



Foothills & USDA Host Annual Workfest in Irvine

About 50 people attended this year's annual Workfest in celebration of National Homeownership Month.

Foothills would like to thank McCarty Builders, Inc. and Lowe's of Mt. Sterling for assisting with this event.

"Foothills has and continues to improve the lives of so many of our residents in Estill and Powell Counties," said Jimmy Stone, Housing Director. "It is an honor to work for an agency that helps families who never believed they could own a home to become homeowners."

Participants included staff and Board members from Kentucky River Foothills, USDA Rural Development, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Citizens Guaranty Bank, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Estill County Judge Executive Wallace Taylor, Irvine Mayor Ernest Farmer, and Environmentalist Kenny Cole from the Estill County Health Department.

Administrators that work in housing programs don't often get a chance to actually work on the houses they fund.

On June 15th Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. and USDA Rural Development united to host a Homeownership Workfest in Irvine to do just that – work on a house they fund.

The Workfest was held at the future home of Chester and Margie Ramey, Foothills' Affordable Housing clients, who also attended the event. This home is being constructed with funds from several sources including Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati through Citizen Guaranty Bank, USDA Rural Development, Kentucky Housing Corporation, and Foothills' Housing Funds.

Volunteers from the community and staff from the project's member agencies performed various tasks such as building walls and installing windows on a new home that is being constructed on Vada Drive. Participants were led by crew leaders who instructed them on the site.

Foothills' Affordable Housing Program enables low and moderate income families the opportunity to purchase a home. The program has provided housing to more than 60 families in Estill and Powell Counties.



Pictured above: Workfest participants install a bedroom wall. Pictured left: Foothills Board Member James Witt prepares to install a window. Besides building walls and installing windows, participants also placed insulation in the walls. Chester and Margie's home is expected to be finished this fall. This will be the couple's first home.

Linens & Lace Tea Benefits Berea Seniors

The Berea Senior Citizens Center hosted its second annual afternoon tea on Saturday, June 12. This unique event allows community members to connect with each other: relishing old friendships and making new ones all while raising money and awareness for the center.

This year's event was held at the Acton Folk Center and featured an afternoon tea, table decoration auction, and a silent auction. With Berea Mayor Steve Connelly serving as auctioneer, table decorations brought eager bidders with a Bybee Pottery table bringing the highest offers. Traditional Kentucky music was

provided by the Madison Dulcimers. This year's menu included hot and cold tea, scones, a variety of tea sandwiches, petite cakes, cookies, assorted pastries and fresh fruit.



Pictured above l-r: Phoebe Huff, Brenda Thomas, Jean Harding, Charlotte McKay, and Miriam Rozeman. Pictured left: one of the decorated tables that were sold in the live auction. This table, all Bybee Pottery, was donated by Glynnis Weston. This year's event raised over \$2,000 for the center.

Brandenburg and Riddell Complete Job Access Program

Shirley Brandenburg and April Riddell are the first two graduates of Foothills' Job Access Program.

The Job Access Program is a short-term program currently funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) and administered by Foothills

The program is designed to provide career coaching through state-of-the-art employability skills instruction, including effective job search strategies for people entering, or re-entering, the workforce in a recovering economy.

Foothills partners with the Adult Education Centers

to conduct free classes to qualified participants in Clark, Estill, Madison, and Powell Counties.

To successfully graduate from the Job Access Program, participants are required to engage in weekly employability appointments that focus on effective techniques for gaining sustainable employment. Participants enroll at Adult Education and earn a WorkKeys® based - Kentucky Employability Certificate (KEC). In addition, they create achievement and skill-based resumes and cover letters, actively and aggressively search for jobs matched to the participants' interest areas, prepare



Above: April Riddell and left: Shirley Brandenburg hold their completion certificates.

for and obtain interviews, independently gain employment, and maintain that employment for a minimum of 90 days after completing employability classes.

For more information about the program contact Jennifer Napier or Chasity Leslie at (606) 723-4492.

The News in Brief...

SAVE THE DATE:
Liberty Place Holiday Tea,
Sat., Nov. 13 from 1-3 p.m.



Weatherization client Flora Runyon attended an energy conservation news conference at the Governor's Mansion on April 20. At the news conference, Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear reiterated their commitment to making the Commonwealth a national leader in the conservation of energy use in public buildings as they announced the implementation of several new permanent energy conservation initiatives on the Capitol campus. As Kentucky celebrated the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, Mrs. Beshear announced that, upon completion of the efficiency projects energy consumption at the Executive Mansion will be reduced by 15%. She set that goal, as well as a further 30 percent reduction by 2014, on Earth Day 2008 as a part of her plan called "Greening the People's Home." Flora Runyon and her husband, Odel, received free weatherization assistance from Foothills last year through a special project called "Clean Energy Corps." WX helps people make their homes more energy efficient, saving money and keeping their homes warmer. In 2009 the Beshear Administration launched Kentucky's Clean Energy Corps, a program designed to reduce energy costs, protect the environment, and create "green collar" jobs. Since January 2010, Flora's primary energy bill has gone down 26%. Pictured above: Flora visits with Jonathan Miller, Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, First Lady Jane Beshear and Gov. Steve Beshear. After the event Flora received a private tour of the Governor's Mansion.

STAFF AND BOARD TRANSITIONS

Sonja Cole came on as the Manager of the Early Head Start program. Pamela Taylor, ARNP, has been hired to work in the Healthcare for the Homeless Saturday clinic. Angela Smith was hired as the Payroll and Benefits Coordinator. Ms. Smith has 17 years of payroll experience and will be replacing Carla Chapman who will be retiring at the end of July. Carla has been with Foothills since 1997. Peggy Woods, HR Assistant, will also be retiring in mid-July. Foothills would like to welcome Teresa Hodgkin (Clark County), Joyce Morton (Clark County) and James Witt (Estill County) to its Board of Directors. Foothills has 21 Board members representing the public, private, and low-income sectors of the four primary counties it serves, which are Clark, Estill, Madison, and Powell. Welcome and congratulations!

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Amy, Christine, Tonya, and Maria enjoy taking a break from mock-job interviews recently at Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women. Liberty Place is a long-term substance abuse recovery program for women. These four ladies just completed their Life Skills course. There are five phases within the program at Liberty Place, which includes Safe off the Streets, Motivational Tracks 1 & 2, and Phase 1 & 2. Clients entering Phase 2 of the program participate in a special two-week Life Skills course. Essential life skills classes are taught by staff and professionals and community members. These include budgeting, resume writing, how to interview for a job, parenting, domestic violence education, nutrition, transportation, and spiritual development. Through these classes clients are equipped with the necessary tools they need to re-enter society.

Foothills Recognizes Its Volunteers During National Volunteer Week!



In April, Foothills held receptions for those who dedicate themselves to our mission of helping others. Pictured clockwise: Clark County, Youth Investment Project, Estill Outreach, Berea Senior Center, Madison County, and Powell County. Not pictured: Liberty Place.

