

GRAY/JONES COUNTY GICH TEAM

Providing opportunities for affordable housing for the
residents of Jones County.

Setting Goals:

- Since we returned from Columbus, Georgia last September, we immediately sat down to work. We talked about our next plan of action which included:
 - Conducting surveys to establish needs.
 - Selecting a target area.
 - Soliciting funds.
 - Forming new partnerships.

GETTING STARTED:

- A housing survey based on the Hawkinsville model continues to be distributed and data collected.
- A pictorial survey was conducted in the targeted area of the “Sawmill Quarters.”

Accomplishments:

- Three community meetings were held at Mt. Horeb to further explain the purpose of the survey and explain GICH'S vision for helping the targeted area. At this meeting, another target area was added.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Applied for a \$3,000.00 grant for minor housing rehab from the Tri-County EMC Foundation, Inc. We were notified last December that the foundation would donate \$1,000.00.

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- The first rehab project was to purchase a front door for Mrs. Eula Morgan who was 103 on December 31st.

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FIRST REHAB PROJECT



Interior and exterior view. Air and light coming through cracks at bottom and side of door

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- Solicited and received assurances for free labor for future rehab projects from the “Sons of Allen” under the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a local group – “The Califf Rattlers Men's Club”

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free labor for rehab projects

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Nick Kouloungis has begun preparing to apply for a CDBG Grant to be submitted in April.



WORK IN PROGRESS

- The City Council has hired the Governmental Consulting Unlimited, Inc. firm to help with this process



NETWORKING:

- Our GICH Team was formed out of the Housing Committee of J C PLAN under the Gray/Jones County Chamber of Commerce. We report to them monthly at Chamber meetings and quarterly at PLAN meetings (January 29th)
- Continuous coverage of our efforts by the Jones County News
- New partnerships have been formed with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service and the Robins Federal Credit Union (Gray site) to conduct future financial planning and credit classes. One member is exploring a partnership with Habitat.

NETWORKING

- Mustard Seed Ministries, Rev. Gary Hargis, has partnered to be a consultant and provide labor when needed.

OUR MANTRA IS PATIENCE

WE ARE DETERMINED TO PROVIDE
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