

Church and Business Begin Facelift Of East Winston Neighborhood

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Just a few months ago, the corner of 17th Street and Patterson Avenue was a busy area. Delivery trucks pulled in and out of the Krispy Kreme building's loading dock.

But employees there noticed even heavier traffic coming in and out of a house across the street. They assumed it was a neighborhood crack house.

Today the crack house is gone. Now, thanks to the combined efforts of Krispy Kreme, Home Moravian Church and Habitat for Humanity, Elaine Morris has a brand new house and a place she considers her new home on that same lot.

Morris said she considers herself fortunate.

"It's like being in heaven. This is what heaven's all about," Morris said. "It's just a dream come true."

Plans to build the three-bedroom, two-bath house began when both Krispy Kreme and Home Moravian Church were searching for a community service project. Scott Livengood, president of Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corp., who is also a member of the Home Moravian adult Sunday School class, came up with the idea of both groups working with Habitat for Humanity to help build a house.

Workers broke ground on the lot the first weekend in September. With a lot of hard work and dedication, it took volunteers, working only on Saturdays, 16 weeks to complete the house. On Jan. 10, Habitat dedicated the house to Mor-

ris. During the dedication, Marcia Vaughn, of Home Moravian Church, who was the project coordinator, said, "As Elaine Morris moves into this house next week, the tide will move further toward a neighborhood that's full of people who care — about their homes, their friends and neighbors — people who care a lot more about life than the crack dealers that hung out here just a half-a-year ago. This house represents a recovery but only the beginning."

Sara Dorgan, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, said the next step is to get more black leaders involved, from churches and black-owned businesses to volunteers. "We would really like to see more members in the black community coming out to our Habitat sites and volunteering," Dorgan said. "We hear a lot about the problems in our community about racial tension, and at the Habitat work site, everybody comes together for a common purpose."

"The barriers are all dropped here at the Habitat site. It's young and old, rich and poor, black and white. It's just a perfect way for all kinds of people to get to realize that we're all the same."

Vaughn said, along with volunteers, the black community can join others in providing Habitat for Humanity financial support.

"Locally, our Habitat is doing great things," Vaughn said. "We have a lot of people volunteering man hours, but Habitat needs financial support, as well — especially if we can get corporate financial support."

Beau Dancy, chairman of the local Habitat board, agreed.

"We are sorely in need of contributions and support from businesses and churches," Dancy said. "We are solely reliant on donated funds and materials. But one way to do it is for a business and a church to get together and help sponsor a house. Their contributions of funds and volunteers help build it, and we select a family for the house."

"We'd really like to see the churches get involved because it really is a situation where the congregation can do something together — sort of practice what they preach," Dancy said.

Standing in her new bedroom, Morris echoed the need for blacks to get involved.

"Black churches need to help donate some money and their time to better their own neighborhoods," Morris said. "They (Krispy Kreme, and Home Moravian) didn't have to give this house to me, but they did. Black people need to look around and see what's going on. They need to help rebuild their own neighborhoods."

Meanwhile, Vaughn said her church, Krispy Kreme and Habitat for Humanity are hoping to replace other houses in the same block with new Habitat homes.

"The Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation, Home Moravian Church, and Habitat for Humanity have all made a commitment to continue this recovery process until we've reached our goal of transitioning this neighborhood back to what it once was and was meant to be," Vaughn said. — a place to live and to love and to grow."



Elaine Morris stands with her son, Shea Fryer, 8, and her daughter, Lakiya Morris, 10, in front of their new home.

A&T Awarded \$3 Million Grant

North Carolina A&T State University has been awarded a \$3 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, to enhance the university's graduate and undergraduate programs in engineering, teaching and research.

The grant was announced by Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T's chancellor who said the grant will greatly enhance the University's efforts to begin offering doctoral programs in electrical and mechanical engineering. "The superb award and its designation of the University as a

Kellogg Center of Excellence in Engineering is a milestone in the 100-year history of this great institution, he said. "This world-class University is geared to help meet the critical national need of significantly increasing the number of minorities and women who earn degrees in engineering, science and technology. We are grateful to the Kellogg Foundation for its confidence in our engineering program."

A&T will receive \$1.5 million the first 21 months of the grant, \$1 million for the next year and \$500,000 the final year. The grant

will be effective beginning in February.

A&T's designation as a Center of Excellence in Engineering by Kellogg provides impetus to this growing national status in engineering and scientific fields. The University is the nation's leading producer in Black engineers at the bachelor's and master's degree levels. The grant will enable the University to implement the doctoral programs and enhance doctoral and research opportunities for students and practicing engineers.

Youth Choir Has Family And Friends Day

The New Bethel youth choir will have a family and friends day on Sunday Jan 24, 1993, at 4:00 p.m. The mistress of ceremony will be the president Dionne Piggott.

There special guest will be a mother and son duet. They are Norma Hester and Master Jarvis Hester, formally of Chicago, Illinois. They are members of Providence Baptist Church of Kernersville, N.C. Jarvis is a freshman at East Forsyth High School. He has performed in the little theater play "The Music Man" and several plays at the First Assembly of God Church on University. He has written and directed a play in Coving-



Dionne Piggott
Mistress of ceremony

ton, Michigan during the summer. Norma Hester sings in the church choir at Providence and has sang in the "We Shall Behold Him" drama at First Assembly. She has also performed special music at the church for several occasions. She is married to Ronald Hester and they have two other sons.

Others appearing on the program will be mother Lillian Johnson with remarks, Brian Johnson with a solo, and other members of the youth choir.

The church is located at 1016 N. Trade St. Dr. Jerry Drayton is the pastor. All are welcome to come and be a friend of the choir.

Baha'i Group Works For The "Dream"

The Baha'i Community worldwide has labored for the last 150 years for the elimination of prejudice in society. This is one of the central principles of the message of Baha'u'llah, the Prophet Founder of the Baha'i Faith.

Because of the Baha'i teachings on racism and the strong involvement of the Baha'i Community with these issues, the Baha'is were again asked to co-chair the March in Atlanta on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and were again the first group to follow the VIPs and the civil rights groups leading the march.

This year the number of Baha'is participating exceeded the 2,000 mark. Some Baha'is from this area went to Atlanta, some participated in local activities, and all 5 million Baha'is world-wide joined on Sunday, Jan. 17 for the 4th annual "Prayers Around The World Campaign For Peace and Racial Harmony" to pray in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Every participating community sent its city name which will be inscribed on a roll that will be presented to Mrs. Coretta King. The prayer meeting for the city of Atlanta was held at the Center for

Non-Violent Social Change. As an ongoing local activity, the Baha'is of Winston-Salem are the sponsors of the Healing of Racism Dialogue, which is a series of sessions dealing with aspects of racism. One cycle ended a few weeks ago and another will start soon. The Healing of Racism Dialogue is open to all that are constructively and positively interested in achieving the elimination of racism. If you are interested in participating in this project, please call Sandra Miles at 767-6888 to add your name to the list.

Murdock Ministry Is Growing

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