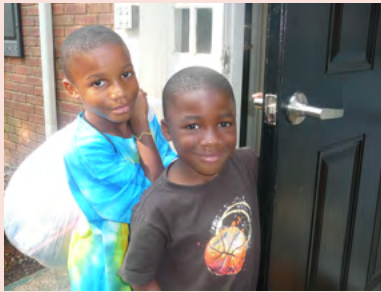




## New Families

**T**hirty-one residents are currently enrolled in the SHIP program, including 61 children. Five more families will move into the SHIP community on Friday, October 7.



The furniture move-in day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5. Our hope is to continue our momentum and move in five families per month until we hit our

goal of 60 families. All partners are welcome to assist the women moving in and share in the joy of their new home. The apartment walk-through is scheduled for Monday, September 26 at 10 A.M.

**An amazing 45% of residents are enrolled in education and/or job training, and 61% are employed.**



## Resident Spotlight

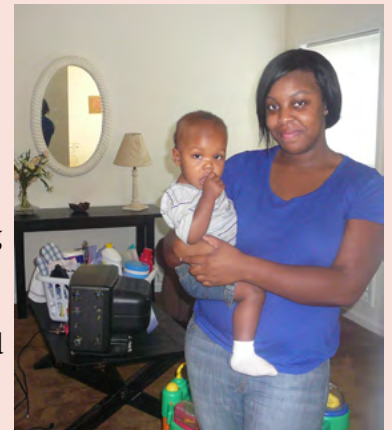
**O**ur September resident of the month is a hardworking and dedicated mother of one.

\*Stacy has been in the SHIP program for a little over eight months and has

continued to overcome several life challenges to pursue her educational and employment goals.

Stacy came to us from the shelter after she was asked to leave her home once she became pregnant. Although Stacy had to find her way, she continued to strive to complete her life goal of obtaining her bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Extremely motivated when she came to the SHIP program, Stacy has proven to be an excellent role model for the Hampton Creste community. She has been attending ITT Technical Institute and working full-time at Harris Teeter, all the while providing a healthy and stable home for her son. Stacy hopes to pursue a position as an officer within the North Carolina Department of Corrections one day soon.



*\*Name changed for privacy.*

## Job Collective

SHIP residents face numerous barriers to self-sufficiency. Lack of employment opportunities and job training are major challenge to their success. In an effort to build job opportunities for SHIP residents, we would like to merge open positions with the qualifications of our residents. This could be done through individual employment opportunities from churches, CHA, and our other community partners. All suggestions are welcome.



# St. Matthew & St. Gabriel Updates

WOW! Forty-one SHIP families have moved to Hampton Creste since May 2010. That means we have collected more than 75 sofas, 100 dressers, 60 kitchen tables, 400 dining chairs, 50 coffee tables, 40 desks, 100 lamps, and oodles of decorative accessories. Volunteers from St. Matthew and St. Gabriel parishes spend hundreds of hours each month collecting, sorting, and organizing these items. All this is thanks to the vision of two “Senior Sisters” from the Sisters of Mercy. **Thank you** to each and every one who has participated in this collaboration!

# Charlotte Housing Authority Updates

- The Charlotte Housing Authority applied for the HUD Capital Fund Community Facilities grant in July to receive capital funds to build a new community center on-site at Hampton Creste. Notification of the awards should be made by January 2012.
- As of today Hampton Creste is 72.3% occupied and 80.29% pre-leased.
- The PM team hosted an on-site ice-cream sundae party for SHIP children on Friday, September 1. Plans for a fall festival are currently underway, and every Friday the staff provides treats in the office for the kids.

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 Anger Management 6:30–7:30 P.M.	7 Employability Program 6:30–7:30 P.M.	8 Youth Prevention 6–7:30 P.M.	9	10
11	12 Health Class 6:30–7:30 P.M.  Youth Prevention 6–7:30 P.M.	13 Bright Blessings 6:30–7:30 P.M.  Anger Management 6:30–7:30 P.M.	14 Employability Program 6:30–7:30 P.M.	15 Youth Prevention 6–7:30 P.M.	16	17
18	19 Health Class 6:30–7:30 P.M.  Youth Prevention 6–7:30 P.M.	20 Anger Management 6:30–7:30 P.M.	21 Employability Program 6:30–7:30 P.M.	22 Youth Prevention 6–7:30 P.M.	23	24
25	26 Health Class 6:30–7:30 P.M.  Youth Prevention 6–7:30 P.M.	27 Anger Management 6:30–7:30 P.M.	28 Employability Program 6:30–7:30 P.M.	29 Family Game Night Series 6–7:30 P.M.	30	

# New Partners, New Staff



Wells Fargo and Fifth Third banks are now providing free financial literacy courses for SHIP residents on such topics as credit counseling, couponing, and effective budgeting. Dress for Success Charlotte also has partnered with us, and is now providing professional attire for SHIP residents to increase their chances of gaining and maintaining employment. We have added two MSW interns from UNC-Charlotte and Winthrop University who will be working with us to develop an effective children’s program. We have also identified an additional MSW-Social Worker who will be joining our team in mid-October. She comes to us from The Salvation Army and is knowledgeable about our population and we are pleased to be bringing her aboard!

