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The Quarterly Newsletter for Operation New Hope

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**[ONH DEVELOPMENT]**

Operation New Hope would like to thank Mrs. Vernita Williams for participating in our Homebuyer Referral program. Mrs. Williams referred an interested homebuyer to our ONH Development program, who eventually purchased one of our homes. She walked away with a check for \$500. If you know anyone interested in owning their own home, refer them to us and you might be \$500 richer!

### **IN MEMORY OF FATHER TURK**

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of former ONH Board Member Rev. Richard Turk. The ordained Priest, College Professor and mentor to many, including ONH President Kevin Gay, passed away on Christmas morning. His impact on the city of Jacksonville is profound. As former Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Arlington, a dean at Anglican Institute of Studies and former Board Member of Habijax, he dedicated his life to serving those both in and outside the walls of the church. His life and, that of his wife Mother Davette are examples of how we should live, love and serve others. Operation New Hope is a better organization due to their faithful years of service. To us and many others, he will be missed greatly.



The Ready4Work team has been diligently working with our participants to insure their success. In only 3 months, Oct to Dec 2011, 101 participants joined the program and 62 were placed in jobs. Almost 30 participants are currently enrolled in some type of educational or trade program. In order to case manage the growing numbers, Ready4Work welcomed a new case manager. The addition allows case loads to decrease, in turn creating more one-on-one opportunities with each client.

**[READY4WORK]**

We've also been working to give back to the community. Members of the team volunteered in the 100 Homes Jacksonville campaign to house the highest risk homeless in our area. The campaign exceeded its goal and our team helped make it happen. Staff and participants also partnered with the Salvation Army to help sort and handout gifts to needy families this holiday season. We are hopeful that 2012 will bring even greater success.

**Mission: Dedicated to providing individuals and families with opportunities and tools to rebuild their lives and restore their communities through sustainable economic development initiatives.**

*Rebuilding Lives. Restoring Communities. Renewing Hope.*