

## Greensboro Celebrates Housing America Month

Greensboro, NC – Housing America Month was celebrated in Greensboro, NC, with an art show featuring posters created by children who live in Greensboro Housing Authority’s (GHA) public housing communities or who are clients of GHA’s Housing Choice Voucher Program. Hosted by GHA at the Greensboro Cultural Center at Festival Park, the *What Home Means to Me* gallery displayed 44 posters all depicting the young artists’ thoughts of the meaning of home.



**NC Representative Alma Adams (center) congratulates two of the award-winning artists.**

This year GHA partnered with the African American Atelier (AAA), a non-profit art organization that promotes awareness, appreciation and sensitivity to the visual art and culture, to provide art classes in five GHA communities. The classes focused on picture unity, picture perspective, the use of color and the use of different media to create the posters. Seventy posters were received in the national competition as a result of the art classes.

“Staff from the AAA taught youth art techniques that broadened the scope of their pictures.” said Sabrina Abney, GHA’s Client Services Coordinator.

During the ceremonies, each child was recognized for their contribution and awarded a small gift card and certificate. This year Jean Wright, an eight year old who competed in the Kindergarten through fifth grade division, was selected as a national winner by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Her art work will be featured in NAHRO’s 2014 calendar.

Speakers for the event included North Carolina Representative Alma Adams; Barbara Harris, interim department head for neighborhood development for the City of Greensboro; Tina Akers Brown, Chief Executive Officer for the GHA; LeShari Orr, youth director for the AAA; and Sabrina Abney, GHA’s Client Services Coordinator. During the ceremony, Ms. Harris presented a proclamation from the city declaring October as Housing America Month in Greensboro.



**(l to r) Barbara Harris of the City of Greensboro presents city proclamation to GHA’s CEO Tina Akers Brown and Commissioner Bernadine Chapman.**