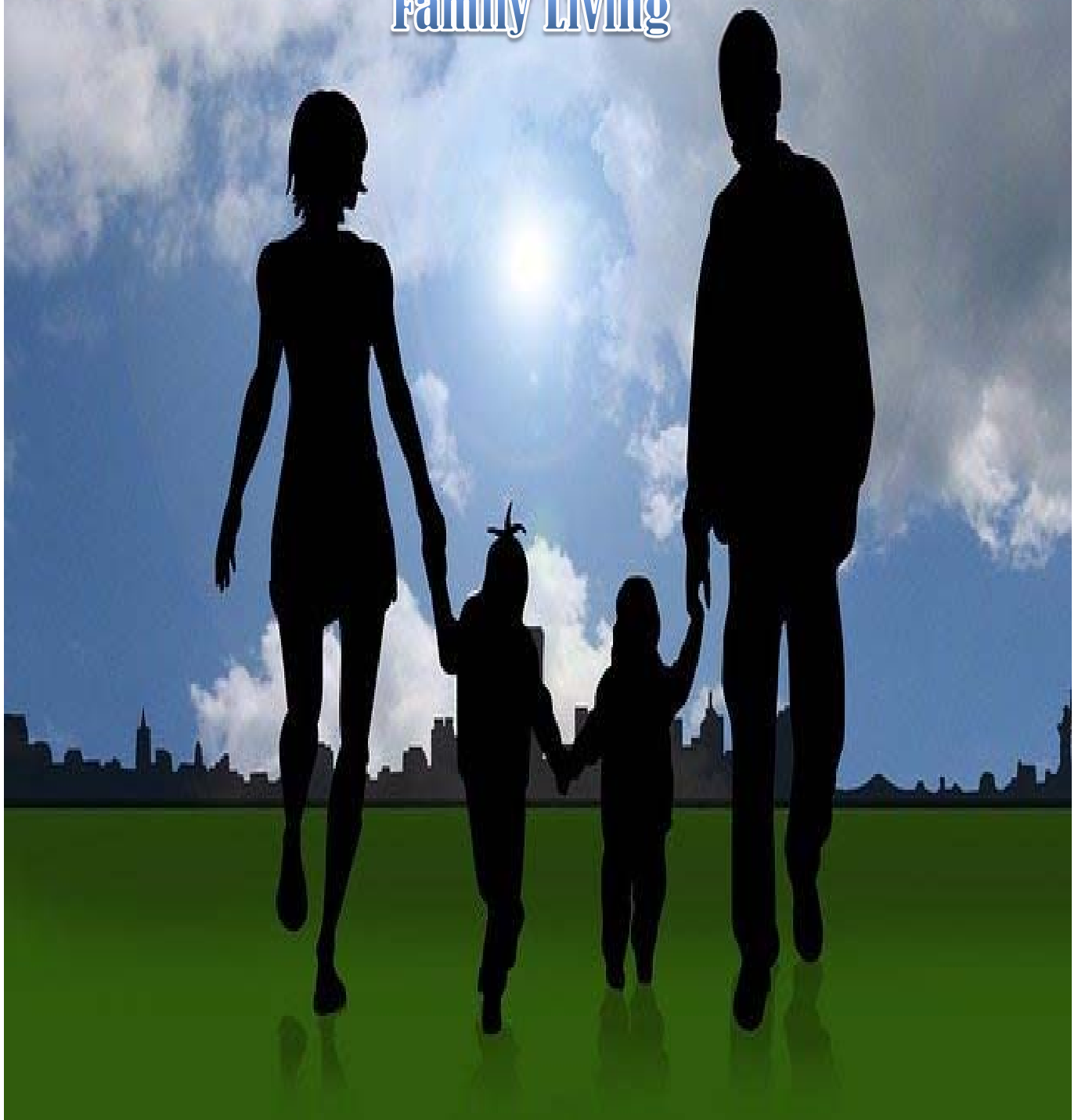


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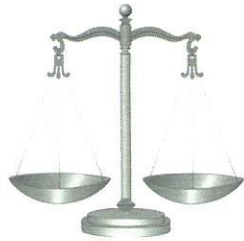
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## TONI SAWYER, ESQ

Once again, it has been our pleasure to serve as counsel to the Housing Authority of the City of Douglas for the past fiscal year. We have always enjoyed our relationship with the Authority and look forward to continuing to serve you.

It is our pleasure to report that, from a legal perspective, all matters seem to be in order, and we have had no major matters during the last fiscal year outside of the ordinary scope of our representation. We represent a number of governmental and quasi-governmental entities, including several other housing authorities, and we believe that you have done an excellent job of carrying out your responsibilities and, likewise, we feel the staff of the Authority has done the same.

We are unaware of any threatened litigation that should be of significant concern; and should we become aware of any, we will certainly disclose the same to the Board as we are required to do under such circumstances.

Once again, thank you for allowing us to serve as counsel to the Housing Authority of the City of Douglas.



# *From The Desk of the Executive Director*

*Clara S. Graham*



I am extremely thankful, grateful, and honored to be a part of a winning team such as the Housing Authority of the City of Douglas, Georgia where our residents are residents of choice, and not residents of last resort. The Housing Authority has many amenities that accommodates our residents from all walks of life living in our (15) different communities.

The Housing Authority has made a lasting impression on the minds of the citizens and agencies within the City of Douglas, Georgia by working hard, hand and hand throughout the City.

The Housing Authority's curb side appearance in all our areas is just outstanding thanks to our Maintenance Mechanic, Clifton Bussey. Clifton takes pride in his job and work hard making sure the grounds are free of trash, litter, trip hazards, and cars parked on the grass.

The Housing Authority are constantly receiving compliments from tours, other agencies, and residents how clean and nice our areas look compared to other housing complexes.

I have a (6) men Maintenance Crew which is lead by Maintenance Supervisor, Mickey Thomas that does an excellent job with the appearance inside the apartments.

Lastly, I am grateful for having a board that allows me to do my job without any interruptions. I feel that 2016 will be a good year for the Housing Authority of the City of Douglas, GA.

# Higher Learning

## Striving for Greatness

Here at the Douglas Housing Authority we believe in higher learning and furthering your education. Executive Director Clara Graham and the staff encourage all residents to participate and enter in any scholarship that is being offered by the Housing Authority. Diamond traveled to Macon with Douglas Housing Authority representatives for the announcement of the winners. Diamond was interviewed and rewarded her scholarship on Monday May 16, 2016. The Douglas Housing Authority would like to congratulate its resident Diamond Tucker for winning one of the Technical/Vocational Awards from the GAHRA Adult Scholarship Program. Great Job Diamond!



In April, NAHRO, SERC-NAHRO & GAHRA (Georgia Association of Housing Redevelopment Authorities) sponsored a poster contest for the children that lived in public housing. The Douglas Housing Authority submitted two entries. We would like to recognize Jy'Darius Odums and Zayveyon Kinsey for entering the "What Home means to Me" Poster Contest. Zayveyon was selected as the winner of the "What Home Means to Me" Poster Contest. For being the winner of the contest, Zayveyon's winning poster will be featured in the 2017 NAHRO "What Home Means to Me" Calendar and he was awarded with a cash prize. Congratulations Zayveyon, Keep up the good work! Zayveyon's poster was then entered into the SERC –NAHRO Competition and Zayveyon won 1<sup>st</sup> place in his age Division again. Zayveyon was awarded a Visa card in the amount of \$100.00 Dollars. Zayveyon's poster will now be entered into the Final Contest of the "What Home Means to Me Competition" with others winner from each State. Once again Executive Director, Clara Graham and the DHA staff would like to Congratulate Zayveyon continue to soar high.



# RENOVATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS

**Douglas Housing Authority Strives to insure that all of our apartments are kept up to standard and our residents are happy and comfortable with their homes and surroundings. DHA recently painted units, installed new fences and mailboxes throughout the areas and replaced the shingles on the elderly units in Weldon Homes.**



**The Douglas Housing Authority also has a new housing development named Chapel Hill Estates. This new development is located near the playground area of Bryan Street Circle. Chapel Hill Estates has two new three bedroom homes.**



***Clara Graham***  
***Executive Director***





# Housing Highlights



When staying in public housing, we want our residents to know that we care about them and that they are important. The Douglas Housing Authority puts on monthly activities for the residents to enjoy. Here are just a few activities that you can expect to see if you live in public housing. DHA host an Annual Back to School Bash in which kids in public housing enjoy delicious food, games & activities. At the conclusion of the event, each child was given a book bag and school supplies.



For Easter the Douglas Housing Authority hosts an Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children that live in public housing. This event takes place at Wheeler Park. There are different games and events that the children can play and win prizes and the Easter Bunny is always onsite for pictures and hugs!!! 😊



The Housing Authority is very proud of how the community supports and collaborates with us to provide for our youths. For the past six years, The Jokers Motorcycle Club along with other local bikers & businesses, have joined together with the Douglas Housing Authority to host our Annual Toy Drive. During this event, participants donate toys as well as money to a worthy cause which is to help us put a smile on a child's face that lives in public housing whose family may not be as fortunate as others.



# *Black History Month 2016*



***Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham***

**On February 25, 2016, the Douglas Housing Authority hosted an event in observance of Black History Month. DHA invited one of our own Coffee County Natives, Mr. Kentaiwon Durham, to come speak. Mr. Durham has lived in Douglas, GA all of his life. Mr. Durham is the youngest Black Commissioner to serve on the City of Douglas Board of Commissioners. After speaking some encouraging words to the children and inspiring them that they can be whatever they wanted to be, one of our youth performed a praise dance and the children later enjoyed refreshments and took pictures with Commissioner Durham.**





# DHA Easter Egg Hunt 2015

**The Douglas Housing Authority has been hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the past few years which takes place at Wheeler Park. There are different games and events that the children participate in to win prizes and the Easter Bunny is always onsite for pictures and HUGS!!!!**



# DHA Fishing Trip 2015

DHA hosted its 10th Senior Fishing Trip on May 28, 2015 at Kerry Moore's Pond in West Green GA. The seniors had a great time. All the seniors that wasn't enjoying the beautiful day by the water were inside playing BINGO. It was just a fun-filled day of good food and fellowship with the residents and DHA Staff. Prizes were also given for different categories:

Biggest Fish-Jannie Wilkes, Smallest Fish- Donna Russell

Most Fish-Darlene Roberts; 2nd Most Fish- Willie Mae Brown; 3rd Place-Isabell Roberson; 4th Place-Eunice Gaulden; Oldest Fisherman- Carrie Fletcher & Margie McCarter was our Surprise Drawing Winner







## 2015 Angel Tree Recipients

*Due to the up and down economy that we live in, many people are left unemployed and have a hard time making ends meet. With the help of Wal-Mart Distribution Center, we have helped to lighten the load and remove that burden from the parents trying to provide for there children in our Public Housing Communities.*

*Wal-Mart has helped many DHA families with new Christmas toys. The Housing Authority of the City of Douglas would like to thank Wal-Mart Distribution Center for choosing DHA as their Angel Tree recipient for the past six years. Here are a few of the recipients!*

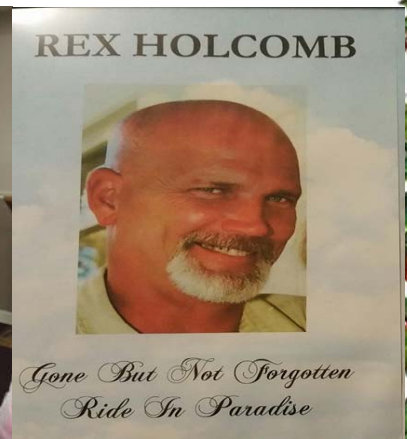




# TOY DRIVE 2015



DHA hosted it's 6TH Annual Toy Run on Saturday, November 21, 2015 which was sponsored by the Jokers Motorcycle Club of Douglas, GA. Despite a few mechanical difficulties many motorcycle clubs as well as independent bikers from Georgia & Florida showed up for this great cause which was to help put a smile on a child's face for Christmas. After a fun-filled ride from Tifton, GA, the bikers arrived at the Roundtree Center where they fellowshiped amongst themselves and DHA Staff while enjoying refreshments & door prizes. Every year despite harsh weather conditions, the bikers faithfully press their way through for this cause. Unfortunately over the course of these six years, we did loose 2 dedicated bikers James Robinson & Rex Holcomb that always participated, but we know that they are with us in spirit. The toys donated were distributed at DHA's Annual Children's Christmas Celebration .





# Douglas Housing Authority



**312 E. Bryan Street/P.O. Box 1088**  
**Douglas, Georgia 31534**

## **DHA MISSION**

The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of Douglas, Georgia is to be a leader in providing affordable, safe and quality housing for the elderly, disabled and eligible families in our community.

24 Hour Maintenance

24 Hour Security

### **Business Hours:**

Monday –Thursday  
8:00 a.m.— 6:30 p.m.

## **Important Numbers**

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(912) 384-4348 FAX

**Maintenance** (912) 384-1695 PH  
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**Security**  
**Ben Munford** (912) 327-2409  
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