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# Casper Field Office Newsletter



Our office mission

*Bringing HUD and Wyoming community resources together to encourage growth and promote opportunities.*

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## Accomplishments

Welcome to the third issue of our newsletter. We are pleased to share some of our accomplishments for the third quarter of the year. During the month of April, in celebration of National Fair Housing Month, our office staffed a booth at Casper College. Students and visitors were provided information on fair housing and were given the opportunity to ask questions. In addition, staff members provided fair housing training at several homebuyer education classes provided by Financial Solutions, a HUD approved housing counseling agency.

During the month of May, Spartan Management, with properties throughout Wyoming, opened their first Neighborhood Networks center at the Trails apartments. Located in Glenrock, this multifamily property provides housing to low income families. The center will provide residents with access to computer technology. The grand opening was attended by representatives from our office, Multifamily housing in Denver, and residents of Trails apartments. HUD will continue efforts to put together a statewide Neighborhood Networks collaborative to facilitate other centers.

In June, our office participated in an open house held by the Natrona County School District. This event celebrated the completion of a house built by students under a youthbuild-type program using HUD funds. Youths who participate in this program receive a combination of classroom academic and job skills development and receive on-site training in a construction site. The keys were presented to Habitat for Humanity who found a new homebuyer.

The Casper HUD office hosted an open house for our Regional Director and Deputy Director to celebrate the kick-off of Na-

tional Homeownership Month. On hand to help us celebrate were several non-profit organizations and community partners, as well as congressional delegations and city council members.

The Casper Rockies professional baseball team celebrated National Homeownership Month during their June 20th game. Our staff members and other housing industry partners had booths to hand out homebuyer information.



Chris Stearns, Hobart, John Carson

With support from non-profit organizations and a host of housing industry partners, we participated in a homebuyer and social services fair at Life Steps Campus. The fair provided an opportunity for first-time homebuyers to gain valuable information on the process of buying a home and available social services in the community.

In conjunction with the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless 5th annual *Walk in My Shoes* fundraiser, our office and several business partners offered a free homebuyer workshop in Cheyenne. Information on home energy, credit/housing counseling and free credit reports were provided.

Our staff also attended regularly scheduled statewide meetings with our industry partners to discuss housing issues throughout the state.

## Free Grant Writing Training

Learn how to prepare a successful grant application from HUD staff!!

### Workshop Topics will Include:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Grant Proposal Writing Techniques    | How to Access Government Funds |
| HUD Programs Available to Nonprofits | HUD Common Factors for Award   |
| Ten Commandments of Grant Writing    | Working with Local Governments |
| Organizational Capacity Building     | Coalition Building             |

This is a two day workshop

August 5, 2004 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

August 6, 2004 @ 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Laramie County Community College, cafeteria

1400 East College Drive

Cheyenne, WY 82007

To register for the workshop:

[www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/grantworkshop.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/grantworkshop.cfm)  
Or call the Casper HUD Office at 888-245-2994



Tony Haggerty, Denver MF Housing and residents at Neighborhood Networks Center grand opening.



### FREE Web Clinic

The Casper HUD Office is hosting a free web clinic for HUD partners. In one day, we will show you how to design a great low cost public service website.

August 24, 2004

150 East B Street, Room 1010  
Casper

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

To register:

Visit [www.hud.gov/webclinics](http://www.hud.gov/webclinics)

Or call Casper HUD Field Office at:  
888-245-2994 or (307) 261-6250

Mark your calendars!

There will be a lender/housing counseling training on (tentative) September 2&3. If you have any ideas or input, please call our office. Further details will be available at a later date.



After 20 years of HUD service,

Retired:

Suzanne Olson, June 2004

Karen Hawkins, August 2004

We wish them the Very Best!