

# COMMUNITY FOCUS

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## Building Together



Marchette McIntyre, Sandy Street, Shanetta Feggins, Heather Mills, Josene Perkins, Erica Blackwell, Evette O'Neil, Roberta Norales and Barbara Johnson from Saints Home United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem were among the volunteers working last Thursday.

Photos by Paul Collins

### Community Calendar

WSSU board of trustees will meet March 15

The Winston-Salem State University board of trustees will meet at 9 a.m. in room 207 A of the Cleon F. Thompson Student Services Center on Friday, March 15.

The standing committee meetings are scheduled for the following times:

- Student affairs committee, Thursday, March 14, at 12:30 p.m. in conference room 308 of the Thompson Student Services Center.

- Academic affairs committee, Thursday, March 14, at 3 p.m. in Blair Hall room 200.

- Finance and administration committee, Thursday, March 14, at 4 p.m. in the chancellor's board room, Blair Hall.

- Advancement committee, Thursday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. in Suite 311, Blair Hall.

- The endowment fund committee met on Wednesday, March 13, at 8 a.m. in the chancellor's board room, Blair Hall.

#### Housing Authority of Winston-Salem announces scholarship

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem once again announces the William H. Andrews Scholarship, a fund developed to encourage and enable residents (high school and continuing education adults) of public housing to continue/complete their education in an accredited post-secondary school program. Scholarships amounting to \$1,000 are available to qualified applicants. For questions and/or applications, contact HAWS office at (336) 727-8500, ext. 104.

#### Mount Zion Baptist will sponsor arts-centered intercession program

Mount Zion Baptist Church will sponsor an arts-centered intercession program for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County year-round students. The program will run March 11-29 and will operate from the church, 905 File Street. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The program will provide a wonderful mix of spiritual, educational and recreational activities, in addition to classes to build arts, reading and mathematics skills. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are included in the fee. Government vouchers are accepted.

Early enrollment is encouraged, as the number of spaces is limited. For an application and additional information, call the church office, 722-2325, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Dr. Gladys W. Bray, the program's director, at 723-5758.

#### Mainville AME Zion will dedicate fellowship hall

Rev. Robert H. Bailey and the members of Mainville AME Zion Church in Mocksville invite everyone to come and be with them on Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m., for the dedication of their newly built fellowship hall. Dr. Horace C. Walser, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem District of AME Zion churches, will deliver the afternoon message. Refreshments will be served after the dedication.

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THE CHRONICLE

Hundreds of people from United Methodist Church congregations, volunteers and residents of the 14th Street neighborhood, college students and families who will be moving into the new homes have begun raising seven new houses on 14th Street (between Patterson and Ivy). Officials from Habitat for Humanity said that 57 congregations in the United Methodist Church's Winston-Salem District, Habitat and the city are, of course, contributing a great deal to the project, but that the real vision and dream for redeveloping the at-risk neighborhood came from the North Winston Neighborhood Association, which went out to look for help to make it happen.

This effort is part of Habitat for Humanity's commitment to

rebuild the northern end of the Liberty-Patterson Revitalization Project in partnership with the city of Winston-Salem and the North Winston Neighborhood association.

"That's what's so special about this (project)," said Kay Lord, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County. "People have been meeting at St. James (AME Church) on a monthly basis. And the group has been growing and growing and growing. They knew that this street was the biggest problem in their neighborhood."

"It's absolutely going to turn this neighborhood around," Lord said. "The neighborhood association invited Habitat in three years ago to help them with the planning, because we had built those houses on 13th Street (the 14th street redevelopment area backs

up to the successful United Methodist/Habitat project on 13th Street, where several houses were built in 1997). So I have been a member of that neighborhood association for three years, going to their monthly meetings and working with them... bringing the city in and the police in and everybody that we needed to make this happen. It's really going to turn (the neighborhood) around... We're going to acquire (for the most part) the rest of these houses (on this block). So 14th Street will be transformed... The people who own those houses have not yet been approached but this is all a redevelopment area, and we're working very closely with the city to make that happen. There may be one or two houses left standing here, but for the most part they'll all be gone. They've all been assessed by the city as being houses that should come

down. I hope that that will happen certainly within the next 12 months, that we'll be back here building houses. That will be my goal..."

Lord continued, "I would encourage for-profit builders to come join us on this street. I think once they see it turned around, once these houses are down, I'd really like to see a mixture of builders out here. That would be my dream, and I think that's the neighborhood's dream, because there are a number of vacant lots over here. This won't stop. This is the beginning."

In all, Habitat has plans at this point to build 11 houses in the 14th Street neighborhood. Seven standard houses on 14th Street were torn down and are being replaced thanks to a partnership between the Winston-Salem District of the United Methodist Church and Habitat for Humanity

of Forsyth County. Habitat estimates that close to 30,000 Methodists are involved in the project in one way or another — through donations of money or time, planning or other support. An estimated 2,000 or more Methodists will be swinging hammers as the homes go up.

According to a Habitat information sheet, "14th Street between Patterson and Ivy is one of Winston-Salem's most dangerous and dilapidated areas."

Sonja Murray, director of development for Habitat, said, "The project started years ago when we built seven houses on 13th Street. This is a really tough area. The Methodists built six of those seven houses... All of the 57 Methodist churches have made a commitment to rebuilding this neighborhood. They have come

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Volunteers building one of the homes



Homeowner Monique Vance



Homeowner Odella Conrad



Homeowner Karen Davis

