

*Government Update* is a quarterly publication of the Columbia Housing Authority, Columbia, South Carolina for the elected officials of Richland County and the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

#### CHA Board of Commissioners

**Bobby D. Gist**, Chairperson  
**James D. Barber, Jr.**, Chairperson-elect  
Katheryn Bellfield  
Arthur M Bjontegard, Jr.  
Reverend Edward Francis, Sr.  
Patrick J. Noble  
Kathleen G. Smith

#### Senior Management Staff:

**Gilbert Walker**  
Executive Director  
**Doris Hill**  
Deputy Director for Assisted Housing  
**Raymond Tom**  
Deputy for Finance and Administration  
**Julia Prater**  
Deputy for Affordable Housing and HOPE VI Coordinator  
**Howard Thomas**  
Deputy for Housing and Facilities Management  
**Nancy Stoudenmire**  
Director of Human Resources and Planning  
**Arthur Robertson**  
Director of Inspections  
**Angel Cruz**  
Director of Safety and Security  
**Donna Gilbert**  
Director of Resident Programs and Governmental Affairs  
**Ashley Wolfe Elsasser**  
Director of Public and Media Relations

#### For additional information about subjects mentioned in this newsletter:

Please contact Ashley Elsasser at (803) 254-3886 ext. 225, or by email at [aelsasser@chasc.org](mailto:aelsasser@chasc.org).

#### To request that a subject be addressed in an upcoming issue:

Please contact Ashley Elsasser at (803) 254-3886 ext. 225, or by email at [aelsasser@chasc.org](mailto:aelsasser@chasc.org).

#### Check us out on the web:

[www.chasc.org](http://www.chasc.org)

## CHA Honors Local Businesses and Organizations

On December 11, the Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) presented its Business Partner of the Year, Community Partner of the Year and Resident Impact awards to three worthy businesses and agencies for outstanding service to the Authority and its residents during 2003. The award categories and winners are as follows:

#### Business Partner of the Year - Fort Jackson Federal Credit Union

The Business Partner of the Year award was designed to honor a "for-profit" company that has made significant contributions to the CHA. The Fort Jackson Federal Credit Union (FJFCU) was selected for this year's award based on the company's outstanding efforts to assist CHA employees with their financial transactions and to educate them on the availability of various banking services.



*Audrey Brown, FJFCU, accepts the Business Partner of the Year award from Gilbert Walker, CHA Executive Director.*

#### Community Partner of the Year - Cooperative Ministry

The Community Partner of the Year award was designed to honor a "non-profit" agency that has provided outstanding service to the CHA. The Cooperative Ministry was selected for this year's award in recognition of the services it has provided to CHA residents throughout 2003.



*Art Collier, Executive Director of the Cooperative Ministry accepts the Community Partner of the Year award.*

#### Resident Impact Award - The City of Columbia, South Carolina

The Resident Impact Award was designed to honor the business or agency that has had the most significant impact on CHA residents. The City of Columbia was selected for the 2003 award because of the support and services it has provided to the CHA and its residents throughout the year.



*Steve Gantt, Assistant City Manager, accepts the Resident Impact award.*

Whatever the situation, the City of Columbia has provided generously of its staff time and resources in support of the efforts of the CHA.

# COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

# U · P · D · A · T · E

*A publication for the elected officials of Richland County and the City of Columbia, South Carolina.*

### In this issue:

Demolition of the Wall of Fame begins

CHA unveils proposed redevelopment plan for the Hendley Homes site

Local businesses and organizations receive top honors from the CHA



[www.chasc.org](http://www.chasc.org)

## Wall of Fame Demolition Begins

The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) is moving forward with its HOPE VI revitalization plans, and on December 11, it began demolishing the current Wall of Fame. The CHA hopes to have the entire wall down by January of 2004.

The CHA plans to rebuild the Wall of Fame to complement the architecture and design style of the new Celia Saxon neighborhood which will be developed with funding from the HOPE VI grant received by the CHA in 1999. The physical characteristics of the old wall separated the residents of the Oak Read High Rise from the rest of the community. The new wall will provide a delineation between the two communities while providing a sense of connection and openness.

Following the same path as the former wall, the new Wall of Fame will be 485-feet in length and consist of 7-foot brick pillars connected by 5-foot decorative iron fencing. The portraits on the new Wall of Fame will measure 18 x 24 and be made of metal. Each portrait will feature a color photograph of the inductee and a brief biographical sketch outlining the individual's accomplishments.

The CHA plans to begin construction on the new Wall of Fame in February of 2004, and hopes to complete the project in time for the annual ceremony on April 22, 2004.



*The CHA began demolition of the Wall of Fame during a ceremony on December 11, 2003.*

# The Future of Hendley Homes

After a long planning process and numerous public workshops, the CHA unveiled its proposed redevelopment plan for the Hendley Homes site during a public meeting on December 2. The plan, which was developed under the direction of Urban Collage, a firm out of Atlanta, Georgia, is the result of an intensive public participation process.

The CHA began the planning process for the Hendley site in April of 2003. Since that time, the Authority has held four public workshops and a resident training session (for former Hendley Homes residents), to collect input and ideas about the future of the site. Some of the workshops featured group activities, others featured surveys and opportunities to make choices. Each exercise was specifically designed to gather information that would be useful in developing a site plan.

Urban Collage used the information and ideas gathered during the public workshops to develop a plan that reflects the preferences of nearby residents, blends into the architectural

style of the surrounding neighborhood and fulfills the CHA's mission of providing affordable housing. The proposed plan for the Hendley site includes the following types of housing:

- \* 54 Single Family Homes
- \* 33 Townhomes
- \* 22 Quadraplex/Duplex units
- \* 26 Mixed-use flats
- \* 52 Senior Apartments

The plan also calls for several small parks, community facilities, and retail space. The layout of the new site will preserve the view of Williams Brice Stadium and help alleviate traffic problems through the realignment and addition of streets.

The creation of a proposed site plan is just the first step in a long process to redevelop the area where Hendley Homes once stood. In the coming months, the CHA will begin exploring various ways to finance the new community, such

as applying for a HOPE VI grant, and resolve other planning and engineering issues.

The CHA has scheduled two final public meetings to educate the community about the plan and its intentions to apply for HOPE VI funding. The meeting schedule is listed in the blue box on this page.

For more information about the Hendley Homes redevelopment plan, please visit the CHA's website at [www.chasc.org](http://www.chasc.org).



*Above:* A rendering of the proposed Hendley Homes redevelopment plan from High Point Park. The park was the solution to a request from residents of the surrounding communities that the view of Williams Brice Stadium be preserved.

*Below:* A rendering of the proposed senior facility at the corner of Rosewood Drive and Superior Street.

*Left:* The proposed redevelopment plan for the Hendley Homes site off Rosewood Drive.



## Two Public Workshops will be held on January 6, 2004

### Workshop 5:

**When:** 12 Noon  
**Where:** Tabernacle Holiness Church,  
 1815 Mitchell Street

### Workshop 6:

**When:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Rosewood Elementary School,  
 3300 Rosewood Drive