

# Wood Announces Plans

we allow citizens to intimidate, harass, or assault police officers."

Among the African Americans in attendance were Aldermen Virginia Newell, Larry Womble and Nelson Malloy.

Malloy said that before Wood became mayor, "Winston-Salem was run by a good-ole boy network." Wood's election meant "breaking the old pattern," he said. "Winston-Salem was undergoing an economic transformation. People were in despair. The future was uncertain."



Martha Wood

When asked did he think the mayor was solely responsible for the good things that have happened, Malloy said: "I think she is on the right track."

"At least we (African Americans) can talk. At least we have access to her," he said, referring to the mayor's policy of keeping the

door open. In her speech, the mayor estimated that 3,000 new jobs have been created during her tenure.

"Not bad for a community thoroughly demoralized four short years ago ..." she said.

During an interview with the

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Chronicle two weeks ago, Wood acknowledged the importance of the black vote during her first mayoral campaign. That support set the tone for her administration, she said, by showing that "blacks and whites can work together for the common good."

She said that during the eight years she was an alderman, economic issues that concerned East Winston stayed on the back burner. That changed, however, when she became mayor.

"The white business community is more open to understanding the concerns of the black community. ... An attitude changed has occurred."

Geneva Brown, one of two African Americans on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School board, said: "That lady (Wood) works her buns off. I'll do whatever it takes to get her elected."

# Talonda, Hang in There

set up for Talonda at the hospital.

David Lanier estimated that about 20 people have called his Snow Hill office, and he has gotten a "lot of promises" from people who say they will donate money when they get it. He said that blacks and whites have called.

If Saidet Lanier needs to stay in Winston-Salem for an extended period of time, "we may have to have some type of barbecue" to

raise more money, he said. Talonda's classmates at Snow Hill Primary school have sent letters, Lanier said, and teachers from the school have called to offer their support.

Gail Edmondson, the principal of Snow Hill, said that because school is out for the summer, there hasn't been an concerted effort from the students to show their concern. Edmondson also said that

the media in her area has not covered the incident as well as those in the Triad, so residents are not up-to-date on Talonda's condition. She said, however, that school officials made an effort last week to help find accommodations for Saidet Lanier and her family in Winston-Salem, only to find that arrangements had already been made.

If Talonda's stay in Winston-Salem turns out to be longer than expected, she said, "the Greene County school system stands ready to help."

Dale Manning, a Greene County tax collector, described the Laniers as a "real nice family." She described Snow Hill, with a population of about 1,300, as the sort of place "where everybody knows what everybody else is doing."

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