

Winston County Self Help Cooperative Receives South Central HPI Project of the Year Award

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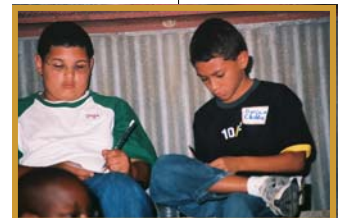
of the many efforts the group is doing in living up to the mission of Heifer International. Jones stated that WCSHC has provided excellent training and community development opportunities not only to its members but to the community as a whole.

He further praised Frank Taylor, Project President, for his vision and leadership abilities. The project's motto "Saving Rural America" is something Jones said Heifer is very proud of being involved in as so many rural families are no longer reaping the benefits of living on the land and being sustainable.

Feature by: Roger Jones and Lisa Biglane

Roger Jones, South Central Program Manager for Heifer International South Central Region bestowed one of the program's highest honors to the WCSHC during the annual Project Partners' Meeting, which was held in Delhi, Louisiana, June 8-10. Jones presented the Project of the Year Award to WCSHC in recognition

The Louisville Alumni Reunion will hold its 26th Alumni Reunion June 30-July 2, 2006. This year's reunion will consist of a talent show on Friday night 6:30 P.M. at the IMPERIAL PALACE, a parade on Saturday morning kicking off at 10:00 A.M. from EILAND MIDDLE SCHOOL (CAMILE HIGH), a banquet on Saturday night 6 P.M.-7 P.M. Hospitality Hour, 7:00 P.M. banquet at the IMPERIAL PALACE, and a Farewell Dance on Sunday night 7 P.M. at the SHRINE CLUB. For ticket information, contact M. C. MILLER, President at 662-773 2392 or 662-803-0556, or any member of the alumni.



MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVES TO ATTEND THE FEDERATION/LAF'S 39TH ANNUAL MEETING

to Honor the Reverend Joseph Lowery and Mrs. Evelyn Lowery
The Honorable Charlie Rangel (D-NY) to serve as the 2006 Event Chair

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This year the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund will have served the rural South for 39 years. As a non-profit organization it provides outreach and technical assistance to minority farmers and landowners throughout the South. It currently serves over 10,000 rural families, 75 cooperatives and credit unions, and a network of volunteers and several land based organizations. The Federation provides legal assistance to farmers and landowners to help ensure the inter-generational transfer of land and the reversal of Black land loss.

The Federation is chartered to operate in the District of Columbia and 17 Southern and border states. Our work is concentrated in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. The organization has offices in Epes, Alabama; Atlanta and Albany, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; and Florence, South Carolina to serve our membership. The Federation owns and

operates a Rural Training Center on 850 acres of land in Epes, Alabama.

The Federation has worked extensively on assisting the rural victims of Katrina and much of this work will be highlighted at the August 17 event in Birmingham.

The Estelle Witherspoon Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner will begin at 7 PM on Thursday, August 17, 2006. Following Birmingham event, the Federation/LAF Annual Meeting will take place at the Federation/LAF Training & Research Center in Epes, Alabama on August 18 & 19. For additional information call Jackie Ward at the Federation/LAF Atlanta office at 404 765 0991.

Donations to the Federation/LAF can be given on our website at www.federation.coop.

Note: For close to four decades, the Federation/LAF has assisted Black family farmers across the South with farm management, debt restructuring, alternative crop suggestions, marketing expertise and a whole range of services to ensure family farm survivability.

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Winston County Self Help Coop's Monthly Meeting will occur Sunday, June 25, 2006 (time: 5:55 p.m.) at the extension office in Louisville, MS. Please contact Gloria Moore at 662-705-0112.

Please be on time!