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CHASF Changes Lives!



Founder John T. Crawford

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund is in its 32nd year of service to students of our public housing communities. I'm proud of the difference we are making in the lives of the young people we are able to send to college and even prouder of their accomplishments in giving back to the community.

Our goal is to ensure that each student who receives a scholarship, ultimately, becomes a positive force within the communities where they live and work. And, they are doing just that! Not only are our scholars thriving professionally in a host of fields including education, health, social services, technology, engineering, and government, they remain active in community service and their places of worship.

Our recipients are achieving their dreams because of your generosity! I'm excited about 2015 and I look forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Awards Celebration in July, my Annual Founder's Breakfast in the fall, or at some of the workshops and community service projects for our scholars.

I want to extend a sincere thanks to the CHASF family and that includes each of you who remain supportive through serving on our board and committees, volunteering, mentoring, and giving financially.

Remember: "Give a Youth a Chance!"

- John

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Alumni Spotlight: Na'Im R. Moses

Name: Na'Im R. Moses.

CHASF class of: 2002.

College or vocational institution: South Carolina State University and Howard University Law School.

Job/Career: Attorney.

Favorite CHASF memory: Connecting with other scholarship recipients at annual awards program..

Who do you admire most and why? My mother, Giovanna Little. I admire her most because despite our circumstances at the time, she didn't let me and my siblings settle for mediocrity. She stressed the importance of having a strong foundation in God, and the importance of striving to achieve our goals.



Na'im R. Moses

What's your favorite food? Vietnamese.

What type of music do you like? All types. Favorites are Gospel, R&B and Hip Hop.

What's your favorite movie or TV show? Favorite TV show of all time is the sitcom **Martin**. Currently, my favorite show is **Game of Thrones**.

What's the last good book you read? The Shack by William P. Young.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Bora Bora.

Where do you volunteer? I live in the Washington, D.C. area and have most recently volunteered at local soup kitchens.

What are your favorite hobbies? Classic cars and cooking.

What do you hope to achieve over the next 5 - 10 years? Expansion of my food truck business, NeatMeat DC; advance further in my career in Food and Drug law either at a pharmaceutical company or law firm; restore the classic car (1965 Ford Mustang) given to me by my late grandfather, Spurgeon Little, II; start a family.

If you could do anything in the world and money was no object, what would you do or be? I would travel to each and every country possible. This is a big world, and I don't want to die without having seen and touched as much of it as possible.

What's the best advice you ever received? Trust in God.

Favorite quote and who said it? "Confidence. It's the food of the wise man, but the liquor of the fool." Vikram.

Names of Spouse, children, and/or grandchildren: B. Victoria Williams: my fiancée.

Scholars speak truth at Annual Holiday Social





CHASF Scholar Nadia Smith (standing) shares advice on some of the challenges of college life. Other panelists included Regina Knox, Sean Able and Indira Steward.

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund held its annual Holiday Social for prospective scholars and their families on Dec. 27, 2014 at the Carole H. Hoefener Community Center. The event kicked off with several "icebreakers" so that guests could get to know each other, encouraging dialogue and camaraderie.

Honest and realistic feedback on the realities of college life was presented during a panel discussion led by current scholars and alums. They offered potential scholarship candidates and their parents an opportunity to ask some of the hard questions about college life. Topics included choosing the right college, the application process, grades, workload, social life, financial aid, handling pressure and the importance of graduating. Additional workshops will be provided throughout 2015 to assist scholarship candidates with the application process and financial aid forms. For more information, please contact Millard McCluney at 704-336-5782.

CHASF Alumni host Jingle Mingle



CHASF Alumni Members from left to right, Chris Moxley, Crystal Davis, Sheila Weaver, Eureka Bidgood and President Ladreon Hare finishing decorating the tree in preparation for the first-ever "Jingle Mingle."

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Alumni Association hosted its first official "Jingle Mingle" over the December holidays to connect students and alumni. There was food, music and games with a special appearance by Santa himself: John T. Crawford! The Alumni Association is planning several more events for 2015 and is excited to provide additional opportunities for current scholars to socialize and participate in community service projects when they are not in classes.



CHASF Scholars socialize at the Jingle Mingle!

Speakers' Bureau

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund changes lives and if you have an event where you'd like to hear from our Founder, students or alumni, please contact us and we can schedule someone to address your group.

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