

# Spring Newsletter

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## North Brookside's Community Fun Day & Health Fair

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The Norwood Neighborhood Association (NNA) and Grace And Truth CDC (GTCDC) partnered together to bring the residents of North Brookside its bi-annual Community Fun Day which is a day of free food, entertainment and fun. Over 100 people came to the event which was hosted at the Norwood Elementary School on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

NNA president Chiquita Bell said that the event, "was a great opportunity for organizations in the community, such as the Norwood Neighborhood Association, Grace And Truth CDC and local churches, to come together with friends and family for a day of relaxation and fun. It was a joyous occasion." Volunteers from the NNA and GTCDC, such as Chiquita Bell, Moe Cay, Nadine

McWhite, Laverne Prince, Eugenia Johnson, Joann Flood, Frankie Dickens, Eugene Johnson, and Thea Garfield helped with set-up, clean-up, and replenishing supplies during the event.

Also incorporated this year was a Health Fair. Volunteers from the Florida/Georgia Blood Alliance, Shands and the Sickle Cell Association of Jacksonville came out to give residents blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and sickle cell screenings as well as valuable information from the American Cancer Society and American Diabetes Association. Dan Durbec, from the city's Clean It Up, Green It Up Program also presented information on how to keep Jacksonville clean, safe and beautiful. A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers that made this day possible, informative, and fun!



# North Brookside Area Spring Clean-Up!

On March 29<sup>th</sup> local residents and volunteers from Grace And Truth Community Development Corporation (GTCDC), the Norwood Neighborhood Association (NNA), Jacksonville’s Clean It Up – Green It Up Program, and inmate trustees assembled to clean up the cross streets along Norwood Avenue. Several truck loads of litter, yard debris, and abandoned shopping carts and tires

were cleared from the area, making North Brookside a cleaner and safer environment. After gathering for breakfast at Hardees, volunteers put in over forty hours of clean up time and finished the day with lunch at Bono’s. Dan Dubeck, from Clean It Up – Green It Up, not only helped in the clean up efforts, but he also arranged for the collected trash to be picked up and disposed of. Other

volunteers included NNA members Dotseal Santana, Candace Hopper, Wylenea Norris, and Laverne Prince, Grace And Truth Temple of the Living God Church members Darryl Johnson, Ervin Johnson, Shawn Mitchell, and GTCDC Executive Director Bishop E. M. Johnson, GTCDC staff Thea Garfield and Frankie Dickens, as well as local volunteers Suzanne and Laura Griffis.

*“It was a really good time. We laughed a lot and the weather was perfect. It felt good—doing something for the environment and improving Jacksonville in one day!” - Laura Griffis*



Pictured Above (left to right): Candace Hopper, Thea Garfield, Laura Griffis, Suzanne Griffis, Frankie Dickens, and Dotseal Santana



Pictured Above: Darryl Johnson and some of the shopping carts that were removed from the area



Pictured Above: Dan Durbec and Ms. Wylenea Norris

Pictured Left: Duval County Trustees

## We Have Moved!

Please note that the GTCDC offices have moved next door to 932 North Shore Drive, located directly behind the Grace And Truth Temple of the Living God Church Building

## Ms. Norris' Roof Repair

One of the neighborhood improvement projects that Grace And Truth CDC has completed this year was repairing Ms. Wylenia Norris' roof. Ms. Norris has been a long time resident of North Brookside, and she often participates in neighborhood projects, including clean-ups and community fun days, and organizations such as the Norwood Neighborhood Association (NNA). GTCDC came together with the NNA and Home De-

pot to furnish supplies and labor to replace Ms. Norris' roof that had started to come undone after 30 plus years. Ms. Norris' roof was removed and replaced over the course of four days.



*"I give thanks to all those who showed concern for me getting a roof before the summer storms came. My prayers are that we can all help each other in times of need."*

*- Ms. Norris*

Miss Norris' Home Before

Miss Norris' Home After



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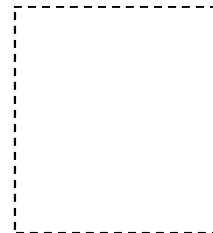
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## New North Brookside Resident: Andrea Walker & Family

Grace And Truth Community Development Corporation would like to welcome one of our newest homebuyers, Andrea Walker, to the neighborhood. Andrea purchased our Gracie model spec home located at 731 Calvert Street on March 18, 2008. She works as an Administrative Assistant at LISC Jacksonville, and spends most of her time mothering superheroes JaCaria, JaCoby, JaKory (pictured from left to right). When asked if she likes the area, she responds, "Pfft! You know I do!"

