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City of Burlington's HOME Program Highlighted as Success in National Report

BURLINGTON, NC— The City of Burlington has been highlighted as a success in a federal report that was issued on October 28, 2015. “Building HOME: The HOME Investment Partnerships Program’s Impact on America’s Families and Communities” report was released yesterday by the HOME Coalition, an organization that works to increase awareness about the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The HOME program has been administered since 1990 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help build and preserve affordable housing and provide direct rental assistance. The City of Burlington receives HOME funds through a consortium with the City of Greensboro, Guilford County, and Alamance County.

The City of Burlington uses its HOME allocation to fund a deferred loan housing rehabilitation program in both the City of Burlington and Alamance County. New this year, the City has formed a dual partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County and Alamance County Community Services Agency to build new affordable housing at Burlington’s Apple Tree subdivision.

Because of this innovative partnership, Jasmine Harris will become a homeowner in fall of 2015. HOME funds have allowed Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County to have the financial support it needs to develop affordable housing and Ms. Harris to afford a new home in the Apple Tree subdivision where she and her two children will make their lives.

“We are very excited to be highlighted as one of the top 13 success stories out of a collection of 100 success stories nationwide,” says Burlington’s Community Development Administrator Shawna Tilley. “This recognition shows the commit we have in our community for a creative and successful partnership to make a difference in affordable housing”

The HOME program has been reduced at the Federal level by 50% in the last five years. Burlington has been able to maintain the same programs but the impact has been reduced because of the funding cuts. The annual allocation amount of Burlington’s 2016 HOME funds will not be known until the spring of 2016, but Burlington plans to continue its efforts to

advocate for the need of this funding in our community to provide continued affordable and safe housing to Burlington and Alamance County residents.

Download the “Building HOME” report here:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/KSPProd/ERC_Upload/0100911.pdf

Read Burlington’s HOME Success Story here:

https://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50954/images/HOME%20Success%20Stories_FINAL_Habitat%20For%20Humanity.pdf

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Attachments:

Photo, Jasmine Harris at Habitat for Humanity build

Photo, Future home of Jasmine Harris in the Apple Tree Subdivision

Photo, Apple Tree subdivision sign

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“The City of Burlington is dedicated to providing high quality municipal services within our diverse community in a friendly, professional and efficient manner in order to promote the safety, health, and quality of life of residents and employees.”

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