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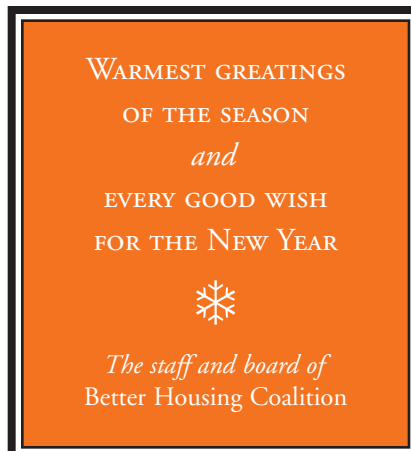
MAKING "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" LIVE UP TO ITS NAME.

On a gray, drizzly Saturday in October, Capital One, New Visions Civic Association, and BHC volunteers joined forces to bring a new pocket park to Church Hill. The small triangular space, located at the intersection of 23rd, Q, and Carrington streets, is being transformed from a litter- and weed-choked vacant lot into a charming neighborhood asset. "This is just Phase I of the park's development," explained BHC's Josh Galloway. "Over the course of the next few months, we will finalize plans for the park's permanent design. And in the Spring, Art 180 (a non-profit arts group) and local children from Charity Lifeline will install a sculpture they are designing and building with local artists."



Capital One has been a long-time partner and supporter of BHC's efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and produce affordable housing. "Capitol One is a model corporate citizen," said T. K. Somanath, "generously supporting neighborhood revitalization and homeownership. Their involvement, on both corporate and individual associate levels, is truly making a difference throughout our community."

Capital One associate Stan Simmons responded, "Our associates were really thrilled about helping the neighborhood beautify this space. It was a great day and the results were just wonderful."



REMINDER

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ON APRIL 18, 2005, Better Housing Coalition celebrated the long-awaited opening of Carter Woods, named in honor of BHC's co-founder, Carter McDowell. Friends and family of Carter came to celebrate with us and to honor her many contributions to Better Housing Coalition.

"Carter's commitment, persistence and dedication to affordable housing is an inspiration to all of us," said T.K. Somanath. "Carter understands the complexity of community development because she's been in the trenches with us from the very beginning. Without her, there would not be a Better Housing Coalition."

Carter Woods, located in Henrico County, is an apartment community for adults age 62+.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT



BETTER HOUSING COALITION was pleased to host Congressman **RANDY FORBES** and his staff for a site visit and reception at Winchester Greens on August 17. Area residents, business owners, community leaders and county officials attended the event.

Congressman Forbes has been a consistent advocate of BHC's revitalization efforts, providing support for VDOT Enhancement Grants, our Office of Community Services Economic Development Grant, and most recently, seeking benchmark data to support additional funding for infrastructure needs at Winchester Greens.

BHC Chair, Lissy Bryan, and BHC staff showed Congressman

Forbes and other visitors the dramatic results of BHC's work and shared our vision for future development. Included is the next phase of commercial development—15,000 sq. ft. of office space scheduled for completion in March 2006.

The primary tenant in the new space will be the Chesterfield County Community Services Board's countywide program for handicapped and disabled adults. The program space is designed to be an innovative, creative environment encouraging learning on a variety of levels: art, recreation, physical therapy, cooking, technology and literacy.



GENWORTH REACHES OUT TO HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES. COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY REACHED OUT TO HELP FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING STORM, KATRINA. RICHMOND-BASED GENWORTH FINANCIAL CONTACTED BETTER HOUSING COALITION AND SUGGESTED WE PARTNER AND OFFER HOUSING TO FAMILIES WHO HAD COME TO RICHMOND AFTER THE STORM. GENWORTH HAS GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO PAY RENT AND UTILITIES FOR A YEAR FOR 20 FAMILIES. AND, THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE PROVIDING THE FAMILIES WITH HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND CLOTHING. BHC IS COORDINATING EFFORTS WITH LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES TO MATCH FAMILIES WITH APARTMENTS.

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HOME OWNERSHIP



AND THE GOLDEN HAMMER GOES TO...

On October 13, Better Housing Coalition was presented with the coveted Golden Hammer Award for Best Residential Renovation by The Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods (A.CORN). The awards ceremony is an annual event honoring excellence in renovation and preservation.

BHC's winning house, located at 815 N. 25th Street, is a fine example of Italinete architecture. The renovation features four bedrooms and three baths, as well as original pocket doors, floors and woodwork. Better Housing Coalition's own construction firm, Better Homes, Inc., was the general contractor for the renovation. Special congratulations go to the BHC staff that made it happen: Marshall Bennett, Lee Buffinton, Stewart Jester, John Moorefield, Jeff Taylor and Mary Witt.

The home's new owners are thrilled with their award-winning home. "Sometimes it's hard to believe the house is ours. It's so beautiful! Each detail received so much care and consideration. We feel honored to live in such a special place. We're lucky to enjoy history alongside modern convenience. It's really a great place to live," exclaimed Danielle & Nock Kougoulis.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

GOOD EATS *and* FUN *for* YOUNG *and* YOUNG-AT-HEART.

Through a new partnership with Senior Connections, Monarch Woods is soon to be the site of a new Friendship Café. Friendship Cafés provide a lunch meal for seniors, as well as social and educational programs several times each week. A kick-off event on September 15 was arranged by 9th District Councilman Eugene Mason to generate interest in

the Café by Monarch Woods residents and the community. A talented jazz quartet and jazz singer from Huguenot High School entertained the residents and visitors after a Q&A session and a bountiful buffet.

Winchester Greens' annual Back-to-School party was held on September 1st. Property management and social work staff reveled in the last moments of summer with more than 65 kids of all ages. Swimming, music, hot dogs, ice cream and back-to-school supplies were enjoyed by all.

