



# Greensboro Echo

## WCSHC Receives HPI's Cornerstone Award



Winston County Self Help Cooperative received Heifer International's Cornerstone Award for Training and Education for its commitment to helping save rural America and encouraging others to manage our natural resources. Roger Jones, Heifer International South Central project Leader, said WCSHC is working collectively with other organizations to improve the quality of life in rural America and we are thankful to have Winston County Self Help Cooperative as a team member.

### May 2007 Activities

- May 2 & 3rd, four members participated in Southern Agenda for Change Meeting-Little Rock, Arkansas at the Clinton's Presidential Library.
- May 7, published newsletter.
- May 8, published newsletter.
- May 12, youth participated in fishing rodeo.
- May 14, held monthly meeting.
- May 14, out-reach meeting with local district conservationist-28 members participated.
- May 16, published newsletter.
- May 18, four members participated in estate planning workshop-Starkville, Ms.
- May 29-30, one member participated in retreat for 1890s extension administrators.
- May 31 one member participated in silvo-pasture tour-Wiggins, Ms

### Monthly Meeting-by Frank Taylor

Winston County Self Help Cooperative monthly occurred on Monday June 4, 4:55pm at the Louisville Coliseum with a mood of moving forward to help save rural America. Rev. Jack Miller uplifted spirits with resounding words of encouragement and Carol Williams read the previous minutes. The coop membership moved cautiously toward agreement on several pertinent issues. Additionally, the co-op highlighted numerous upcoming events and stated planned goals for WCSHC Youth Group.

Items of discussion:

- \*Members participating in Heifer International South Central Partner and Federation of Southern Cooperative Annual Meetings.
- \*Purchasing wire, post and feed collectively.
- \*Harvesting & marketing vegetables from the youth garden.
- \*Youth trip to Atlanta, Ga.
- \* Heifer diversification plan.

*The meeting concluded with coop members agreeing to a special call meeting for Monday June 18, 3:55pm at the Louisville Coliseum to assist members with their diversification plans. Rev. Willie Matthews closed with a moment of reflection.*

## HPI's 2007 Partner Meeting *by Frank Taylor*

Heifer International's South Central Partner Meeting occurred on June 7-9, at the sprawling Lowery Woodall Center in Hattiesburg, Ms with more than 100 project partner members in attendance from Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. HPI's South Central Office is currently working with 30 projects disproportionately affected by poverty, which contributes to health disparities, high school dropout, crimes, and illicit activities. Nevertheless, the South Central Office of Heifer International is working feverishly to make a huge impact on these impoverished rural communities by providing leadership, animals, seeds and other valuable resources to help save rural America. Matthew Moore of Zachary, Louisiana stated Heifer International has provided his community with animals to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life. "We are thankful for Heifer International's invaluable gifts to help improve living conditions in rural Louisiana and sprucing economic

development". Melvin Everett of Wayne County Self Help Group, from Waynesboro, Mississippi stated the South Central Office is committed to help create stability in rural communities. "Roger Jones and staff have provided guidance and funds in our recovery from Hurricane Katrina and we are grateful to be a part of this organization".

Roger Jones, South Central Project leader stated, "we are fortunate to have committed project partners working in their individual communities and implementing Heifer International's cornerstones of caring & sharing for their fellow-man". We have three competent field coordinators, Michael Ashanti-Arkansas, Emily King-Louisiana, and Jesse Strassburg-Mississippi. Our capable office staff consists of our Administrative Assistant- Sharon Satchel and our Operations Specialist- Lisa Biglane, along with Julia Wolverton, the Project Rehabilitation Coordinator".

This year's project partner

meeting focused on building stronger organizations and creating fortuitous communities. Several speakers dialogued on organizational protocol with emphasis on starting and ending meetings in a timely manner. This topic created some indifference from numerous participants, however, the majority agreed to implement new ground rules to increase meeting efficiency. Additionally, PPI group provided participants with succulent goat meat prepared by members. Participants thoroughly enjoyed consuming goat sausages, burritos, cheese, and ribs served with celery, tomatoes and cucumbers. The meeting concluded on Saturday with members pledging to continue creating hope in rural America with assistance from Heifer International.

## HPI's 2007 Partner Meeting PICTURES

*"Save the Date"*

*Federation  
of Southern  
Cooperatives  
Land Assistance Fund*

*40th Anniversary  
Celebration*

*Epes, Alabama*

*August 16-18, 2007*

**Honoring**

**Mr. Tavis Smiley &  
Senator  
Hank Sanders**

*If anyone from Missis-  
sippi is interested in  
attending the 40th An-  
niversary Celebration  
and the Sixth Estelle  
Witherspoon Lifetime  
Achievement Award  
Dinner of the Federa-  
tion of Southern Coop-  
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tance Fund, please feel  
free to contact the Mis-  
sissippi Association of  
Cooperatives' office at  
601-354-2750 Trans-  
portation and Lodging  
Provided.*



### FARM MANAGEMENT & AGARIBUSINESS WORKSHOP

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

Winston County Extension Office \* 460 Vance Street, Louisville, Mississippi

Register by calling North-South Institute, Inc. 954-434-8220

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