



Carlisle Housing Opportunities Corporation

## From Our House to Yours

SUMMER 2006

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 2

### **New Homeowner Makes News**

New homeowners Heather and Joe Spicer made big news with articles in both the Patriot News and the Carlisle Sentinel, when they purchased the last home in the North Street Pride Initiative.

Heather, who works for the Capital Area Intermediate Unit in Carlisle and Joe, an employee of Border's Warehouse, Carlisle, were married in

Dillsburg and moved in to their new home in April.

Heather, who actually purchased the home before the wedding, was a delight to work with. She and Joe will add a little spark of enthusiasm to the neighborhood. They are just what CHOC is looking for in our homebuyers.

Along with the pride of homeownership, CHOC

wants to build a sense of community in the neighborhoods where we purchase and rehab homes. Finding homebuyers who are concerned about the neighborhood and interested in the community as a whole is an important aspect of the program.

Congratulations Heather and Joe. And welcome to the neighborhood!!

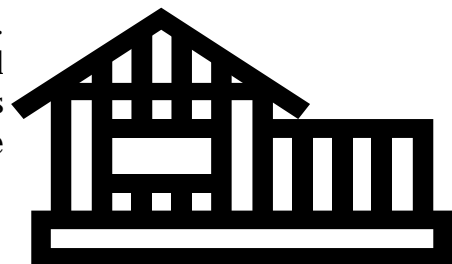
---

### **Congressman Todd Platts Visits CHOC Home**

The same day that Al Gerald Hall became a new homeowner in July he also had a visit from Congressman Todd Platts.

Congressman Platts was in town for the Federal Home Loan Bank Pittsburgh's (FHLB) unveiling of funding to renovate Cumberland County's senior housing

at One West Penn in Carlisle. The FHLB also funds housing rehab projects and CHOC received money for the West Street Pride Initiative. Al Gerald purchased one of the homes funded in part by the FHLB.



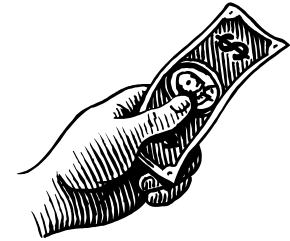
## **Grant Support Helps Home Ownership Program**

Carlisle Housing Opportunities Corporation has been the recipient of a number of grants to support the homeownership program. Thank you to the following banks who are helping CHOC provide safe and affordable homes in the Borough of Carlisle:

- A \$5000 grant for marketing from **Citizen's Bank** will make it possible for CHOC to more effectively market the homes that are for sale as well as to help get the CHOC name

out in the community.

- The **Sovereign Bank Foundation** contributed \$2000 toward the cost of providing appliances to homes in the West Street Pride Initiative.
- **M&T Charitable Foundation** donated \$3000 toward the cost of fencing and landscaping on North West Street.



---

## **New Board Member Is Carlisle Native**

Carlisle native and Genie Trucking owner Mark Bishop has joined the CHOC board of directors. His understanding of housing issues and good business sense will be an

asset to the CHOC board.

In addition to the CHOC board Mark also serves as the Vice President of the Carlisle Opportunity Homes board.

---

## **Welcome Baskets**



It has been the tradition that when a homeowner closes on a CHOC home, the CHOC board of directors presents the new home owner with a beautiful planter. While the home

owners are always appreciative, CHOC would like to be able to give the new homeowners something more practical along with the planter. CHOC is planning on making welcome baskets for the new homeowners. Local businesses are welcome to provide discount coupons or advertising gifts to be included in the baskets. Churches may also want to provide information about

Sunday services and programs available. CHOC closes on an average of 10 homes a year.

If you are interested in providing something to include in our new welcome baskets. Please contact the CHOC office at 241-0472.

---

***From the Director***

Every once in a while the system actually works! It's working in Carlisle and a family of five is the beneficiary of hard work and perseverance.

The Hall/West family has been living in family housing for seven years. Mr. Hall has been working at Carlisle Tire and Wheel, making a good wage and saving. The family qualified for a wonderful HUD program called Family Self-Sufficiency. Since the Hall/West family enrolled in the program, a portion of their rent has been go-

ing into a subsidized savings program. In the five years that they have been participating they have managed to save a substantial amount of money that was used to purchase a home on North West Street.

One July 31 the family of five patiently endured the barrage of news media and dignitaries traipsing through their new home before they could begin unpacking their boxes.

Anyone involved in helping peo-

ple find housing celebrates with the Hall/West family and their ability to use all of the resources available to them to move from public housing to home ownership.

Congratulations and welcome to the neighborhood!!!

*Amy Neurohr*

---

***Habitat for Humanity Executive Joins CHOC Board***

Habitat for Humanity and CHOC are in the same business.... helping low to moderate income families become homeowners.

Beginning in August, Habitat and CHOC began sharing another bond. Habitat's executive director will become a member

of the CHOC board of directors.

Jerry Nichols joined the staff of Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity in October 2005. Under Jerry's leadership Habitat has become a very visible force in the Borough of Carlisle. The new con-

struction at 174 West Penn along with the rehabilitation of 173 West North Street will add to the community redevelopment efforts currently underway in those areas of the Borough.

---

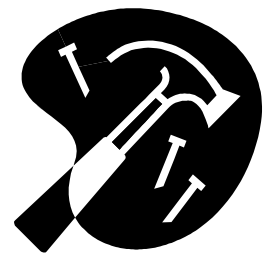
***East End Project Receives Funding Notification***

Carlisle Housing Opportunities Corporations was awarded a \$500,000 HOME Program grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Borough of Carlisle for its next initiative. The project will rehab six properties in the east end of the

Borough of Carlisle. Working closely with the Redevelopment and Housing Authorities, CHOC will be looking for properties to fulfill its mission of providing high quality, safe and affordable housing in the Borough.

Construction loans and other grants will make

up the rest of the budget. Once funding is finalized, the East End Initiative should be able to begin in this year.



60 West Penn Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013  
Phone: 717-241-0472  
Fax: 717-241-0474  
Website: [www.carlislehoc.org](http://www.carlislehoc.org)

Looking forward to  
the future....  
providing safe and  
affordable  
housing....



**Board of Directors**

- ***James Washington, Jr.***
- ***Dolly Rice Kern***
- ***Alice Womack***
- ***Jerry Nichols***
- ***Mark Bishop***

**Executive Director: Amy L. Neurohr**

