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November 2014



## The Tassel

### College benefits highlighted at Annual Founder's Breakfast

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Annual Founder's Breakfast hosted by Dr. John T. Crawford in October, provided several hundred of his closest family members, friends and supporters the opportunity to celebrate current and past recipients of the scholarship and the future of the fund.

Dr. Philip Dubois, chancellor of UNC Charlotte was the keynote speaker and highlighted many of the barriers CHASF scholars encounter as they seek to advance themselves beyond high school. He shared some of the ways in which UNCC tries to bridge those gaps including several programs for students who are the first in their families to attend college as well as outreach to African-American males.

Other highlights included CHASF Alumna Dr. LaToya Walker, a physician with Novant Health. She believes that strong family support and resources provided by CHASF helped her achieve a dream of becoming a doctor. The Harding University High School graduate earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the



The Crawford Family

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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her medical degree from UNC's School of Medicine in 2008. Dr. Walker completed her residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals in Philadelphia in 2012 and works as an OB/GYN in Monroe.

This year's event was again held at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.



UNCC Chancellor Dr. Philip Dubois addresses breakfast guests.



Founder John Crawford (center) surrounded from left to right by Foundation For The Carolina's President & CEO Michael Marsicano;

CHASF Past Board Chair, John D. Richards; CHASF Alumna Dr. LaToya Walker; current CHASF Board Chair Ward Davis; Rev. Carla Patterson and CHASF Board Member, Dr. Arthur Jackson.



Charlotte elected officials and guests enjoy the Annual Founder's Breakfast.

## Dr. John T. Crawford Renaissance Center dedicated



The Crawfords and CHA CEO A. Fulton Meachem, Jr. are joined by elected officials and supporters to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Dr. John T. Crawford Renaissance Center.

John T. Crawford, founder of the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund, was recently recognized by the Charlotte Housing Authority with the naming of a community center in his honor. The newly built Dr. John T. Crawford Renaissance Center is part of a \$20.9 million mixed-income development within the Renaissance neighborhood where Boulevard Homes was formerly located (near West Boulevard and Billy Graham Parkway). The facility offers a fitness center, multi-purpose room and office space for CHA Staff. More than 100 guests filled the center to hear remarks praising Crawford's work with youth and his on-going commitment to the scholarship fund. The dedication coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Charlotte Housing Authority.

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## Alumni volunteering creates good will





CHASF Alumni Chris Moxley volunteers at the Hope Haven Trunk or Treat!

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund Alumni Association participated in two community service projects this fall as a way to give back to the community while providing fellowship opportunities for its members. The events included the October Hope Haven Trunk or Treat Event, a seasonal celebration that provides a safe environment for residents to enjoy an evening of candy, festive decorations and fun with family and friends. Hope Haven is a chemical dependency rehabilitation center that provides counseling, vocational and career services for participants. The CHASF Alumni dressed in costumes while passing out goodies from the trunks of Halloween themed decorated vehicles.

In November, several alumni gathered a team of volunteers for an all-day event with the Habitat for Humanity's Critical Home Repair Project. The program helps elderly residents and distressed families address urgent repair issues impacting their homes including major plumbing issues, painting, roof leaks, gutter replacement, porch rail repair, insulation and weatherization. The alumni hope that by volunteering, their efforts will inspire others to get involved in the community while serving as positive role-models to current scholarship recipients!





CHASF Alumni President Ladreon Hare lends a hand during a Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair Project.

## Calendar of Events

**Dec. 2, 2014, 6 - 8 p.m.:** Second Annual Holiday Card-Signing Party for Alumni & Current Scholars. For details, contact Faith Tripp, 704.570.7007.

Current Scholars. For details, contact Faith Triggs, 704-572-7987.

**Dec. 12, 2014, 7 - 9 p.m.:** CHASF Alumni "Jingle Mingle" with Current Scholars. For details, contact Ladreon Hare, 704-651-4449 or Sheila Weaver 704-675-0487.

**Dec. 27, 2014, 10 - 11 a.m.:** CHASF Mentoring Breakfast. For details, contact Faith Triggs, 704-572-7987.

**Dec. 27, 2014, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.:** CHASF Annual Holiday Social for prospective CHASF candidates; current scholars and alumni. For details, contact Millard McCluney at 704-336-5782.

\* All events will be held at the Carole H. Hoefener Community Center, 610 East 7th St. in Charlotte.

## **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.

For more information please contact:  
Faith Triggs, Director of Development:  
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