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# UNITY teen project benefits teens, renters & homeowners

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THE CHRONICLE Thanks to a grant from Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, a local community group is working to bridge the gap between teens in the Bowen Park neighborhood, and the citizens who live in the community. UNITY Neighborhood Association is also using the \$5,000 grant to provide part-time jobs for teenagers in the community. The program provides opportunities for teenagers to use lawn care equipment to beautify the community and provide useful skills for those chosen to participate in the program.

We chose this project because of the growing number of un-kept lawns in the community and this activity will help build self-esteem in the participants as well as the residents," said Dorothy Bonner, president of UNITY. "It will also make the community more attractive and hopefully result in more pride among

community residents." UNITY Neighborhood Association was established in November of 2014 to promote positive changes in the Bowen Park neighborhood and to set up programs for community members to work together its betterment. Members of the association work on a grassroots level to provide assistance to those in need and problemsolve on issues that relate to making the community more self-sufficient.

Bonner said the group's collaborative effort with NBN is already paying div-

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idends. "We believe that a strong collaboration with

Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods will help us to reach our goals," Bonner said. "By funding this project we believe that we will be able to better connect with the people who live in this community and thereby strengthen our voices, making us a unified force to bring about change. It will also help us to leverage our meager resources with the community to help make it safer, cleaner and more viable."

The program kicked off on Sept.19. The teenagers chosen and their parents took part in a workshop where they received instructions on how to safely operate lawnmowers, weed-eaters, blowers, rakes and brooms.

"The first point of emphasis with teenagers was on safety," said Sam Davis, the program's supervisor and vice-president of UNITY. "It is important that the equipment be operated safely and that the property not be damaged."

Despite persistent rain in the area, the teenagers were able to cut several yards on Caledonia Drive on Sept. 29 and Sept. 30.

Donte' Friend, one of the teenagers, said he is happy to participate in the program.

"This is great," he said. "I am getting an opportunity to learn some vital skills and earn money in the process. It is fun, but it is also challenging.

Davis said the program would also help the participants' self-esteem.

"The program will help in creating more dialogue between teens and adults living in the community, erasing stereotypes and

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other roadblocks in the communication process between teens and adults," said Davis. "This program will provide free lawn care services on the initial day of yard mowing and trimming. However, we will give beneficiaries of this service an opportunity to make donations to the program."

A representative of the organization will visit following the time services are rendered to inform the residents of the house where lawn care was provided that they can continue to receive lawn care service for a nominal fee. The donations will be used to upkeep equipment and pay future stipends - thus making the program selffunding in the future.

"The success of the program will be measured by the response of community members,' Davis said. "In addition to offering the services to community members, we will also distribute flyers and make house calls to ask recipients of the program if they believe the program is a help to them and others. This too will help in building relationships between UNITY members and the community at large."

Bonner, who worked for more than 32 years for the betterment of the community, said the grassroots group's approach is the key to its success.

"If we have to we will go from house-to-house to inform community members of the group's activities," Bonner said. "We have a staff of competent workers who support me in my efforts to create positive change."

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