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Up gives \$10,000 to fight redistricting

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... tributed \$10,000 to help the
... n Branch NAACP file a law-
... g the Winston-Salem/Forsyth
... System's redistricting plan.
... or boost for the (Winston-
...) NAACP's fund-raising effort
... the suit," said Rev. Dr. Carl-
... moderator of the Winston-
... NAACP Education Caucus.
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in recognition that school resegregation ...
(undermines) social righteousness," Eversley
said.

The Winston-Salem Branch NAACP
had already raised \$5,000 in local monies, so
the \$10,000 brings the total local monies to
\$15,000.

Eversley said he is confident the Win-
ston-Salem Branch NAACP will be able to
raise the remaining \$15,000 needed, so that
the suit can be filed. The Ministers Confer-
ence of Winston-Salem and Vicinity will
have a fund drive on Sept. 17 in which
churches will collect offerings or make dona-
tions to the cause, Eversley said.

Also, the local NAACP branch is negoti-
ating with some mainline, predominantly
white denominations, in hopes of obtaining
donations, Eversley said.

Eversley said that he and Bill Tatum,
president of the local NAACP, went to the
national NAACP convention in Baltimore
last month to make sure the national
NAACP is still committed to putting up half
of the \$60,000 total needed to file the law-
suit. Kweisi Mfume, president and chief
executive of the NAACP, "was very encour-
aging to us," Eversley said.

Eversley said the lawsuit would oppose
the "resegregation" of the Winston-
Salem/Forsyth County School System.
Eversley said the school system has gone
from having five overwhelmingly one-race
schools in 1993-94 to having 31 such schools
now — using the school system's statistical
definition.

Eversley said the lawsuit would contend

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Rev. Dr. Carlton Eversley (center) holds the \$10,000 check. Also shown are: Dr. C.B. Hauser, member of the NAACP executive board; and Clarisse Durnell, director of Christian education for Dellabrook, Grace and Lloyd Presbyterian churches.

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Photos by Kevin Walker
Supporters of a multi-
million dollar housing
bond package (right) hold
up signs during Monday's
Board of Aldermen meet-
ing. Below, Wayman
Williams, HOPE VI direc-
tor, stands in front of the
first phase of the much
talked about HOPE VI
project.

Official: HOPE VI project progressing slowly but surely

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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If the Housing Authority's
HOPE VI project has taken a beat-
ing in the court of public opinion,
Wayman Williams has not had
much time to think about it.

His duties as HOPE VI direc-
tor keep him pretty busy, though
the bulk of the projects involved in
the mass redevelopment effort are
still years away.

It's been more than three years
since the Housing Authority of
Winston-Salem joined a select few
other housing authorities by
receiving a \$27.7 million HOPE VI
grant. But promises to give Kim-
berly Park Terrace the face-lift of
a lifetime did little to appease
many in the city.

Concerns arose quickly about
displacing residents and the scope
of involvement by local construc-

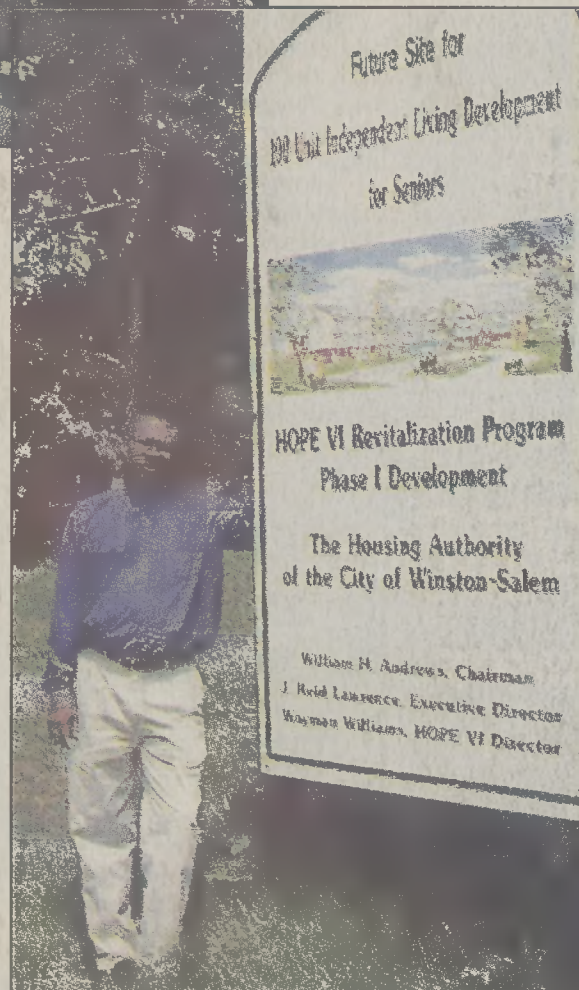
tion companies.

As of late, some aldermen have
insinuated that they were kept in
the dark as the project's mission
changed from a simple remodeling
effort to a rebuilding effort and as
the price tag for the project sky-
rocketed to the more than \$80 mil-
lion that is being estimated today.

Williams believes that many of
the negative perceptions that per-
sist in the public stem from a lack
of understanding about the com-
plexity of HOPE VI, a project that
he says requires sorting through
red tape that often stretches from
Winston-Salem to the Department
of Housing and Urban Develop-
ment's Greensboro office and then
to Washington.

City officials have been kept
abreast of the twists and turns in
the project, Williams said.

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Emmanuel Baptist holds conference on HIV/AIDS and syphilis

BY PAUL COLLINS
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The Emmanuel Baptist Church Singles Ministry and
the Nurses Board co-sponsored a free conference on "A
Real Education: HIV/AIDS and Syphilis" on Saturday,
Aug. 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the church.

Presenters included Monica Brown of the Forsyth
County Health Department, Thomas Clarke Jr. of Step
One and a representative from the Centers for Disease
Control in Atlanta. Irene Phillips facilitated a panel
discussion on solutions to the problems called "Where Do
We Go From Here?"

"AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is
changing the face of America, North Carolina and
Forsyth County," a news release from Emmanuel Baptist
says. "In Africa the disease has killed millions, and mil-
lions more infected people will die in the next few years.
In African countries worst hit by the AIDS epidemic, the
life expectancy is anticipated to fall by 30 years within
the next decade. In North Carolina of the total 1,556 report-
ed cases, 1,090 of those infected with the virus were
black, 506 were female and 1,464 were between the ages
of 19 and 49 (38 were ages 14-19). In Forsyth County
alone, there were 124 new reported cases in 1999."

Rev. John Mendez, D.D., pastor of Emmanuel
Baptist Church, said in an interview, "We think that African-
American and the Hispanic communities in some ways
are in an emergency when it comes to health matters.
When we think about diseases that are killing our
folk, all the way from diabetes to smoking to AIDS, HIV
exposure, etc. (it) spells disaster for our community. I
think as far as survivor issues, such as jobs and dealing
with poverty and housing ...HIV and AIDS is put on the
back burner, and yet our particular lifestyle makes it
more prevalent for this disease to become rampant in our
community as it has..."

"In so many ways, issues like sexuality, spirituality,
AIDS, etc. are not on the church's agenda. We think it
needs to be put on the church's agenda, for one, because
it's killing our people; two, many of the diseases that are
killing our people are curable; and three, we think that
there's a need for education to expose our community to
what's happening so that they can take the necessary pre-
cautions. There is a need for education.

"There is a need also we think because these things
overlap each other in terms of having a more positive
view of sexuality and marriage as well as teaching people

See Emmanuel on A4

Officials hope murals will comfort patients at Baptist Hospital



BY CHERIS HODGES
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Imagine walking down the corri-
dor of a hospital and instead of seeing
stark whiteness, there are colorful
murals. Imagine lying in the hospital
bed and looking up at rainbows and
butterflies rather than cold, sterile
looking tiles.

By the end of the week, this will be
the reality at Baptist Hospital. The
Forsyth County Extension and Com-
munity Association received a grant
from the Winston-Salem Foundation
to add color to the hospital.

Polly Caudle, the coordinator of
the project, said she got the idea to
create the murals in the hospitals after
a trip to Australia. A hospital she
visited there had murals painted on
the walls and ceilings.

"I just fell in love with it and I
thought this would be a great project,"
she said. "I didn't know it was going to

be this big."

Caudle didn't know how she was
going to get the money for the project
when her friend told her how much it
cost.

"I went to the Winston-Salem
Foundation and asked for money and
they gave us \$14,000," she said.

When Caudle went to the hospital
to get her project OK'd, they were very
nice and accommodating to her idea,
she said.

So, for the last week, patients, staff,
community members and hospital vol-
unteers have been painting the draw-
ings of John Feight, executive director
of the Foundation for Hospital Art.

The foundation was established in
1984; however, the initial concept of
painting for people in hospitals was
born in 1975 after Feight volunteered
in Northside Hospital in Atlanta.

Over 20,000 paintings have been

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John Feight, executive director of the Foundation for Hospital Art, and Polly Caudle, coordinator of the art project, display tiles for a mural to be placed in the hospital.