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Building Strong Communities



Thanks to the unwavering support and generosity of friends and partners like you, Homes In Partnership, Inc. (HIP) has maintained a rich legacy of building high quality

and affordable communities, since 1975. During this time, we have provided more than 3,600 single family homes in Orange, Lake and Sumter counties.

At Homes in Partnership, Inc. we never lose sight of our dedication to building strong communities by improving the quality of life for our families. With budgetary challenges on local, state, and national levels, for affordable housing programs like ours, HIP builds more than 100 homes annually.

On the front end, our talented staff helps to fiscally empower individuals and families through credit and mortgage counseling. Continued training extends throughout home ownership as new homeowners learn

how to “go green,” ultimately leading to more ecologically sound and energy efficient homes and communities.

While reading this newsletter, we invite you to share the joys of our thirty-second anniversary celebration, staff accomplishments, growth and expansion, and stirring homeowner success stories. I hope you will be as inspired as I am by the testimonies of lives being transformed through the aid of our self-help housing program. With improved living conditions, children do better in school, neighborhoods are safer, and homeowners establish greater economic responsibility. We are also pleased to provide viable housing options for moderate income households as well.

Again, we thank you for supporting us. After thirty-two years, our vision remains sharp as ever! With your continued partnership, we look forward to empowering lives for generations to come.

Yours in service,
H. Lewis Kellom
Executive Director

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Watch us Grow!

Apopka, Zellwood, Tangerine, Eustis, Umatilla, Coleman, Webster, Wildwood, Ocoee



CELEBRATING 32 YEARS



We recently reached a milestone of providing thirty-two years of service in Central Florida. To show appreciation to those instrumental in helping us build sustainable communities, we kicked off a gala event last October at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs Hotel. Board members, corporate partners, community supporters, and HIP staff celebrated the occasion with a reception and dinner program. Departing board members Sharon Hughes and Eric Cleveland were honored for longstanding and dedicated service.

Helping guide the evening festivities were master of ceremonies Dr. Alzo Reddick with Michael Chaney providing the entertainment. Dr. Judith Kovisar, Central Florida Partnership at Fannie Mae, keynoted the event with a special message about home ownership.

Congratulations for thirty-two years of great service!



JUDY IBANEZ

Employee of the Quarter
(September 2007)

Judy Ibanez, receptionist for the Construction Department, is our Employee of the Quarter for September 2007. We appreciate her tireless dedication and service to us.



EDDY JOSEPH

Employee of the Quarter
(December 2007)

Corporate accountant Eddy Joseph is our Employee of the Quarter for December 2007. He brings an invaluable service to Homes in Partnership, Inc.

Congratulations!

At Homes in Partnership, Inc. we embrace professional development and growth. Join us in congratulating our Bookkeeper, Chablis Everett. In August 2007, she obtained an Associate of Arts Degree from Valencia Community College.



TRI-COUNTY BUS TOUR

Homes in Partnership, Inc. realizes the tremendous opportunities for sustainable growth in community development. Always willing to share our progress in such, HIP chartered a bus in February to take community leaders, our partners, board members, and donors for a full day tri-county (Orange, Lake and Sumter Counties) trip to showcase our projects and upcoming site development locations. Mayor Stephen P. Croft of Webster, FL and Commissioner Billie Dean of Apopka, FL were proud as we visited the new home sites that will be developed in their communities. Other stops along the way included the future site of the New Horizons subdivision in south Apopka, and a tour of the new designs in Coleman, and Lakewood Estates in Ocoee.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE:
Housing Department Orientation is held every 3rd Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Call **352.383.7300** or email us: escatell@homesip.org

Call a Housing Counselor TODAY!
Sumter County: 352.748.7700
Orange/Lake: 352.383.7300
Apopka: 407.886.2451 ext.238

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

At HIP, we take great joy in watching lives transform through our home ownership program. In December, the story of homeowner Nakia Myles and her two daughters, Zharia and Jada were written in a feature story for The Daily Commercial. Moving from cramped quarters to a 3-bedroom house was a dream come true for Myles. "I had to do something for my girls," she said "They each have their own room." "It's said Zharia, who turned eight years old on Christmas. "I like my room and my sister's room." The Daily Commercial article further notes, "Homes in Partnership helped Myles with the details of purchasing a home through credit counseling and homeownership classes." "If your credit is clear they're willing to help," said Myles.



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- City of Ocoee
- City of Webster
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HOMEOWNER SUCCESS

Joyce Carson knows the value of hard work, and thanks to HIP, she knows the joy of owning a home as well. A native of New York City, Joyce moved to Orlando while working for public housing and found the opportunity to purchase through HIP in early 2007. Along with her 13-year old son and two grandchildren, the family has found a lot of love and joy in owning their own home. The Children especially enjoy the fenced in backyard, while Joyce enjoys decorating the home. "We put a lot of work into this house and we couldn't be happier to call it home," says Joyce.





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“ DOING MORE WITH LESS ”

Make a Home Yours Today!

QUALIFICATION FOR HOME OWNERSHIP:

- » 18 years or older
- » Employed on present job at least 6 months with 2-year work history
- » Participation in construction of new home
- » Qualify for loan
- » No unpaid collections or late payments on credit report within last 12 months.



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