



SUCCESS IS PART OF HIS GAME PLAN

Determination is the first thought that comes to your mind when you meet **Terrel Walden**. He has the right stuff and is very determined to make it in the world.

Walden is currently living in a Section 8 subsidized apartment not far from the campus of the University of Miami. He's a wide receiver on the football team and is grateful for the football scholarship. He expects to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology in December and plans to attend graduate school next year with a focus on special education.



Walden lived in Scott for nine years. His family was relocated to Liberty Square following the floods in 2000. Soon afterwards, his grandmother passed away. Walden, however, does not look at the past, but prefers to focus on his future.

"I try not to be one of the negative statistics," he said. "I've heard them all: You'll never graduate; you'll never make it past 19, etc. I try to steer toward the more positive thoughts," said Walden.

He is also motivated by his desire to assist the young people still living in his old neighborhood, including other Scott/Carver residents.

"The greatest thing is that I am having a positive effect on other people. I can see people saying 'If he did it, I can do it too.'"

SECTOR 1 UPDATE: Habitat for Humanity to build homes

Miami-Dade Housing Agency has announced that Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami has been chosen as the developer for the homes in Sector 1.

Due to Habitat's proven success with the HOPE VI program — and their commitment to subcontract, as much as possible, with small and local businesses. This commitment to create jobs for local residents fosters Habitat's continued participation in the program.



Habitat for Humanity home, model A-7, is one of several models to be offered.

Homes are built with volunteer labor, local trade subcontractors, and materials purchased with donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and foundations. The organization has constructed over 400 affordable single-family homes since

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Scott Homes Residents recognized by HOPE VI Task Force

Two former Scott Homes residents received special recognition at the March HOPE VI Task Force meeting.

Anjanetta Coney lived at Scott Homes for four years and was recognized for achieving two of her goals: completing her education and finding a job.

Coney graduated from the National School of Technology and currently works for the Sunrise Care Community, where she manages two assisted living facilities.

"I chose this profession because I wanted to give back to the elderly and to those who are disabled," said Coney, who hopes one day to own an ALF.

She lives in a single family home, rented under the Section 8 Program, with her three children: Zachary, 17; Melvin, 13; and Keondra, 12, and encourages other former Scott-Carver residents to complete their education. "HOPE VI is an excellent program which prepares you to help make a brighter future for you and your family."

Octavia Muldrow was also recognized because of her determination to become a homeowner. She and her husband, James,



Above Right: **Anjanetta Coney** poses in the home she rents under the Section 8 program. (Left) **Octavia Muldrow-King** and her husband **James King**, enjoy their home.

have been homeowners for four years. She is pleased to have a home with a yard that her four children — James Jr., 10; Jamesha, 8; and Jamila and Janyla, 5 — can play.

Muldrow, who works as a bus driver for Miami-Dade Transit Department, lived in Scott for six years. "I encourage families to go for homeownership if they qualify," Muldrow said. "If that becomes your first priority, everything else falls into place."

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its inception.

Habitat has provided Miami-Dade County's Building Department with plans for the six models. Construction is expected to begin once the permits are issued.

Construction of the entire project is expected to take up to a year and a half. A different home will be started every week. Once construction begins mid-July, it is expected to take three to four months to complete each home. The first ten homes are expected to be completed within six months.

In addition, Habitat for Humanity is adopting a

community workforce program and will utilize small and/or local subcontractors to assist in building the homes.

MDHA will also partner with Habitat to conduct periodic job fairs designed to identify available laborers to help in the construction of these properties.

"Habitat for Humanity's track record and their commitment to the redevelopment of this community makes them an ideal partner for the construction of the homes in Sector 1," said **Rudy Perez**, acting director of MDHA.

Update: Scott-Carver return list

MDHA's Planning and Development division is compiling a list of residents who are interested in coming back to the community.

Residents were mailed a request for transfer back form which had to be returned to H.J. Russell & Company by April 30. This list was compiled in accordance with the HOPE VI return policy.

The response from residents has been above average, according to MDHA. To date, 294 former residents from the Scott-Carver developments have expressed an interest in returning to the new community.

MDHA began the first pre-screening interviews in late February. To date 113 individuals have

been interviewed and/or pre-screened by HOPE VI staff.

Approximately 32 residents have completed and mailed their homeownership applications to Habitat for Humanity for consideration; ten residents, have already been selected by Habitat for Humanity, for the first ten homes.

"The response from residents has been extremely encouraging," said **Elizabeth Ogden**, director of MDHA's Housing and Planning division. "It is very gratifying to see that residents are willing to take advantage of the opportunities that are provided by the new community."

Corinthian Apartments groundbreaking

Commissioner **Dorrie D. Rolle** and MDHA's Development and Loan Administration Division's **Tawana Thompson** joined staff from MDHA's Development Corporation and Pinnacle Housing at the groundbreaking for the Corinthian Apartments, March 24.

Approximately \$4 million in Surtax funds has been set aside for the construction of this property which is being developed as part of a joint partnership between MDHA Development Corporation and Pinnacle Housing. Construction is expected to be completed by February 2007.

"We are very pleased to see that work has begun on the Corinthian Apartments," Thompson said. "This new multi-family development will provide good housing opportunities for low-income residents earning 60 percent or less than the area's median income"

The 126-unit rental property, which is located within the HOPE VI Target Zone and includes one, two, three, and four-bedroom units.

Former Scott-Carver residents will be informed once leasing information is available.



Artist rendering of Corinthian Apartments.

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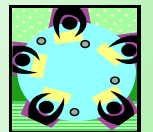
HOPE VI TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Scott-Carver residents interested in staying informed about the HOPE VI program can attend the meetings held bi-monthly at the Miami-Dade Housing Agency Board Room, 1407 NW 7th St. For more information, call **Dawn Jackson**, H.J. Russell & Company, at 305-835-7004.



HOMEBUYERS CLUB MEETINGS

Scott-Carver residents interested in homeownership can attend Homebuyer Club meetings to get valuable information on homeownership opportunities as well as meeting area housing lenders. The meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at the Urban League's McDuffie Center, 8400 NW 25 Avenue. For more information, call 305-836-5196.



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