to Washington, D.C. It was a time to see old friends and make new friends.

The River Valley Regional Food Bank was nominated for a "Cappy" for "Best Production" and Deedra Hershel was nominated for "Best Performance in a Supporting Role." Neither won a "Cappy" but were given a certificate for being nominated.

A lot of emphasis was put on the role Community Action will play in the stimulus funding and providing services to those in need.



Fort Smith Mayor Ray Baker presenting the Key to the City to Larry Cogburn.

# Self-Help Quarterly Meeting

C-SCDC's Homeownership & Asset Development Center sponsored the Combined Self-Help Quarterly Meeting on July 28th and 29th. The meeting was hosted by Little Dixie Community Action Agency and USDA Rural Development. The meeting was attended by Karen Phillips, Calvin Williams, Joe Payton, and Tricia Hall.

On Tuesday, Karen Phillips, Homeownership & Asset Development Center Director, showed C-SCDC's self-help video during the introduction. The meeting drew in other grantees and Rural Development offices from across the state. All of the agencies gave their quarterly reports and findings.



On Wednesday, C-SCDC Self-Help Housing staff took the other agencies and Rural Development out to 3 of our houses that were in different stages of completion. Over 40 persons in a trail of cars went on a tour that took us from Van Buren to Cedarville and then onto Alma. Everyone was very impressed with the quality of our homes and our unique ability to help people with whatever their needs may be. Features such as Universal Design, Energy Star, Accessibility Features for those with mobility impairments, and a safe room were just some of the unique features found in our homes.

# Li-HEAP & Weatherization

The C-SCDC Weatherization Assistance Program has received 1.6 million dollars in additional funding from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. This will fund an additional 233 homes that can be weatherized, and with the increase in homes being weatherized additional staff has been added.

The winter portion of the Li-HEAP program has come to an end. Li-HEAP Coordinator Carol Jenkins reported that 5,299 applications were paid with the total amount spent at over \$856,000.00.

# New Faces



Weatherization Auditor,  
Kevin Harrison



Self-Help Coordinator,  
Tricia Hall



Construction Supervisor,  
Joe Payton



Agency Receptionist,  
Shauna Hayes



Weatherization Auditor,  
Ronnie Miller



Weatherization Assistant,  
Kathe Lord



Materials Handler,  
Jerry Shelley

## Things to Remember



- Friday, August 14th - Pay Day
- Monday, August 31st - Pay Day
- Monday, September 7th - Labor Day (Offices will be closed)
- Tuesday, September 15th - Pay Day
- Thursday, September 24th - Board of Directors Meeting
- Wednesday, September 30th - Pay Day
- Monday, October 12th - Columbus Day (Offices will be closed)
- Thursday, October 15th - Pay Day
- Thursday, October 22nd - Board of Directors Meeting
- Friday, October 30th - Pay Day



# Employee Spotlight

Executive Director

*Mark Whitmer*

Personnel Director

*Darlene Hill*

Financial Director

*Sally Fisher*

Homeownership Center Director

*Karen Phillips*

Weatherization Director

*Debbie Biggs*

Child Care Food Program Director

*Carol Jenkins*

Community Dental Clinic Director

*Nenya Perry*

River Valley Regional Food Bank

Director

*Stephen Dye*

Editor

*Michele Trawick*



Shauna Hayes, is the agencies new receptionist. Shauna is the mother of four with one set of twins. Shauna can be described as a "baseball mom" spending her summers attending her kids baseball games. She has also proven herself to be an asset to C-SCDC.



Denise Emberton, has been a dental assistant at the Community Dental Clinic for 5 years. She has one daughter who graduated high school this year. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, sewing and recently picked up a new hobby, "EXERCISING."

## Board Members

*Linda Bryant, Chairperson*

*Evelyn Wilson, Vice-Chairperson*

*Patricia Free, Secretary*

*Cecil M. Greene, Jr.*

*Ross Robinson*

*Van Ferguson*

*Judge David Hudson*

*Mayor Richard Leakey*

*Veronica Robins (Representative)*

*Judge John Hall*

*Elaine Stanfield, (Representative)*

*Stephen Breedlove*

*Tracy Pennartz*

*Gene Bell*

*Ashley Dixon*

*Ronna Davis*

*Virginia Waldon*

*Michael Shinn*

*Shirley Lee*

*Mayor Kenneth Edwards*

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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.*