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## Vivian B. Perry

## **CCHRCO** President

I cannot thank each of you enough for the opportunity to serve as President of Carolinas Council. I will cherish this opportunity for the rest of my life. You all are such great people.

Special thanks to my family, Rhonda Abbott, Executive Director, Commissioners and Staff at Kinston Housing Authority for their support and encouragement. I would also like to thank the Carolinas Council Officers, Board and Committees for your hard work and support. Thanks to our vendors for all their support.

I am sure this has been and continues to be a very challenging time personally and professionally for all of us but we continue each day to find ways to manage and service our residents. We will continue to provide housing and programs to enrich their lives. Please continue to support our vendors.

Even though, we have not been able to meet as planned, the great individuals who have been responsible for making sure Carolinas Council continues to give awards have done their job. Thank you so much for responding to all requests for information needed to make awards. We recognized the commissioners of the year, scholarship winners, poster, website, newsletter, resolutions and human services awards at our zoom business meeting which was held on August 25, 2020.

Special thanks to Angela Childers, Executive Director, Beaufort, SC for making this possible. We appreciate everyone who zoomed in.

The great Mayor of Kinston, Don Hardy, said at the transitional meeting, it takes **EVERYONE** to make an organization great. I say to all of **YOU**, **WE HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB THIS YEAR**, even with the challenges of COVID-19.

Due to the past leadership, current and future leadership of Carolinas Council, I am sure we will continue to be strong and look forward to 2021.

God's blessings to each one of you as you continue to **BE SAFE**.

Vivian

## STORY OF JAILYN PRIMUS

SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY NO. 3













#### Executive Director—Robert Thomas

Jailyn is the daughter of Ms. Roslyn Ferrell and they reside at Walsh Drive Housing Complex, Apt. #172 in Hardeeville, SC.

Ms. Ferrell stated that Jailyn did her research and found the Scholarship on her own. She applied for and was the recipient of the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship. Only 100 scholarships were given and Jailyn was the 3" recipient.

She is currently attending Howard University and refused to go to college if it would put any financial burden on her mom. Jailyn desires to open up her own Prosthetics Service in the future.

On Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 11:00 am Jailyn was a guest on and did an awesome interview on "The View", We at the Housing Authority watched with pride as she entered the room.

Written by Dave Quigg 11/1/19

## CCHRCO Academic Scholarship Winners

#### 2020 CAROLINAS COUNCIL OF HOUSING REDEVELPOMENT & CODES OFFICIALS SCHOLARSHIPS

CCHRCO scholarships are a valuable tool in helping to support the educational goals of the families housed by our member agencies. It is through this program that the Carolinas Council makes available scholarship funding for the purpose of supporting and fostering the educational pursuits of deserving residents of assisted housing being administered or managed by a Public Housing Authority. This endeavor directly supports the shared objective of enhancing the mobility and improvement of residents of assisted housing.

#### NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

#### SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

#### Cherrique Arnold

Plymouth Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Elizabeth City State University

#### Jamaica Bluefort

Inlivian (aka Charlotte Housing Authority) \$1,000 CCHRCO - NC A&T State University

#### Michyla Dove

Kinston Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Barton College

#### Ivanya Johnson

Kinston Housing Authority \$1,000 SERC-NAHRO - *Hawaii Pacific University,* Honolulu, HI Maria Lopez

Nu-Dimensions, Inc. (aka Hickory Housing Authority) \$1,000 CCHRCO - Lenoir-Rhyne University

#### Choma Mudenda

Greensboro Housing Authority \$1,500 SERC-NAHRO - UNC-Charlotte

#### Whitney Wilson

Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Fayetteville Technical Community College



#### Lakita Boyd

Spartanburg Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Spartanburg Community College

#### Ja'lein Logan

Gaffney Housing Authority \$1,000 SERC/NAHRO - Spartanburg Methodist

#### Jaylen Maxton

Spartanburg Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Spartanburg Community College

#### Talearia Robinson

Marion Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Florence Darlington Technical College

#### Alierria Rogers

Marion Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Coastal Carolina

#### Gavin Scarano

Rock Hill Housing Authority \$1,500 SERC-NAHRO - University of South Carolina

#### Tonekea Thompson

Greenwood Housing Authority \$1,000 CCHRCO - Lander University

# BrooksJeffrey BEYOND SCHOLARSHIP

A graduate of Ben L. Smith High School in Greensboro, NC, Choma Mudenda was selected as a 2020 Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials (CCHRCO) BEYOND scholarship recipient.

Mudenda maintained a 4.25 cumulative grade point average throughout her high-school career.

Mudenda's family moved to an assisted housing community when her mother became disabled and unable to continue work as a nurse.

"Everything in my world changed when we moved into assisted living," states Mudenda.

Her time in assisted housing impacted her outlook and future.

"Living in my assisted housing community has shown me the injustices people face based on their race and economic standpoint. Seeing these things has inspired me to become a public defense attorney," explained Mudenda.

This fall, Mudenda will attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte majoring in Political Science on a Pre-Law track.

Two \$500 BEYOND Scholarship are awarded annually to two residents of a CCHRCO affordable housing community. One NC Resident and one SC Resident each are selected to receive the \$500 BEYOMD Scholarship. Brooks Jeffrey Marketing, Inc. sponsors the BEYOND scholarship for CCHRCO.

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Choma Mudenda

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# BEYOND SCHOLARSHIP



LaKita Boyd of Spartanburg, SC, was selected as a 2020 Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials (CCHRCO) BEYOND scholarship recipient.

Boyd is furthering her education to achieve her ultimate goal of obtaining her Bachelor of Nursing degree and becoming a Registered Nurse.

Boyd has always had a passion for the medical field. On her path to a nursing career, Boyd earned these certificates: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and Certified Surgical Tech.

"My priorities have always been caring for and helping others," stated Boyd.

As a single parent, Boyd experienced many challenges that would persuade others to quit – but she is determined to reach her goal.

Boyd will continue her education at Spartanburg Community College this fall in pursuit of her RN nursing degree.

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## October is Housing America Month



In 2007, Housing America was created and October was designated as the annual month for NAHRO and its members to collectively raise awareness of the need for, and the importance of, safe, decent and affordable housing in quality communities.

Events are held around the country by housing authorities, redevelopment agencies and government entities to spotlight the great works that have been done and the successes that so many residents have experienced. Sadly, there continues to be an unmet housing need for many of America's most vulnerable.

South Carolina Regional Housing Authority No. 3 celebrated Housing America Month 2019 by recognizing three families that lived the longest in the complex, along with their success stories.



Mr. Melvin Davenport, 82, and his spouse, Blondell, have lived in the complex for 15 years.



Mrs. Eartha Pontoo, 86 years old, has lived in complex for 7 years.



Mr. Andrew Rowe, Jr., 70 years old lived in the complex for 12 years.

Tweet your event with the hashtag
#HousingAmerica and
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Event Media Kit

- Use our media kit to help get the word out about your event!
- Housing America Month logo (when the page opens, right click and select save as)
- Sample Proclamation (when the page opens, download and edit the file)





Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, we're taking NAHRO's 2020 National Conference and Exhibition online! We're thrilled to announce that the NAHRO Online: 2020 National Conference will take place from November 17-18, 2020.

Stay tuned – we'll have more details for you soon!

#### **QUESTIONS**

Please e-mail @nahro.org so we can assist you!



## "What Home Means To Me"

## Poster Contest Winners

The annual "What Home Means to Me" poster contest is part of NAHRO Housing America's campaign to inform the public and decision-makers about the need to meet the country's affordable housing and community development challenges. Posters are first judged at the local level and winners are sent to the next level, Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials (CCHRCO).

The winning posters from that round go on to compete at the regional level, through the Southeastern Regional Council of NAHRO. The SERC-NAHRO regional winners are then sent to the national level to be judged. NAHRO then selects 13 winning posters from submissions throughout the United States. Selected posters appear in the "What Homes Means to Me" calendar and the artists receive gift cards as recognition for their efforts.

Contest participation is open to all children in grades K-12 residing in affordable housing assisted directly, supported under community development, or participants in affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member authority (i.e., public or Section 8-assisted housing CDBG, HOME, LIHTC).

CCHRCO selects a 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner for each category:

Elementary (K to 5th),

Middle School (6th to 8th)

High School (9th to 12th)

## **Elementary Contest Winners**



FIRST PLACE WINNER

## Nyleen Thomas

Columbia Housing Authority



"If asked what home means to me, home is a place where endless love begins and the fun never ends. Home is where I can be myself and not be judged. Home is a place where I share my thoughts and feelings. Home is a place where my entertainment never ends (ps4, Fortnite, basketball, and ATV riding). Most of all home is a place like no other, a place full of love from your mother. Home is a place where you laugh, grow and play. Home is where I like to stay and have fun every day." -by Nyleen Thomas

## **Elementary Contest Winners**

Second Place Winner

#### Alayzian Turner

Kinston Housing Authority

"What home means to me, is that family can get together, I can relax, have a family BBQ with water balloons, I can listen to music outside with friends and dance, play with friends, ride bikes, and get to talk to new people."





Third Place Winner

#### Ka'Mani Kannya Shore

Burlington Housing Authority

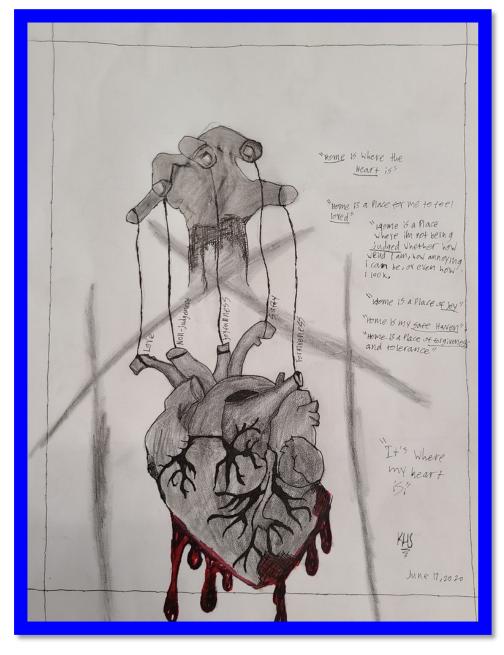
"Home is a place of many things. My poster is showing what home means to me; things like swimming, fun playing outside, and also my family (my mom, dad, brother, and my grandma). Also when me and mom have girls day it's usually at home or somewhere I choose. Home can be anything you want it to be but it is always my place of security and I am around people who loves me."

## Middle School Contest Winners

FIRST PLACE WINNER

## Kayden Harrell-Smith

Greenville Housing Authority (NC)



<sup>&</sup>quot;Home is where the heart is, so I decided to draw an actual picture and a metaphorical hand controlling a realistic heart. Each metaphorical string represents what I fell at home. Home is a place for me to feel loved, not judged; a place that brings me joy; a place for me to feel safe and most importantly a place where I am forgiven. Home is my haven, that's what home means to me."

## Middle School Contest Winners



Second Place Winner

Amiya Hopgood

Fayetteville Housing

Authority

"My poster tells you what home is to me and how I feel at home. Home is special to me. I don't know where I would be without my home. Home is a place where you can be yourself. No matter what I'm going through, I have a home to help me through."

## Third Place Winner Bianca Hall

Greensboro Housing

Authority

"What home means to me, it means you have to stay home with your family and have a great day with your family and when COVID-19 goes away we can go to the mall and hang out with friends and family. But, what home means to me is it is family here! We be having games, laugh here with my family, and I'm so so happy to have a family and a roof over my head and food. That means no school or friends and we have to wear masks for people and we have to do 6 feet away, that's home to me and my family."



## **High School Contest Winners**

First Place Winner



## Genesis Hendrix

Goldsboro Housing Authority



<sup>&</sup>quot;Home to me is family and friends and no fussing or fighting. Home is full of love and hope. My poster represents the diversity and families in our community."

## **High School Contest Winners**



Second Place Winner

Nadia Perry

Columbia Housing Authority

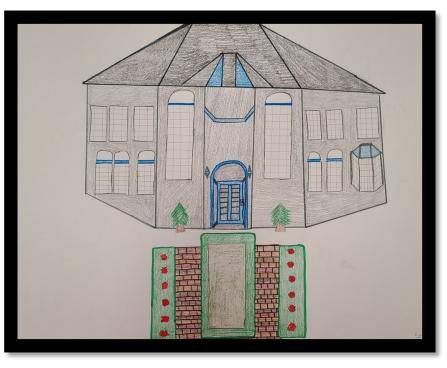
"Home is a place of safe haven and judgement-free zone. Home is my own little world where I love to make homemade lip gloss and lashes. Home is a place where I share my thoughts and feelings. Home is not a place, it's a feeling. Home is where I play, laugh, cry, and learn. Home is a place full of love and family that supports you. Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to. There is nothing more important than a good, safe, and secure home. Home is not just a place you live, but a place that lives in you."

"This year What Home Means to Me is trying to get through things you have no control over and to try to stay positive to see the good ahead or at least what you hope for. My life, the lives of my family, and others have been messed up because of the Corona Virus. My 11th grade school year was cut. We had to do online school. My mom has to work. She goes to take care of kids for first responders and leaves us home. Who will take care of our mom if she gets sick? I just want things to get better and for our mom to be home with us. This year I graduate 12th grade. I want to have a normal school year and for my family to celebrate my senior year. My mom, dad, and sisters are already proud of me. I was taught to keep pushing through life when things change so I will push to finish high school and go to college so I can live my dream and have my dream job, car, and house and to keep my mom and three sisters close and safe with me."

Third Place Winner

Alonzo Hall, Jr

Greensboro Housing Authority





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Small Public Housing Agency | 1-250 total units

Medium Public Housing Agency | 251 - 500 total units

Large Public Housing Agency | 501 - 1500 total units

X-Large Public Housing Agency | 1501+ total units

#### X-Large Public Housing Agency Category | North Carolina





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## X-Large Public Housing Agency Category | South Carolina









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## **CCHRCO** Website of the Year



## Large Public Housing Agency Category | South Carolina



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## Medium Public Housing Agency Category | North Carolina

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## Small Public Housing Agency Category | South Carolina



## Housing Authority of Kingstree





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## CCHRCO Newsletter of the Year



## X-Large Public Housing Agency Category | North Carolina



# Carbon Monoxide 2 Safety 2 Holiday 2 Contributions 2 Read Across 2 America Event 2 Dancing Dreamers 3 Family Self-Sufficiency 3 Resident services announcements 4

#### 30 Year Partnership with the PNRC

Greensboro Housing Authority and the Greensboro Police Department (GPD) joined together on November 21, 2019 celebrating 30 years of the Police Neighborhood Resource Center (PNRC) Program. The event was held at the Claremont Courts community building.

This award winning program began in 1989 as an effort to combat crime in Greensboro's four largest public housing communities. Due to the success of the program, the PNRC program now includes offices at six GHA location throughout Greensboro – Smith Homes, Ray Warren Homes, Claremont Courts, Hampton Homes, Hickory Tails, and Gateway Plaza.

PNRC resident managers staff the PNRC offices in the designated properties and accept calls from concerned residents about crime in their communities. Calls are reported to the officers and referrals to local social service agencies are made for specific residents' needs.

The program recognized the efforts of the current PNRC Officers and resident managers. Officers from throughout the PNRC's 30 year history attended and were recognized for their service to GHA, the individual communities, and Greensboro as a whole.

Through bike patrols, foot patrols, and the involvement of residents and service agencies throughout Greensboro, GHA and GPD continue to work cooperatively in implementing crime reduction strategies for all GHA communities.

## Congratulations!

#### **Greensboro Housing Authority**

Thank you Executive Director James Cox and team for a job well done in keeping residents informed and empowered through the Community News Newsletter.

## X-Large Public Housing Agency Category | South Carolina

## Congratulations!

#### Florence Housing Authority

Thank you Executive Director Clamentine Elmore and team for a job well done in keeping residents informed and empowered through the **News You Can Use Newsletter.** 



## CCHRCO Newsletter of the Year



## Large Public Housing Agency Category | North Carolina



## Congratulations!

#### **Goldsboro Housing Authority**

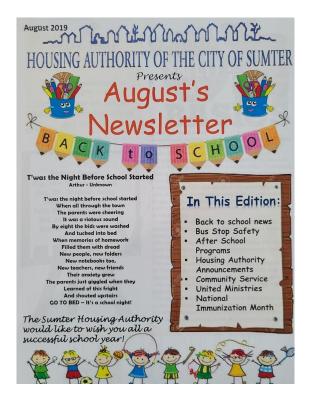
Thank you Executive Director Anthony Goodson, Jr. and team for a job well done in keeping residents informed and empowered through the **The Community Connect Newsletter.** 

## Large Public Housing Agency Category | South Carolina

## Congratulations!

#### **Sumter Housing Authority**

Thank you Executive Director Donna Lamer and team for a job well done in keeping residents informed and empowered.



## CCHRCO Newsletter of the Year



## Medium Public Housing Agency Category | North Carolina



## Congratulations!

#### **Burlington Housing Authority**

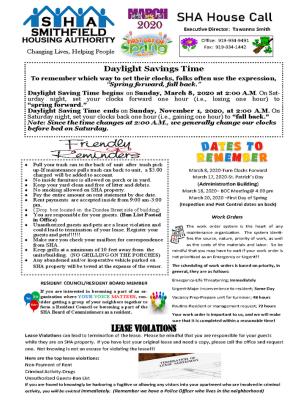
Thank you Executive Director Veronica Revels and team for a job well done in keeping residents informed and empowered.

## Small Public Housing Agency Category | North Carolina

## Congratulations!

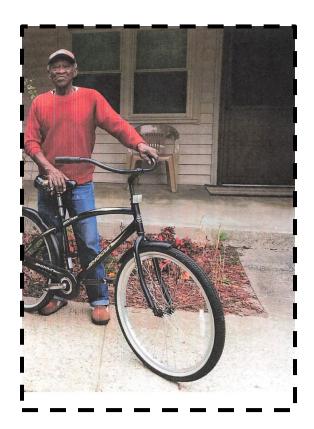
#### **Smithfield Housing Authority**

Thank you Executive Director Tawanna Smith and team for a job well done in keeping residents informed and empowered through the **SHA House Call Newsletter.** 





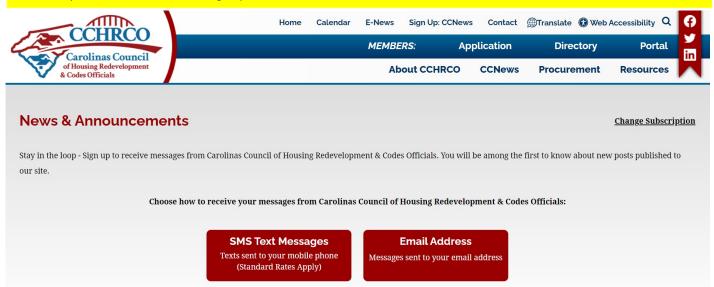
## SUCCESS STORY Residents Melvin & Blondell Davenport



Melvin and Blondell moved into Hailey Stone Court, Apt. 211, Wagener, SC, on June 23, 2004. For the past 15

years they have been nothing but Role Model Residents for the Housing Authority and the entire community. Their apartment is immaculate, everything is always in place and anytime you knock on their door, you are greeted with a great big smile, "look who is here", come on in and have a seat. Mr. Melvin is a Southern Gentleman taking special care of his wife, the clothes he hang on the clothesline is Military Style. Mrs. Blondell just Look and smile at him for the great things he do for her. He is her Hero! Any day you can find him riding on his "Black Cadillac" at the age of 82 to do whatever chores they desire. Spring time you can always find them in the yard planting their favorite flowers to help give the appearance of their apartment a welcome home view. The very humble spirited couple when asked if everything was ok in their apartment and if they had any comments or questions they would like to ask. The both of them just simply said, "we are happy here, have no complaints and we love the apartment."

Please sign-up to receive CCHRCO News from our website e-blast at https://www.carolinascouncil.org/alerts-signup. Please also share with your staff and have them sign up as well.







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## UPCOMING 2021

#### WINTER WORKSHOP

February 2021

Date and Location TBA

#### **RESIDENTS RETREAT**

March 24-26, 2021 Embassy Suites—Concord, NC

#### **COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE**

March/April (Dates TBA)
Embassy Suites—Myrtle Beach, SC

#### SPRING WORKSHOP

May 2021

Date and Location TBA

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 22-25, 2021

Marriott—N. Myrtle Beach

(TBA) To Be Announced

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