

Greensboro Celebrates Housing America Month

GREENSBORO, NC – The Greensboro Cultural Center at Festival Park was the site of Greensboro’s celebration of Housing America Month. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) in partnership with The African American Atelier hosted an art gallery and reception that featured posters created by children in Greensboro’s affordable housing for NAHRO’s annual “What Home Means to Me” poster contest. Thirty-one posters, each representing the meaning of home to a child, greeted those attending the week-long gallery and included winners at the local and regional levels.



Greensboro Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson (left) presents the City of Greensboro Proclamation to Tina Akers Brown declaring October as Housing America Month in the city.

The gallery opening, which was held October 10th, included remarks by Yvonne Johnson, Greensboro’s mayor pro tem; LouMecia Koonce, assistant gallery manager for The African American Atelier; Darlene Glenn-McClinton, visual arts professor with North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University; Sabrina Abney, GHA’s client service coordinator; and Tina Akers Brown, president and chief executive officer for GHA. During the program Ms. Johnson presented Ms. Akers Brown a proclamation, signed by Greensboro Mayor Robbie Perkins, declaring October as Housing America Month in Greensboro.

In addition to the visual interpretation of home illustrated by the posters, each young artist was asked to write a short essay about home. Excerpts from these essays were in the program that was distributed at the gallery opening. “Home is where memories start”, wrote one child. Others wrote, “Home is the one place you can always come back to no matter the situation”, “A place where I can feel safe, unharmed, comforted, and loved,” “Home is where dreams start,” “I can be myself at home and not worry about being someone else,” “When I am home, I dream of a better tomorrow,” and “Home is my protector, like a shell on a turtle’s back that protects me

from the troubled world.”

Many of the young artists and their families attended the celebration and received certificates for their participation. First, second and third-place winners in three age groups were awarded gift certificates for their accomplishments. Regional winners were also recognized and presented plaques from the Southeastern Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.



Young artists received recognition for their accomplishments during Greensboro’s Housing America Celebration



Representative Alma Adams visited the opening night of the art gallery.

Among the special guests attending the celebration was Representative Alma Adams of the NC General Assembly. Representative Adams was a member of the faculty of Bennett College in Greensboro from 1972-2012 and served as professor of art; Director of the Art Gallery and manager of the college's art collections. She is the former Chairperson of the Department of Visual Arts and Humane Studies and Director of the Humanities Division.