

# NORTHEASTERN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NCDC) 2006 Annual Report

## Hispanic Outreach Program (HOP)

- NCDC served 1049 Hispanic clients during 2006.
- Total case management services were provided as follows:
- 923 were provided interpretation/translation services; 49 received assistance with ITINs or Social Security issues; and 404 Latinos received health education/related translation services.
- Provided translation and support services for local law enforcement agencies, the judicial system, medical community and other businesses and agencies as requested. Provided court accompaniment for 156 Latinos.
- In 2005, NCDC purchased La Casa de San Felipe in Elizabeth City and opened Nuestra Casa de la Comunidad Hispana, a Hispanic Outreach Center. To date, over 2,000 Latinos have walked through our doors seeking assistance.
- Clients received multiple services in the center such as ESL classes, health programs, free tax preparation, assistance with IRS controversies, and assistance with W-7 applications.
- The organization, partnering with Elizabeth City's Potato Festival, provided a day of Hispanic food, dancing, and music to over 1,000 attendees.

## Financial Literacy

- NCDC hosted 67 financial literacy workshops, which were delivered in both Spanish and English, to 230 clients

## Affordable Housing Solutions

- The housing counselor provided services to over 459 clients during 2006. Of these, 24 purchased homes.
- 72 individuals attended NCDC's Homebuyer Educational Workshops.
- 16 clients received mortgage delinquency counseling and assistance.

## After School/Summer Camp Program

- 41 children participated in the after school and summer camp programs.

## Northeastern Child Development Center

- In 2006, 92 children representing various cultures and ethnicities were enrolled.
- The Child Development Center received its Four Star Rating.

## Lakeside Apartments and Filbert Creek Apartments

- As part of its supportive services, NCDC presented a series of homebuyers education, financial literacy, health and nutrition workshops for the resident adults, along with several programs for the Lakeside youth.

## Micro-Enterprise Loans

- 2 clients were served during 2006, totaling \$20,000 in Micro Enterprise Loans.
- The total program represents 11 clients, and \$37,572 in the loan pool.

## Steps to Success

- 43 participants were enrolled in the employment and skills training program.
- 9 who were unemployed found jobs utilizing the program's services.
- 2 individuals worked towards their GEDs.
- 2 participants enrolled in college.
- 19 individuals attended a Business Development Workshop

## More at Four

- NCDC administered Camden County's More at Four Program, a program designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for four year olds who are at risk of school failure.
- A total of 33 children were served in the program.
- 2 full-time teacher's and 2 teacher's assistants were employed by the program.
- The More at Four and After School Programs currently holds a Five Star Rating.

## Capacity Building

- In partnership with Pasquotank County, NCDC received a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00, from the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance. Through this grant, NCDC formed a community focus group to discuss the economic development needs of Pasquotank County. An economic development

project, a child development center combined with a family resource center entitled "The Winnie E. Wood Family Development Center, is the resulting product of this focus group. NCDC has an offer to purchase on a piece of land that will house the center and hopes to complete the project by 2008.

#### **VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

- NCDC served as a VITA site for a 5<sup>th</sup> year, providing free tax preparation services for the low wealth and non-English speaking populations.
- 179 tax returns were prepared
- 6 clients are receiving free credit reports, credit counseling and credit reparation services as a result of the VITA program; of the six, three are Hispanic.
- 7 taxpayers have been referred to the Housing Counseling Program.
- 49 individuals were referred to the IDA program.
- 6 enrolled in and are attending our Financial Literacy Program.
- 4 Taxpayers were referred and enrolled in the Steps to Success program.
- 5 small business owners were referred to our Business Development program and will be receiving on-going assistance throughout the year.
- 11 have opened bank accounts as a result of VITA.

#### **Individual Development Account (IDA) Program**

- NCDC's IDA program, a matched-savings program in which participants are required to complete 32 hours of financial literacy and 8 hours of home buyer education lessons, served 84 individuals in opening savings accounts for use in down payment assistance costs. Once a participant completes the training, and the mortgage package is complete, the program will match his/her \$1,000 savings with an additional \$2,000-\$4,000.
- To date, 55 clients completed the financial literacy training and 3 purchased homes.

#### **Low Income TaxPayer Clinic (LITC)**

- Through a grant awarded by the IRS, NCDC provided taxpayer education and outreach to limited English proficient clients.

- During 2006, one-hundred thirty-four (134) clients were served; ninety six (96) of which were Latino. Thirteen (13) Educational Workshops were provided to a total of eighty-one (81) taxpayers and we participated in five (5) speaking engagements with ninety-six (96) in attendance.
- The LITC staff saw the importance of immigrants having proper documentation so they hosted the Mexican Consulate in our area. Through this initiative, the Consulate served over 600 immigrants with securing documents so that they could apply for ITINS, resolve IRS issues, and file tax returns.
- NCDC received funding to continue the program in 2007.

#### **NetWorkz, LLC**

- In May of 2006, NCDC and Albemarle Hopeline partnered to form an eBay consignment store entitled "NetWorkz". It is located in the Virginia Dare Arcade in downtown Elizabeth City. It is a vehicle for community members to use to sell their "treasures" and generate income, while also providing a source of revenue for both NCDC and Albemarle Hopeline so that they can continue providing much needed services.

#### **Misc.**

- NCDC is a participating United Way Agency member

#### **Grants received**

- The NC Community Foundation \$1500.00
- The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation \$30,000.00 (Steps to Success Program)
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- The Northern Albemarle Community Foundation \$2,000
- North Carolina Community Development Initiative, Inc. \$100,000.00
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) \$27,500.00
- United Way \$3,000.00
- Wachovia \$10,000.00
- HUD \$95,578.00
- Pasquotank Arts Council \$1,400.00
- Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance 2005/2006 \$75,000.00