



## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SC

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT  
MARCH 2014

### RESIDENT SERVICES

**Resident Advisory Board – Mini Leadership Retreat** – The Resident Services Manager and two newly appointed members of the Resident Advisory Board attended a leadership training conference in Concord, NC, the weekend of March 28-29. Accomplished presenters hosted workshops on a variety of topics, including leadership, conflict resolution, policies & procedures of a RAB, breaking the chains of family violence, and many other worthwhile and important topics. Raquel Rodriguez hails from Puerto Rico, but spent most of her life in upstate New York, and Ohio, where she and her husband pastored a number of churches.



Raquel is a resident at Garden Apartments. She has two grown children, and three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and another on the way. She is a retired Registered Nurse. Raquel and her husband of forty years served as missionaries to Mexico and Costa Rica.



Donnis Longino is a native Greenvillian, a busy mother of three, a part-time employee of Greenville Tech in the student center, and a full-time student, carrying a heavy load of five classes each semester. She is currently working hard to obtain her Associates Degree in Medical Office Technology. Donnis plans to eventually transfer to a four-year university to pursue her Bachelor's degree in either Human Services or Health Care Administration. Donnis is also currently in the Family Self-Sufficiency program. Her positive attitude, initiative, ambition, optimism, and innate leadership skills made her an easy candidate for the

Resident Advisory Board. Although Donnis is currently without a vehicle, her resourcefulness is evident in her statement "Greenville Tech makes it possible to succeed if you really want to".

Resident Services hosted a Health, Fitness & Nutrition class for residents, presented by Able Carolina. The residents in attendance learned their height, weight, blood pressure, measurements, and BMI (Body Mass Index). They learned valuable nutrition information, and low impact exercises they could easily do at home.



Community Works Carolina presented a Financial Wellness seminar at Brookhaven Community Center in March. Participants learned their credit scores and received a free copy of their credit reports. They learned what factors affect a credit score, how to raise the score, and how to budget their money, regardless of income. Resident Services will be hosting this seminar again in April.