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Macon Housing Authority

## 2007 Scholarship Program



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left to right: Demetria O'Neal, Jamecia Jordon, Bernard Grant, Jr., Diane Holliman and Brandi Harris

Since 1986, Macon Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners has provided approximately \$96,200 in scholarship funding to graduating high school students in public housing and/or the Section 8 program. The original scholarship program was competitive based on GPA and SAT scores. In 1996, MHA no longer awarded scholarships on a competitive basis, but to each student that applied who met the minimum requirement of a 2.75 GPA. This change was made due to the decreased number of applicants and the opportunity for MHA to assist all students who desired to attend college or technical school to pursue a career path that will lead to economic independence and self sufficiency.

In 1988, the first Continued Education Scholarships were awarded to provide continued support and encouragement for students remaining in good standing with the college, technical school, or college credentialed program and to recognize their community service involvement.

This year, \$13,000 was budgeted and awarded to the following graduating seniors and adult students: Brandi Harris, Jamecia Jordan, Bernard Grant, Jr., Demetria O'Neal, Diana Holliman; Continuing scholarship assistance was provided to Lavezza Zanders, Chelsea Culler, Shunterria Fountain, Shunquinese Dennis, Marcie Renfro, Melissa Brewer, Innis Ette, Sheena Dennis, Mahite' Williams, Portia Foster, and Kimo Gallemore.

This year, financial support was also awarded to seven adult residents enrolled in the Child Development Associate Degree program, sponsored by Spelman College and Hicks and Hicks and Associates, conducted at the Family Investment Center in the Davis Homes Community.

Congratulations to all and best wishes for your continued progress and success!



Board of Commissioners review scholarship applications



Board of Commissioners interview Bernard Grant, Jr.

# Macon Housing Authority's Third Annual Football Camp



The third annual M.H.A. football camp was held at Southwest High on June 30th thanks to Southwest High coach Wright. The camp was attended by 58 residents from our neighborhoods. The campers had the opportunity to be taught some of the skills needed to play tackle football. This year each group of young men was also coached on how to succeed in life. The coaches that worked with the campers came from Bibb, Houston, Peach and Twiggs County. At the end of the camp the campers were given an opportunity to display their skills in passing, kicking and running. Trophies were presented to 1st and 2nd place finishers. The camp ended with a good pizza lunch for all. Camp coordinator and Resident Service Coordinator, Linwood Owens is looking forward to a bigger and better camp next year.



# Food Stamp Program and Applications Available

The Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services is continuing its outreach program for food stamps to help meet the food and nutritional needs of eligible households. Eligible households may qualify to get food stamps within seven (7) days if you can answer the following questions about yourself and all household members:

1. Are you or any household member a migrant or seasonal worker?
2. How much money will you and all household members get this month?
3. How much money do you and all household members have in cash or in the bank?
4. How much do you and all household members pay for rent or mortgage?
5. How much do you and all household members pay for electric, gas, water, etc.?

As with any federal assistance program such as subsidized housing and the Food Stamp program, you are responsible for:

- \* giving the worker correct information and providing proof of statements needed
- \* telling the truth at all times
- \* providing proof of household members' citizenship or eligible immigrants
- \* reporting changes in your household situation as indicated by program guidelines.
- \* Other responsibilities as needed to govern and administer the food stamp program

If you are interested in applying for food stamps, you may pick up an application at Macon Housing Authority's central office at 2015 Felton Avenue or at the Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services, 456 Oglethorpe Street.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO:**

**BIBB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES  
456 OGLETHORPE STREET  
MACON GA 31201**



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## Are you looking to own a decent and affordable house?

Macon Area Habitat for Humanity is opening its application process. If you are interested in learning more about owning a Habitat for Humanity house and are resident in Bibb Co., then please attend a public information meeting which will be held at the Glenwood Hills Baptist Church, 3225 Rice-Mill Road, Macon, 31206 on Saturday, October 13th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**Macon Area Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Housing Opportunity provider**

## FREE IRS INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

*for your 2007 Tax Return, starting January 2008*

- *Avoid the high cost of basic tax returns*
- *Learn about the earned income tax credit*
- *Keep money in your pocket and receive your refund within a matter of days!*

**COMING  
SOON!**

### **FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER**

Davis Homes Community \* 905 MAIN STREET  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays by appointment only.

### **Other sites and members of the Macon Earned Income Tax Coalition:**

Goodwill Industries of Middle GA  
5171 Eisenhower Parkway  
Macon GA 31206

Community Church of God  
283 Grant Avenue  
Macon GA 31201

Macon-Bibb Senior Center  
1283 Adams Street  
Macon GA 31201

City of Macon Workforce Dev.  
682 Cherry Street  
Macon GA 31202

ALL SITES ARE IRS TRAINED WITH CERTIFIED VOLUNTEERS USING IRS E-FILING  
*For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call 752-5185.*

# Youth participate in statewide **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** in Columbus Georgia

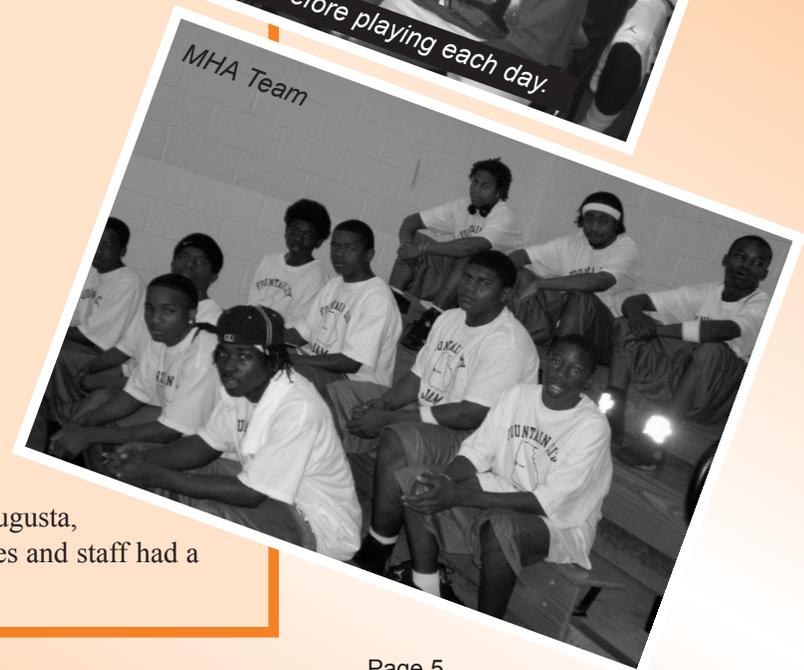
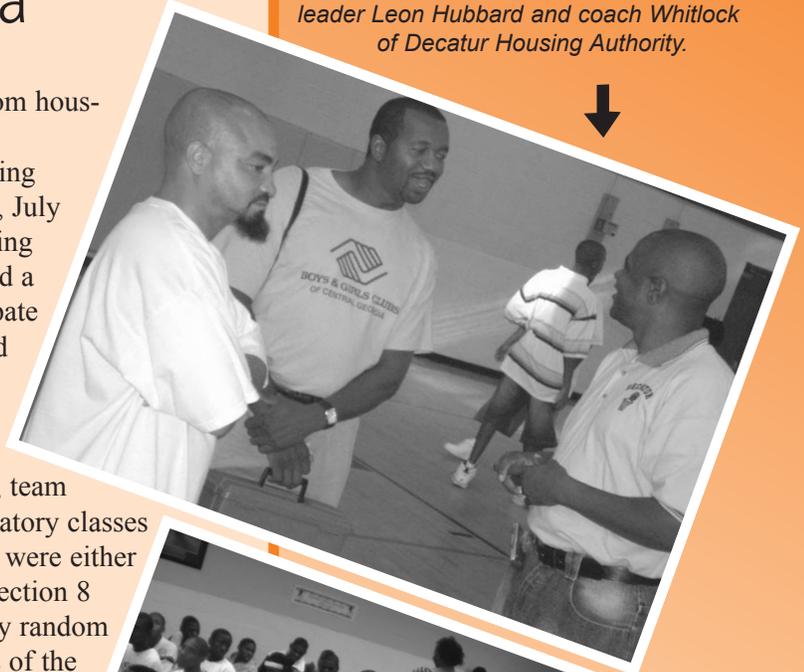
left to right: Assistant coach and van driver, William Barron; Boys and Girls Club leader Leon Hubbard and coach Whitlock of Decatur Housing Authority.

Approximately 156 youth from making up 13 teams from housing authorities across the state participated in the 2007 Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Georgia Housing Association and Redevelopment Authorities (GAHRA), July 19-21 in Columbus GA, hosted by the Columbus Housing Authority. Macon Housing Authority was proud to send a team of ten fine young men and two coaches to participate in the tournament with all expenses paid. The purposed of the tournament is to foster and promote team-building, sports ethics, quality recreation, interaction and networking with other housing authorities. To help ensure that the tournament met its goals and objectives, team members had to sign a Code of Ethics and attend mandatory classes each morning before the tournament began. All players were either residents of public housing or the housing authority's Section 8 program, ages 13-18. Teams were divided into pools by random draw and the games were governed by the current rules of the Georgia High School Association with certified and neutral officials. A Grievance Committee of housing authority staff was also in place to help resolve any game and/or conduct matter that could arise between players, officials, staff, etc.

Macon Housing Authority extends a sincere thank-you to the Boys and Girls Club of Middle Georgia and our Technical Service Director, Tracy Barlow for allowing Mr. Leon Hubbard to serve as Coach and Mr. William Barron as Assistant Coach, van driver and chaperone. Macon Housing Authority's team included the following:

- Corey Edwards #7
- Christian Jackson #5
- Christian Shelly # 4
- Travis Hollingshed # 11
- Jaron Blue # 9
- Denzell Willis # 2
- Keonte' Hollingshed #1
- Tabiaz Peterson # 3
- Antwon Johnson # 8
- Perfect Robinson # 6

While Macon Housing Authority squared off against Augusta, Tifton, and Decatur, and was defeated, the team, coaches and staff had a wonderful time and a round trip without incident.



# Bibb County School Calendar

Nov. Dec. 2007 - Jan. - May. 2008

## NOVEMBER

- 1-2 HS Graduation Test
- 19-20 Thanksgiving Break  
(Central Office Open)
- 21-23 **SYSTEM CLOSED**

## DECEMBER

- 12-14 End of Course Testing
- 19 End of 2nd Grading Period/  
First Semester
- 20 Staff Planning/Holiday for  
Students (Make up day, if necessary)
- 21,24-28, 31 Winter Break
- 20, 21 Central Office Open
- 24-28,31 **SYSTEM CLOSED**

## JANUARY

- 1st - 3rd Winter Break- Holiday for  
Students
- 4th - Staff Planning- Holiday for  
Students, (*make up day, if necessary*)
- 3,4 - Central Office Open
- 7 - First Day - Second Semester
- 16,17- 8th Grade Writing Test
- 21 - Holiday **SYSTEM CLOSED**

## FEBRUARY

- 6 - ½ day Staff Planning
- 18 - Holiday **SYSTEM CLOSED**
- 27,28 - GA HS Writing Test

## MARCH

- 5,6 5th Grade Writing Test
- 11 End of 3 rd Grading Period
- 17-21 HS Graduation Test  
3rd Grade Writing Window
- 24-28 Spring Break  
(*Central Office Open*)

## APRIL

- 14-25 CRCT

## MAY

- 12-14 EOCT
- 20 Last Day of School  
End of 4th, Grading Period/  
Second Semester
- 21-22 Staff Planning
- 23,24 Graduation
- 26 Holiday **SYSTEM CLOSED**
- 30 Asst. Principals Last Day

# After school and free lunch program available

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) is tutoring and other supplemental academic enrichment services that are designed to increase the academic achievement of eligible students. Eligible students are those who qualify for free or reduced priced school meals and attend a Title I school in at least their second year of "Needs Improvement" (i.e., schools that have not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the same subject for three or more consecutive years.

Students at the following schools are eligible for \$1,454 of assistance: Bruce Elementary, King-Danforth Elementary, Appling Middle, Rutland Middle, Weaver Middle, Hutchings Career Center, Northeast High School, and Southwest High School. We strongly encourage all parents to complete the free/reduced lunch application regardless of your household income. One-page applications are available at every school and should be returned to the school. For additional information on Supplemental Educational Services for students, please contact the Bibb County Public Schools, Title I Office, at 478-765-8582 or Macon Housing Authority's Resident Initiative Department at (478) 752-5145

## Joshua House After School Program

Joshua House After School Program operates at the Hester Bivins in the Tindall Heights Community as a joint effort between the Greater Little Rock Baptist Church, Macon Housing Authority, and Mercer University. This program is designed to provide home work assistance, remedial assistance, character development, recreation, and cultural experiences for children who attend. Joshua House serves children ages 5-14, including elementary and middle school grades. The program is managed by a certified teacher with the Bibb County Public Schools. It was licensed by the State of Georgia Department of Early Care & Learning in June, 2007 and maintains the high standards of care and accountability mandated by this license

Operating hours for the program are 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Transportation is available to pick student up from school. Parents must pick up students at 6:00 p.m. Quality, nutritional snacks are provided each student inline with nutrition guidelines. Computer access and a library of wonderful books and resources support the program.

Cost of the program is \$40.00 per week for the first child; \$35.00 for the second child. A one time registration fee of \$20.00 is charged. For more information and to register call 743-5616



(l-r): Chairperson Karen Middleton, Melisha Ivery, Loan Executive Cliff Rushin, Christine Caito, Nerissa Hudson; not pictured: Brenda Perlman, Amelia Parrish and Omar Ortega. John Hiscox thanks employees.



# United Way Campaign Kick-Off

Macon Housing Authority employees kicked off their 2007 United Way Campaign recently with the football season and with a hefty goal of \$23,000! The one-hour kick-off featured a football theme with team introductions, drills, speeches from the coaches, a spotlight on community organizations such as Red Cross (Zana Dougherty, representative) and cheers from the fans! Last year, employees rallied around a \$22,000 goal and succeeded with fun events and commitments that included ice cream sales, jean

days, raffles for nice gifts and electronics, fair share giving, leadership giving and more!

This year's Campaign Committee is led by Karen Middleton, Hope VI Administrative Assistant and she is joined by a representative from each department to give the campaign life, vigor and results! Other committee members include Christine Caito, Brenda Perlman, Melisha Ivery, Nerissa Hudson, Amelia Parrish, and Omar Ortega. John Hiscox, Executive Director says that "our campaign success is

what it is because the employees have the heart and they run it!"

Loan Executive Cliff Rushin, with Macon-Bibb County Fire Department spoke to employees about the possibilities of eradicating our community of the many social ills that affect all of our lives. He reminded employees that since we do not have a magic wand to wave those problems away, United Way and the organizations it funds is the best tool and resource to help.

**24 HOUR**  
**Emergency Maintenance**  
**752-5115**



**MACON HOUSING AUTHORITY**

## Important Numbers

<b>CENTRAL OFFICE</b> .....	<b>752-5000</b>	<b>INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD</b>	
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b> .....	<b>752-5071</b>	<b>RESIDENT ASSOCIATION</b> .....	<b>742-9160</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b> .....	<b>752-5115</b>	<b>TINDALL HEIGHTS</b> .....	<b>752-5002</b>
<b>HOUSING MANAGEMENT</b> .....	<b>752-5030</b>	<b>BOWDEN HOMES</b> .....	<b>752-5003</b>
<b>SECURITY COORDINATOR</b> .....	<b>752-5031</b>	<b>MURPHY HOMES</b> .....	<b>752-5004</b>
<b>HOPE VI</b> .....	<b>752-5078</b>	<b>PENDLETON HOMES</b> .....	<b>752-5005</b>
<b>TEAM WATCH</b> .....	<b>752-5036</b>	<b>FELTON HOMES</b> .....	<b>752-5006</b>
<b>RESIDENT INITIATIVES</b> .....	<b>752-5146</b>	<b>DAVIS HOMES</b> .....	<b>752-5008</b>
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b> .....	<b>752-5145</b>	<b>ANTHONY HOMES</b> .....	<b>752-5010</b>
<b>RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS</b> .....	<b>752-5033</b>	<b>MCAFFEE TOWERS</b> .....	<b>752-5011</b>
		<b>SCATTERED SITES</b> .....	<b>752-5021</b>

## Neighborhood Outreach Programs

Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table-Anthony Homes	781-9289
DFCS-Child Care Center-Anthony Homes	788-0819
DFCS-Child Care Center-Murphy Homes	751-6414
Economic Opportunity Council-Anthony Homes	738-3251
Family Self Sufficiency Program-Murphy Homes	752-5185
Head Start-Felton Homes	743-4502
Head Start-Murphy Homes	742-4291
Head Start-Pendleton Homes	788-7891
HOPE VI Community & Supportive Services	752-5173
Inter-Neighborhood Resident Assoc. -Felton	742-9160
Meals on Wheels	745-9140
Women's, Infants & Children-WIC	752-1732

<i>Adult Learning Center</i>	742-9442
<i>Community Health Works</i>	752-5013
<i>Family Counseling</i>	752-5177
<i>Family Investment Center</i>	752-5185
<i>Family Self Sufficiency Case Coordinator</i>	752-5097
<i>FIC-Computer Class</i>	752-5185
<i>Mercer Education Opportunity</i>	301-2383
<i>Rightouch, Inc.</i>	752-5253

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