

The 2009 Back to School Jam

HIP HIP HOORAY!.....for a spectacular, beautiful, successful **2009 Back to School Jam** that was held Friday, August 7 at Washington Terrace Park from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. The event served as a great motivational tool to inspire and prepare High Point Housing Authority (HPHA) youth and their families for the upcoming school year by supplying them with book bags, pens, pencils, paper and school supplies that they may not have obtained otherwise.

The celebration was a delight to many families and individuals in the High Point area as they enjoyed entertainment, food, rides, door prizes and more. HPHA thanks all the partnering agencies that participated and were able to use the event as a vehicle to distribute information, brochures and flyers that advertised and informed the community of the supportive resources available to them in the High Point and Guilford County area. It was truly a wonderful atmosphere of fun and community connecting with wonderful music provided by DJ EE from CRS Productions. The Housing Authority extends its gratitude to DJ EE and to the motivational speaker, Busta Brown, from WQMG. He encouraged everyone to strive to reach their “**WOW**” potential and become a “**STAR**” wherever they could - whether in the classroom, in the community, to their parents, to their children or any place that they are able to make a positive difference, change or impact.

Each year, the HPHA program aims to supply school-aged children from Section 8 and Public Housing with book bags, paper, pens and pencils and school materials. This is made possible by the combined support of many local organizations and companies. The HPHA extends sincerest “thanks” to their foundation sponsors including High Point Community Foundation, Bank of America and Wal-Mart. In addition, gratitude is extended to all of the community sponsors - The Banks Law Firm, BB&T, Chamillia Maxwell, Carolina Hurricanes, Carolina Panthers, Christ United Methodist Church, Crosland, Deep River Church of Christ, Frances Maxwell, Grace Lutheran Evangelical Church, High Point Bank, HPHA Resident Council, Ilderton Dodge, Patty Gillespie, Pauline Siceloff, Piedmont Triad Region Community Affairs, Quick’s Maintenance & Janitorial Services, Inc., William (Ed) Price and Wachovia Bank. With the tremendous support of the foundation and community sponsors, the HPHA was able to supply over 1,000 students with book bags and school supplies to provide a great start for the upcoming academic school year.

The Housing Authority appreciates the efforts and hard work of the Resident Council, resident volunteers, High Point community volunteers, High Point Parks and Recreation, the High Point Police Department, JobLink and the many other community partners that helped to make HPHA's 2009 Back-to-School Jam a **major success!** The HA looks forward to being able to continue to ignite a passion for learning within the children of HPHA communities and to have even greater success for the **2010 Back to School Jam!**