

Quality Education Academy holds open houses

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More than 600 parents, family members and children attended open houses for Quality Education Academy's elementary, middle and high school programs on Aug. 14 and 15. They learned why this school year is shaping up to be the best in QEA's 17-year history.

The school has expanded its offerings with a new reading program, after school activities and new courses.

Approximately 70 QEA staff members helped parents and guardians sign their children up for track, the show choir, cheerleading, Toastmasters, media courses, basketball, gospel choir, chess, soccer, art, debate and dance. Parents also heard about the school's new chorus, African-American Studies, business and entrepreneurship courses.

The close-knit QEA faculty and staff wore their school t-shirts with the word "family"



A large number of parent, students and others attended open house.

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"Some kids learn better one-on-one and in smaller groups. I have been hoping a school would create something like this!" a QEA father of three told school administrators.

"This is about real learning, not just passing tests," said Chief Academic Officer Tamara Turner. "Sure, we will get our usual 100 percent college acceptance, but our business classes will also yield real entrepreneurs this year. Mark my words - our show choir will be the best. Our African-American studies classes will move the QEA student social justice movement - the "T.R.U.T.H. Movement" - into community leadership. Our children will apply the skills they master, listed in common core standards, to real life. That's what I'm excited about!"

At the end of a busy open house, a mother of a second grade student summed it up quite well.

"There is just a sweet spirit in this place!" she said.

embossed across them.

Parents are extremely excited about the unique Reading

Academic Program (R.A.P.) piloting this year at QEA. The program pushes all K-12 stu-

dents to read, comprehend and write to meet the higher Common Core Standards.

Volunteers pouring in to help renovation project

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The Homes For Our Heroes Project on Cameron Avenue in East Winston has welcomed even more volunteers and donors.

The Triad Real Estate Investors Association donated \$1,000 and 30 of its members helped to renovate the houses over a two-day period, putting in windows, floor joists, framing walls and porches.

Volunteers from Gwyn Electric and Plumbing Services, Triad Baptist Church's Nehemiah Few's, Wells Fargo, Guilford College (student Steve Grice) and Hands-on of Northwest North Carolina (Prahip Swaminathan) also recently donated time, as



Some of the volunteers from the Triad Real Estate Investors Association.

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did several homeless veterans.

"I have been given an

amazing opportunity to serve those who have protected our freedom,"

said Grice, a resident of Greensboro. "Through the Homes 4 Our Heroes



Gwyn Electric and Plumbing Services employees prepare to pitch in.

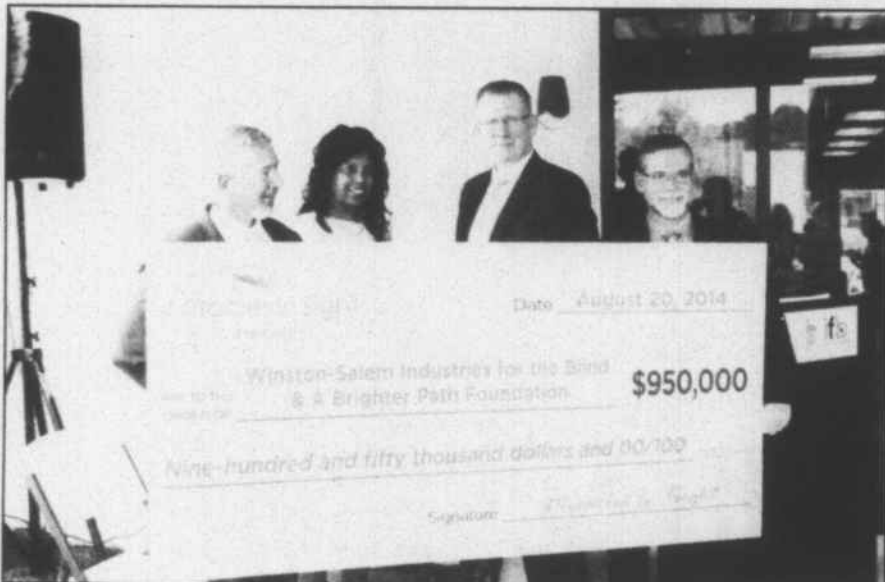
project, I have not only enlarged my leadership skills but have witnessed the heart felt dedication of Winston Salem community."

Whole Man Ministries is behind the effort to concert five houses that were slated to be demolished into units

for veterans. The project will cost \$631,000 and a Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) deadline has been set.

To donate, volunteer or learn more, call 336-785-2080 or go to www.wholemanministries.com/veterans.

EYE BANK GIVES GENEROUSLY



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The Miracles in Sight Eye Bank (formerly the NC Eye Bank) donated \$950,000 to Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind last week for a new Eye Care Education Center and to expand community services. The check presentation, held at IFB's North Point Boulevard headquarters, was attended by Commissioner Janet LaBreck (second from left) of the U.S. Rehabilitative Services Administration. Pictured with her (from left) are Miracles in Sight Eye Bank Executive Director Dean Vavra, IFB's A Brighter Path Foundation President David Barnwell and IFB Executive Director David Horton.

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