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Sincerely,

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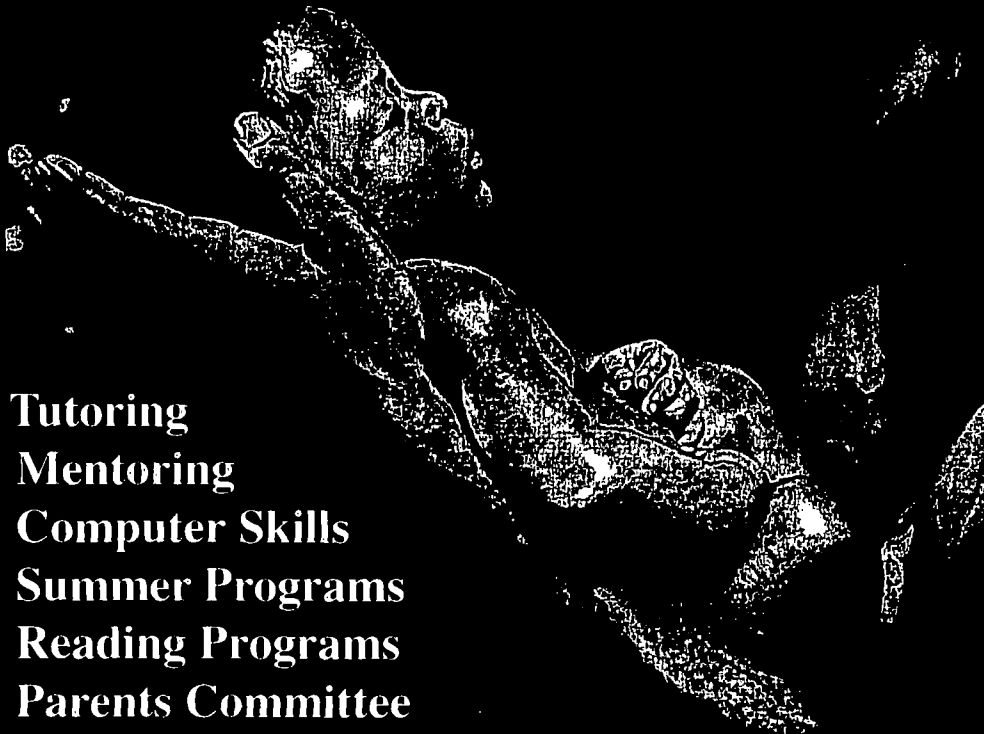
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Support the Bedford Pines

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P.E.A.C.E.

Positive Education Always Creates Elevation



Tutoring
Mentoring
Computer Skills
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For more information, contact Edna Moffett at (404) 874-8735

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<i>Welcome</i>	Tsehai Habte-Michael
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<i>Closing Remarks</i>	T.G. Lockard
	Wingate Management Co., Inc.
	Regional Vice-President

The History of P.E.A.C.E.

How did this program begin?

In 1985, Bedford Pine Apartments began attracting college students who were in desperate need of affordable housing, in order to continue to finance their education. By 1994, there were more than eighty college students living in Bedford Pine Apartments, also known as "The Pines." The students enjoyed the convenience of affordable in-town living.

Ms. Edna Moffet, Assistant Property Manager of Bedford Pine Apartments for thirteen years, literally watched the community crumble before her eyes. It became infested with drugs and plagued with crime, making it unsafe for children to play outside. Ms. Moffett envisioned the concept of P.E.A.C.E long before it's inception.

What is P.E.A.C.E.?

P.E.A.C.E. is an acronym for **Positive Education Always Creates Elevation**.

P.E.A.C.E. began August 15, 1995 in an old laundry room, with a meeting of twenty-five college students who resided in the Bedford Pine Apartments. The apartment sits in a community just under the beautiful Atlanta skyline. However, this community does not reflect the prosperity and pride that Atlanta and its rapidly expanding skyline represent. Our community has been plagued with drugs and crime. Thus far, our children have been it's helpless victims. Operation P.E.A.C.E. Inc., is a non-profit organization committed to restoring hope and empowering the community to exercise self-sufficiency and establish attainable goals.

Highlights of P.E.A.C.E.

August 15, 1995	First Meeting of Students
October 31, 1995	Halloween Party for the Children
November 1, 1995	Open House
November 2, 1995	P.E.A.C.E. After School Program Begins.
December 1-3, 1995	First P.E.A.C.E. Retreat Indian Springs State Park, Jackson, Ga.
December 10, 1995	Officer Pack Day (Honoring the Birthday of a Neighborhood Police Officer).
February 2, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. represents SNAP (Safe Neighborhood Action Plan) at Conference in Washington, D.C.
January 10, 1996	First Mentor Rap Session on Conflict Resolution.
January 1996	Special Recognition from Assistant Secretary of HUD Nicolas P. Restinas.
March 13, 1996	Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc. receives 501(C)(3) Status.
March 28, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. applies for VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) workers.
April 23, 1996	Open House for Expansion of the Reach Out Center.
May 2, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Incorporates French Classes into tutorial curriculum.
May 3, 1996	HUD Officials Chris Grier, Stephanie Smith and Conrad Eagan visit the Reach Out Center.
May 1996	P.E.A.C.E. receives approval for 4 Americore*VISTA volunteers.
May 15, 1996	First Women to Women Meeting.
May 16, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends SAHMA Conference at Chateau Elan Braselton, Ga.

June 1996	NationsBank Promises 50 computers to P.E.A.C.E.
June 31, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Submits Drug Elimination Grant for \$570,000.
June 17, 1996	The P.E.A.C.E./YMCA Summer Camp Begins with 100 Children from Bedford Pine Apartments and Techwood Homes.
June 28, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Submits the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation Grant.
July 8, 1996	VISTA Leadership and PSO Training Orlando, Fl.
July 13, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends Neighborhood Networks National Conference Seattle, Wa.
September 1996	Pyramid Building Maintenance, Inc. Donates \$500.00 to P.E.A.C.E.
September 6, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Submitted Proposal to NationsBank for Student Banking and \$3,000 donation.
September 16, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Recruits Volunteers at the Spelman College Community Service Fair.
September 19, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. receives Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation Grant Award of \$7,500.
September 22, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends VISTA/SNAP Conference Chicago, Il.
September 24, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. receives Drug Elimination Grant Award of \$517,000.
September 30, 1996	After School Program Begins.
October 4, 1996	Voter Registration Drive.
October 15, 1996	NationsBank Donates \$3,000 to P.E.A.C.E.
October 17-20, 1996	2nd Annual P.E.A.C.E. Retreat at Indian Springs State Park Jackson, Ga.
October 22, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends Building Coalitions Conference Birmingham, Alabama.

Initial Support & Seed Funding

In the beginning, there were no funds for P.E.A.C.E. However, there was a dream and a vision of what would come. Our seeds were as follows:

Wingate Management Company, Inc.
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Atlanta office
Word Perfect Corporation

The Wingate Management Company, Inc. has been very supportive of P.E.A.C.E. Thus far Wingate has provided 95% of the funding for the program. The company has provided space, manpower, and materials for the refurbishing of the Reach Out Center which is used for the P.E.A.C.E. program.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development provided five computers for the program.

The Word Perfect Corporation donated software for the computers.

The Mission of P.E.A.C.E.

P.E.A.C.E. is dedicated to addressing social, political and economic issues which have crippled the Bedford Pine Community by identifying needs, creating opportunities and empowering residents to solicit resources, thus promoting self-sufficiency, restoring hope and realizing possibilities.

P.E.A.C.E. is dedicated to mobilizing the elderly citizens of our community, by accessing their knowledge of how life in the historic “Old Fourth Ward” of Atlanta once was, and utilizing it as a stepping stone in preparing our community for the future. We recognize that their wisdom is **POWER** and that they must be honored and respected.

P.E.A.C.E. realizes that our children truly *are* the future. We are devoted to improving their self-esteem by instilling a positive self- image. Children’s programs of **P.E.A.C.E.** include tutoring in basic skills, history, cultural enrichment and mentoring.

P.E.A.C.E is committed to improving literacy and building “life” skills of the parents and the working members of our community, so that they may improve the quality of their lives, thus improving the lives of their families.

Most importantly, **P.E.A.C.E.** is dedicated to itself! We are building a foundation for generations to come. We hope that when we have gone, the children that we serve today, will continue the legacy of **P.E.A.C.E.** tomorrow.

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Jacquetta Smith	Secretary
Keiron Williams	Treasurer

Partnership Projects

NationsBank

\$3,000 award

Fifty computers

Children's Banking Program

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Five computers

Drug Elimination Grant \$517,000

Wingate Management Company, Inc.

Construction of the Reach Out Center

Funding for Start-up projects

Personnel staffing

Spelman College

Student Community Service Program

Georgia Institute of Technology

Community Policing

Georgia State University

Community Policing

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Parenting classes

Employment Placement

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Original P.E.A.C.E. Members

“We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Founder & Advisor: Ms. Edna Moffett

Banks, Meshari	Posey, George Sr.
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Benoit, Marcel	Randall, Tanisha
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Harden, Glynn M.	Wesley, Troy
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Haskell, Adrienne	Williams, Keiron
Kidd, Tonya	Williams, Phillip Jr.
King, LaShawn	Wilson, Dwight
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Why I Like The Reach Out Center's P.E.A.C.E Program?

By Mary Johnson

I like the Reach Out Center's P.E.A.C.E program because it reaches out to young children. This program allows many children from the Bedford Pines area to come and get tutored, one on one, so they could get straight A's and B's through out the school year.

I also like the program because of all of the things that I get accomplished there.

I am now able to be at the very top with other students because of the P.E.A.C.E program.

To me, the word P.E.A.C.E stands for P-People, E-Equal A-And, C-Children, E-Everywhere.

The main reason why I like the P.E.A.C.E. program is because of it's wonderful, caring, tutors like Tsehai, Dionne, Marcel, Verlon, Leroy, and Myeasha. These toturs have worked with me one on one and they really understand me.

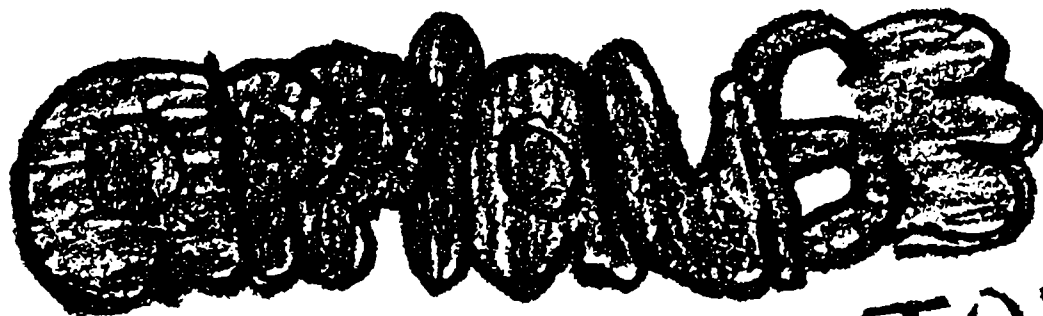
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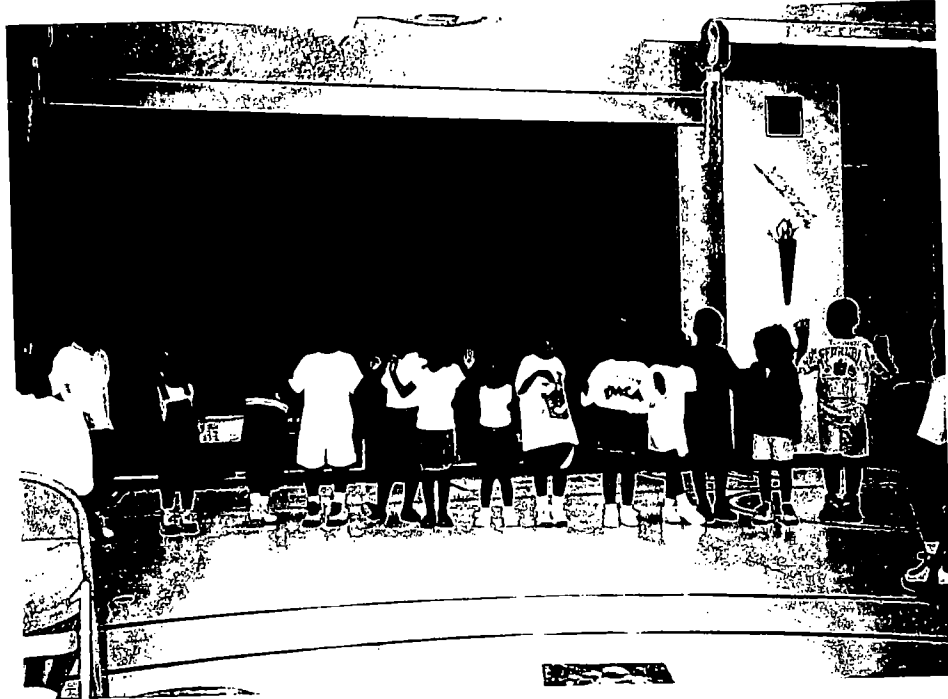


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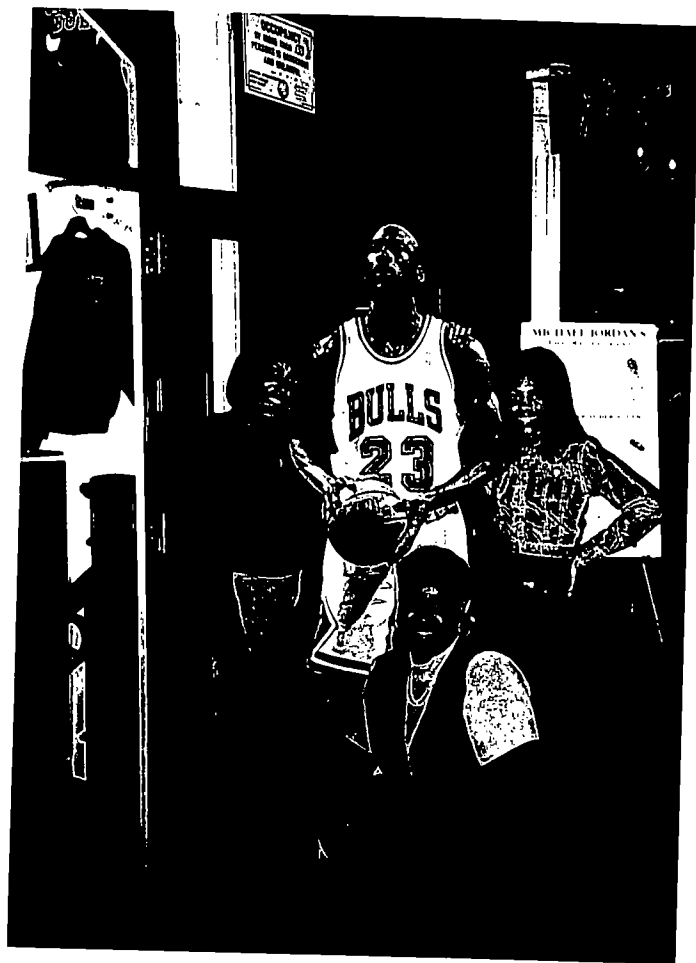
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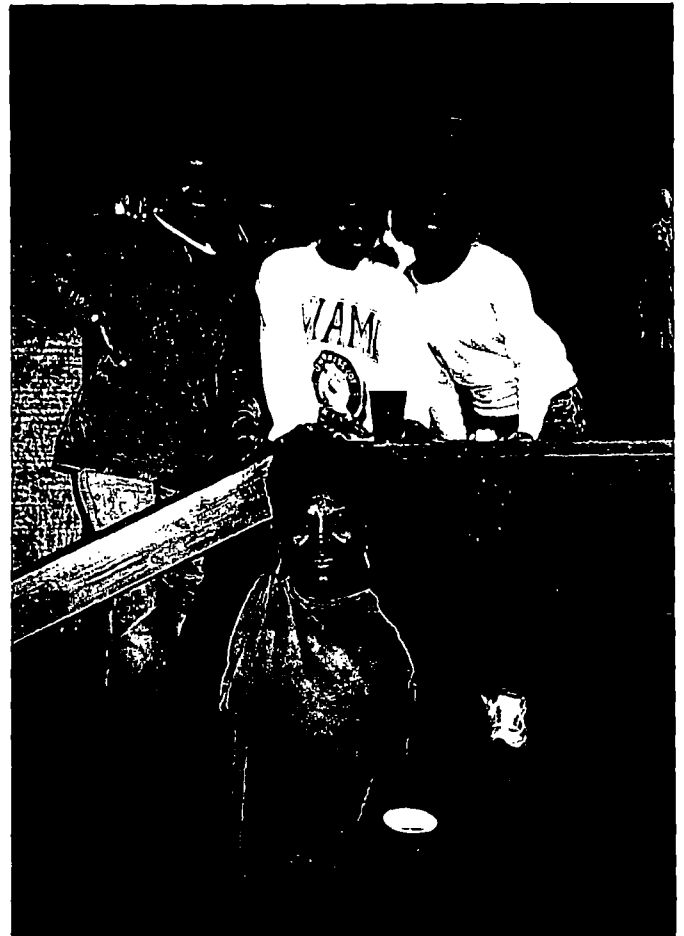
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Bedford Pines Apartments, Atlanta, Georgia

Bedford Pines is a 733-unit HUD assisted apartment property with 100% Section 8 assistance. The property, which is owned and managed by Wingate Management Company, Incorporated has more than 2000 residents. The community has effectively combated the issue of crime and drug elimination through the Neighborhood Networks Initiative.

Through the initiative, substantial partners are volunteering with the property's youth program which is evolving into a 20 computer Neighborhood Networks Center.

A partnership between Nations Bank and Wingate Management Inc. allows children from ages 6 to 13 to open a bank account with as little as a penny. When the children save \$25 of their own money, the amount is equally matched by both partners, instilling financial management skills at an early age.

The center also offers an afterschool tutorial program in which children receive help with homework assignments and the basic fundamentals for operating computers. One-on-one mentoring is available as well as professional counseling for youth facing today's growing social issues.

A recycling program and summer camp program which allows the inner city youth to go outside the realm of their immediate environment are also provided.

Recently, a groundbreaking ceremony has been held to expand the Adult Education Program at the center which will aid individuals moving from welfare to work by providing them with computer, GED and career training.



College students give youngsters reason to learn

Bedford Pine project aims at self-esteem

By Mará Rose Williams
STAFF WRITER

For the children who live at Bedford Pine Apartments, the usual role models are the prostitutes and the drug dealers who work the neighborhood. But for the last 14 months those old role models have been up against some stiff competition.

About 35 college students, along with the apartment management and the residents, have formed a mentoring and recreational program aimed at pumping up the self-esteem of kids and influencing them to strive for more socially acceptable life goals.

"These kids can walk out their door on any day and witness a drug deal or they might see a prostitute walking the streets," said Edna Moffett, a housing agent for Wingate Management Co., which owns the sprawling 65-building apartment development.

"I wanted them to see that there are young African-Americans who were achieving good things and to know that they could, too," said Moffett who has worked at Bedford Pine for 13 years and knew that she had moved lots of college students into the low-rent apartments on Boulevard.

In October she formed a partnership with about 20 students from Emory, Georgia State and the Atlanta University Center.

And they called the new group PEACE — Positive Education for African Children Everywhere.

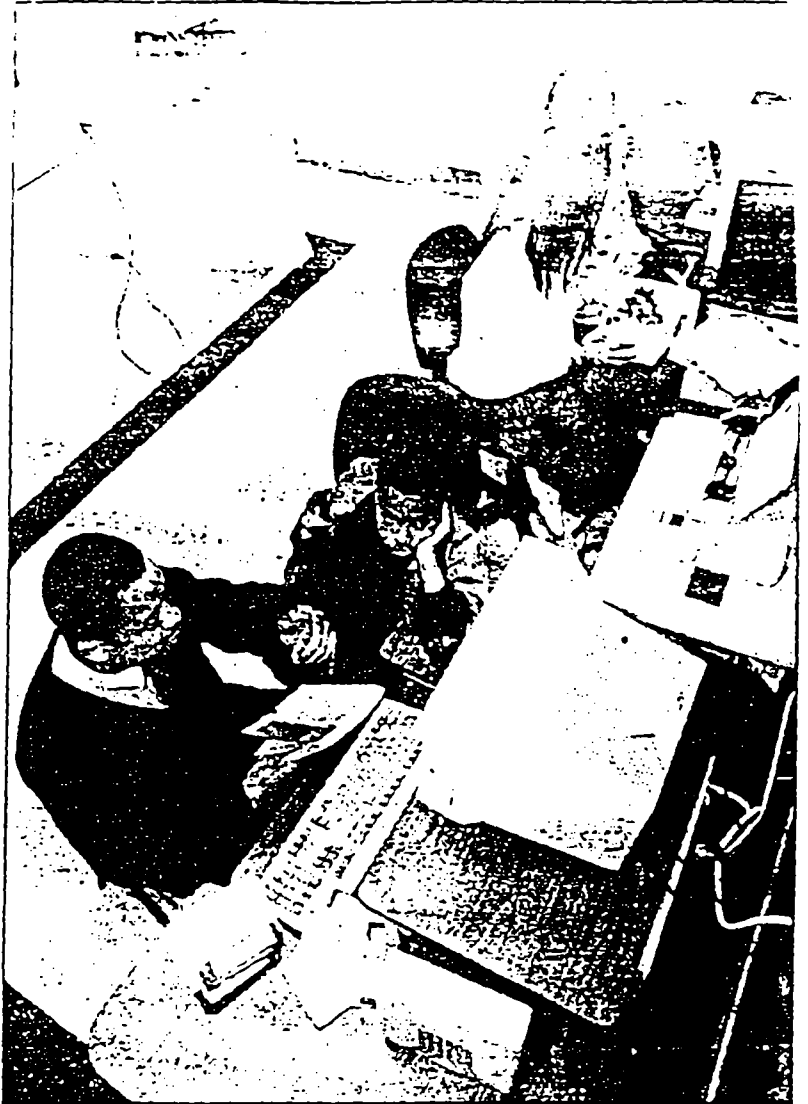
Already the program has attracted the attention of Housing and Urban Development officials in Washington who visited the PEACE program several weeks ago.

Each child, parent and mentor signs an agreement to maintain the program. Parents agree to get the child there, the child agrees to participate and the mentor to see to it that the child gets the attention needed while with the program.

"Most of these kids are from single-parent homes. They are from low-income households, most of them on AFDC," or Aid to Families With Dependent Children, Moffett said. "Many of them probably, until now, didn't even know any college graduates except their teachers in school," she said. "But these students — future lawyers, doctors, and computer technicians — live right in their neighborhood. They need to know that."

Chase Randall has lived at Bedford Pine for several years. He is studying computer science at Georgia State. For the past month, in his spare time he's been shoulder to shoulder with Jerome Everette, who is 11 and, like most kids his age, is fascinated with computers.

In the outreach center at Bedford Pine, where PEACE mentors help the young residents of



RICH MAHAN / Staff

Computer time: Chase Randall and 9-year-old Zederick Carr, study a problem at the Bedford Pine outreach center.

the complex with homework and other problems, Jerome pulled a chair up next to Randall in front of one of the old "286" computers donated by U.S. Housing and Urban Development department. For nearly an hour the two sat together trying to get the computer to respond to a program Randall had created.

Meanwhile in a mostly quiet room toward the rear of the center, 9-year-old Christopher Williams reads aloud from one of his textbooks. Dione Mathews, a recent Spelman College graduate, reads along silently. She stops Christopher midsentence a few times to correct mispronunciations.

"I'm here because I enjoy working with kids," said Mathews, a Delta Air Lines employee who is preparing to get a master's degree in child psychology. "These are our children. If we don't do something, nobody is going to."

P.E.A.C.E.

Mentors are available through the management offices of Bedford Pine Apartments. For more information about the program, call Edna Moffett at 404-874-6301.

Manager from Guinea, West Africa.

PLAYING A NEW KEY:

Clockwise from left, Keunnea Muttrie, 8; Jacquetta Smith, 21, a student tutor from Emory University; Latashia McClurkin, 7; and Caleshia McClurkin (Latashia's sister), 11, work on a computer at the outreach center at Bedford Pine Apartments.



RICH MAHAN / Staff

COLLEGE KIDS REACH OUT

Students in the Bedford Pine apartments decide to make a difference in their neighborhood

Dozens of college students who live at the Bedford Pine apartment complex on Boulevard are helping making a difference in the lives of some of their neighbors.

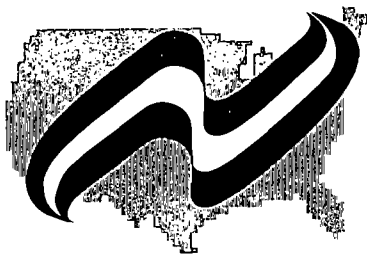
The students have become mentors and tutors to many of the children who live in the complex and last month they formed P.E.A.C.E. — Positive Education for African Children Everywhere — a program to raise the self-esteem of neighborhood kids and

give them some positive role models.

"Most of these kids are from single-parent homes," said Edna Moffett of Wingate Management Co., which owns the 65-building complex. "Many of them probably, until now, didn't even know any college graduates except their teachers in school."

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FACT SHEET

Neighborhood Networks

The number of people who use computers and computer-based communication in the United States has increased dramatically in recent years. With the rapid spread of personal computers to homes and offices and the growth of the Internet, electronic media is often the chosen method of sending a business report, paying a bill, or finding out about the next PTA meeting. Not only do more personal, commercial, and government transactions take place online, but the ability to use a computer is necessary for employment in nearly every vocation.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognizes that computer literacy and access are prerequisites for economic opportunity in the information age. Therefore in September of 1995, HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing launched Neighborhood Networks, a community-based initiative that establishes computerized learning centers in insured and assisted housing.

A Bottom-Up Approach to Community Development

Neighborhood Networks takes a bottom-up, individualized approach to community development. All insured and assisted multifamily developments—other than nursing homes—are eligible to participate. Property owners and housing residents are encouraged to form partnerships with members of their community to develop and sustain a center that best suits their own needs. The types of programs and services offered at a Neighborhood Networks Center could include the following:

- typing, word processing, and computer training
- general education and job training
- access to job data banks
- access to information on health and community resources
- access to potential collaborators and clients in the development of micro enterprises
- social awareness and integration
- participation in online civic and government forums

Interested property owners should submit a business plan to the asset management branch of the local HUD field office in whose jurisdiction the property is located. The plan must describe the types of programs proposed, how residents will be involved in the planning, what community partnerships have been formed to support the center, and how the center will be funded.

Local Support Vital to Success

Neighborhood Networks is not a grant program, so local support is vital. To ensure the success of the center, local businesses, government, educational institutions, private foundations, and other community organizations are needed to donate computers and software and provide capital funding.

In addition to community resources, property owners may use funds from their residual receipts accounts and reserve for replacement accounts to the extent that these funds are not required to meet the anticipated needs of the property. They may also borrow funds from financial institutions as long as the loan is not secured by the property. In some circumstances, HUD may fund part or all of the costs from rent increases. Resources from related grants within HUD (Public and Indian Housing, Crime Prevention and Security Division) and outside of HUD (Departments of Education, Commerce, and Justice and nonprofits like Youthlink) also may be available. Funds for developing a Neighborhood Networks Center may be used for the following:

- computer hardware and software
- wiring and servers
- minor renovations to the center
- staffing/trainers
- security
- maintenance and insurance

An Initiative Whose Time Has Come

Many factors have converged to make Neighborhood Networks a timely initiative. Currently, HUD insures and/or assists about 19,000 privately owned multifamily developments that provide homes for more than two and one-half million households. But the present system of federal rental assistance will likely be eliminated or significantly reduced. This change in federal policy will affect housing residents and property owners alike. For residents eligible to receive housing vouchers, changes in federal policy will create a new freedom of choice in housing location. Owners, in turn, will be challenged to create amenities in their developments to reduced federal resources and will need to increase their personal income. All of these factors make Neighborhood Networks an initiative whose time has come.

HUD Offers Technical Assistance

To date, HUD has established at least one Neighborhood Networks Center in each of its 57 field offices, with over 100 approved planned offices by next year. Local HUD resident initiative specialists and asset managers are available to help property owners and housing residents develop a business plan and identify resources. On a national level, HUD supports Neighborhood Networks by sponsoring various long-distance learning sessions and regional conferences that provide participants with the practical knowledge they need to start a center as well as an opportunity to network with potential partners. HUD also maintains a Neighborhood Networks web site, which enables community members to track the activity of Neighborhood Networks nationwide and exchange ideas with other interested parties via an online forum.

Neighborhood Networks Success Stories

- Single mother and welfare resident of **Lee Ann Apartments in Dallas, Texas**, obtained full-time employment at local business that partnered with the **Wheatland Terrace** Neighborhood Networks Center's Job Network Program.
- After getting interested in computers at the **M.L. King Apartments in Detroit, Michigan**, a former high school drop out returned to school and is now enrolled in a two-year vocational program in computer repair. He aspires to be a computer technician upon graduation.
- **Florin Meadows Apartments in Sacramento** has placed 15 to 20 residents in jobs after providing weekly job listings at the apartment's Neighborhood Networks Center.

For Further Information

Specific information on Neighborhood Networks is contained in Notice H-95-81. For further information on starting a Neighborhood Networks Center, call the asset management branch of the local HUD field office nearest you or contact:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Housing-Multifamily
P.O. Box 6424
Rockville, MD 20850-6091
phone: 1-888-312-2743 (toll-free number)
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e-mail: neighborhood_net.@aspensys.com

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Fall 1996

Neighborhood Networks Receives Vice President's Hammer Award

On July 16, 1996, a representative from Vice President Al Gore's office presented the National Performance Review (NPR) Hammer Award to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for creating the Neighborhood Networks initiative.

The Hammer Award recognizes teams of federal, state, and municipal employees who are working with citizens to build a better government. Over 250 Hammer Awards have been presented to teams exemplifying the NPR principles of putting customers

first, cutting red tape, empowering employees, and getting back to basics. The team receives a wall plaque Hammer Award, and individual team members receive a Hammer lapel pin and a special certificate signed by the Vice President.

HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing launched Neighborhood Networks in September 1995. This community-based initiative uses computerized learning and online access as tools to help residents of assisted and insured housing become

self-sufficient. By forming partnerships, HUD staff, property owners, residents, and community stakeholders have established 43 Neighborhood Networks Centers throughout the United States; 491 are currently underway. Although the initiative is still in its infancy, many of these centers are beginning to produce results. Residents involved in Neighborhood Networks Centers are educating themselves and entering the job market in word processing, data management, child care, and property management positions.

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Doug Farbrother, Senior Manager, National Performance Review, presents Diana Goodwin Shavey, National Field Coordinator, Neighborhood Networks, with Hammer Award.



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Here is some additional
material on Zedford Pines in
Atlanta.

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you need any additional info.
Thanks.

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F. MARK MODZELESKI

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SUBJECT

Village of
Bedford Pines/PEACE

Note that PEACE now stands for
"Positive Education Always Creates
Elevation". The name changed Dec '96
from Positive Education for African
American Children Everywhere & both
are referenced in attached info.

We have included highlighted
writeups (inhouse), news articles,
newsletter excerpts & a few supportive
letters that seem pertinent. Nic, Chris
Greer & Stephanie Smith have visited. We
have videos also which include Nic's trip.

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Bedford Pine Bulletin Board

Operation P.E.A.C.E. Journeys to SAHMA Conference

The executive board members of Operation P.E.A.C.E. along with the management staff of Bedford Pine recently attended the SAHMA conference in Braselton, Georgia. SAHMA, which stands for Southeastern Assisted Housing Management Association, Inc., held their meetings at the very beautiful Chateau Elan winery and museum. Topics included the Internet, Neighborhood Networks and an in-depth forum on various issues concerning the future of assisted housing. The highlight of the conference was the Operation P.E.A.C.E. presentation, which left an excellent impression on the dignitaries present. The vision of Edna Moffett, Assistant Property Manager, was shared with an emotional audience as she revealed her motivation for starting the program. "Education should be a neighborhood priority," says Alycia Brown, Property Manager at Bedford Pine. Operation P.E.A.C.E. needs the entire community to get involved in the education of our children so that we may progress toward developing a self-sufficient community. Among many other issues discussed, drug elimination and prevention was one area that sparked much discussion and controversy. Bedford Pine and Operation P.E.A.C.E. want to give each and every child in the community a chance to succeed and bring out the best in them so that they may eventually give back to their community.



Operation P.E.A.C.E. executive board representing Bedford Pine. (bottom row) Rachel Ben-Israel, Taeah Russell, Dionne Matthews and Jacquette Smith. (top row) Chase Randall, Yusef Spears and Sakya Odoro.

A Time To Remember

June 14th marks the

185th birth anniversary of Harriet Beecher

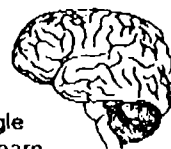
Stowe, the legendary author

of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Her antislavery novel had profound effects upon the populace, including protest and anger, and Stowe gained fame for her "politically incorrect" book. Join Bedford Pine in remembering a brave pioneer in American history.

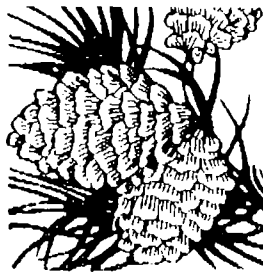


Massage Your Mind

As days get longer, you have a few extra daylight hours to expand your mental horizons. Go to college! Many local community colleges have single classes that can be taken to learn anything from computer skills to basic home finances. A simple summer session class can give you an edge to apply to business, home life and, yes, even fun!



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A bimonthly publication for the residents of Bedford Pine

December, 1996

We thank the dedicated members of P.E.A.C.E. (Positive Education Always Creates Elevation) for bringing our community to the forefront of the city of Atlanta as a "We Care Community."



On November 1st, P.E.A.C.E. commemorated its one year anniversary with an Open House celebration and a proclamation by the Governor of Georgia as P.E.A.C.E. Day.



Boo! P.E.A.C.E. hosted its second annual Halloween Party at the Reach Out Center.



Mary Johnson, a resident and devoted P.E.A.C.E. member, reads her essay explaining "Why I Love the P.E.A.C.E. Program during Open House '96."

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Zell Miller
GOVERNOR

June 17, 1996

GREETINGS:

I am pleased to extend my warmest regards and best wishes on the occasion of the opening of the **P.E.A.C.E. Summer Day Camp**.

P.E.A.C.E., Positive Education for African-American Children Everywhere, is an innovative program committed to channeling Atlanta's resources to restore hope, establish goals, and reverse the plight of the children and parents residing in the Bedford-Pine Apartments. College students, recruited through a partnership between Wingate Management Company, Emory and Georgia State Universities and the Atlanta University Center, formed a mentoring and recreational program aimed at raising the self-esteem of the children of Bedford-Pine Apartments, and influencing them to strive for more socially acceptable life goals. In addition, the P.E.A.C.E. summer program will help to stimulate the children's creative energy and motivate them for the forthcoming school year.

I extend my gratitude for the efforts of everyone involved in this vital project. It is a testimony to your honest concern for our children, as well as your commitment to addressing the problems they face in today's world.

You have my best wishes for continued success.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zell Miller". Below the signature, the name "Zell Miller" is printed in a small, sans-serif font.

ZM/pam

May 9, 1997

Ms. Edna Moffitt
Operation PEACE
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Dear Edna:

Many thanks to you and your staff for a wonderful and informative visit May 2, 1997.

From the looks of things, the PEACE project is way ahead in some exciting new initiatives. My particular reference is to the Welfare to Work project you are now developing.

We will watch this effort very carefully as we need to understand how the process can unfold in other projects.

I am again extremely impressed with the A*VISTAS knowledge and articulation of their assignments. The use of their various talents has obviously well thought out and therefore expediently utilized.

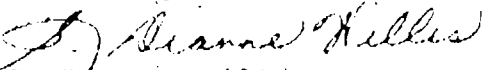
Secondly, the partnerships that PEACE has formed in the community is to be commended and noted as a coordinative and networking strength. Such partners as Nations Bank, Spelman College, Ga. State University, The Kerux Fellowship, and many others will enhance any effort you undertake.

The recent progress report and annual report addresses the many other facets of your programs and will be responded to in this correspondence on another format.

Again, my sincere appreciation to you and the volunteers for maximizing the use of the community's resources.

I look forward to the opening of the phase two of your facility development and the Welfare to Work program.

Sincerely,



S. Dianne Willis, State Program Specialist

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RICH MAFAN / Staff

COLLEGE KIDS REACH OUT

Students in the Bedford Pine apartments decide to make a difference in their neighborhood

Dozens of college students who live at the Bedford Pine apartment complex on Boulevard are helping making a difference in the lives of some of their neighbors.

The students have become mentors and tutors to many of the children who live in the complex and last month they formed P.E.A.C.E. — Positive Education for African Children Everywhere — a program to raise the self-esteem of neighborhood kids and

give them some positive role models.

"Most of these kids are from single-parent homes," said Edna Moffett of Wingate Management Co., which owns the 65-building complex. "Many of them probably, until now, didn't even know any college graduates except their teachers in school."

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Quiet time: Tyrone Camp, a McNair Senior High student who's a junior or volunteer with PEACE for the summer, prepares kids for an outing.

HOPE moves in

by Paula Schwed
STAFF WRITER

*Promoting plan
called PEACE,
collegians act as
friends, mentors
to poor youths*

Many of the residents at the sprawling, timeworn apartment complex called Bedford Pines are lucky if they manage to finish high school before the promise of their lives is cut short by drugs, pregnancy or jail.

As for college — that's someone else's dream.

So when college students from all over Atlanta began moving into the apartments on Boulevard near downtown, drawn by the low rent and convenient commute, residents grumbled. They saw it as young people taking advantage of government-subsidized housing for a few years before leaving Boulevard behind for neighborhoods where doctors and lawyers live. (Ninety-five percent of residents receive federal housing aid.)

"There was a lot of resentment," says Edna Moffett, the manager of Bedford Pines. "I kept telling the students, 'You've got to leave a legacy to these residents, especially the children. You can't let them rot.'"

Moffett opened a vacant laundry room so the students could help with homework there, and she made sure a basketball hoop was nearby.

Many ballgames later, what began as a casual helping hand with homework blossomed into a summer camp complete with computers and field trips



JOHN SPINK / Staff

Morris Brown student Glovonni Jones gives Zederick Carr, 10, some gardening tips.

For the 98 camp participants, ages 7 to 14, there are arts and crafts and science projects, and computer programs to learn. They often go on field trips throughout the city. Visitors range from an IBM engineer to an ex-gang member.

Government officials talk about duplicating the program. The local office of the Department of Housing and Ur-

ban Development donated computers, and NationsBank promised more of them after the Olympics. Mayor Bill Campbell also has given the program, called PEACE (Positive Education for African Children Everywhere), his blessing, saying he hopes it will "multiply all across the city."

"The benefits are years down the road," Campbell said at the summer camp kickoff in the renovated laundry room. "It's a small room here and such a big job, helping African-American youngsters into the education and economic mainstream. But PEACE will make a difference."

Marcel Benoit, 23, a Morehouse College junior majoring in computers, is one of about 80 students living at the Bedford Pines complex. The students come from eight Atlanta schools, including the Atlanta University Center and Emory and Georgia State universities. They must qualify for subsidized apartments, paying anywhere from nothing to \$300 a month, depending on their finances. Benoit tutored children after school this year, and now he's a camp counselor.

"A lot of these kids, all they know is Bedford Pines and Underground Atlanta," Benoit says. "We want them to know that black people can be dancers, scientists, lawyers — anything. We want them to have something to strive for."

Minardi Black, 13, was full of excitement on a recent camp day. "A mime came to see us yesterday. I've never seen that. And they take us to the pool all the time. I really like that."

Latosha White, 28, says her son Zederick Carr, 10, "looks up to the college students. They have goals." Zederick, who has learned to play chess at camp, wants to become an FBI agent.

"The kids really do look up to us — the way we dress and talk — it gives us an edge," says Tsehai Habte-Michael, 22, a senior journalism major at Spelman College and co-director of the PEACE summer camp. In addition to her college studies, Habte-Michael has a new husband, an infant daughter and a 16-year-old sister whose care fell to her after her mother died a year ago. Yet she still leaves room for PEACE.

"I make time ... because it's important," she says. "We are blessed with the opportunity to further ourselves. We can share our influence with these children."

It was a shock to Habte-Michael to learn that some of the younger children living in Bedford Pines, which stretches from Georgia Baptist Medical Center to Ponce de Leon Avenue, have never seen a shopping mall or a highway.

"We just want to expose them to other things. Many of these kids have no clue of what college is or why anyone would go. It's astounding," Habte-Michael says. "In college we talk a lot about a person's responsibility to the community. I think my responsibility is to give these children some exposure to the good things and a little hope."

"They could use some hope."



Children spend time in the computer learning center at the Martin Luther King Jr. Apartments under the watch of lab supervisor Eldridge Morgan.

ROBIN LAYTON

Federal award honors learning center

By ERIC HOUSTON
PI REPORTER

Kevin O'Shia says he pounded the pavement for jobs in a futile search he hoped would lead to a better future for his family. Trained as a graphic designer, O'Shia's struggle for employment brightened earlier this year when he jumped on the information highway by enrolling in a computer training program at the Martin Luther

King Jr. Apartments complex in South Seattle.

One of 25 such computer learning sites in federally subsidized housing across the nation, the center has been credited with helping O'Shia and other tenants find jobs. Last month, the 29-year-old father of three landed a job as a graphic designer for a downtown signage firm.

"If it wasn't for this place, I wouldn't be able to network and find a job," O'Shia said. "I'm a graphic designer, so being able to get on the computer and

strengthen my portfolio was a real benefit."

The computer learning center was in the spotlight yesterday as Vice President Al Gore honored the Neighborhood Networks Initiative, a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The initiative promotes economic opportunities by using computer technology in HUD housing.

See COMPUTERS, Page B2

Computers: Center part of apartment renovation

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From Page B1

In a ceremony yesterday, a team of employees from HUD's Seattle office received Gore's Hammer Award in recognition of their work in the program.

The computer learning center was part of a \$5.9 million renovation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Apartments. In 1992, owners of the complex received a long-term, low-interest loan from HUD to undertake the makeover. In addition to the \$25,000 computer site, the complex also received a new roof, appliances and a security system. Apartments were equipped with an additional telephone line just for computer use.

"We had a project here which was in real trouble physically and socially. We hope to have 200 more of these by the end of next year," said HUD Assistant Secretary Nicholas Restinas, who presented the Hammer Awards. The awards are given in recognition of outstanding achievement in reinventing government, cutting red tape and empowering employees.

"This is the future," Restinas said. "It's preparing people for not only yesterday's economy, but for tomorrow's economy as well."

Since its dedication in January, the MLK Jr. Apartments computer center has helped several residents find jobs and further their

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— Nicholas Restinas,
HUD assistant secretary

education. Immigrants who live at the complex have used the center to learn English.

O'Shia said the computer center helped him in his job search by giving him access to computers. By using them, he was able to put together a portfolio, develop resumes and then fax them out instead of running all over town.

He said the center also gave him new skills that he used to secure employment.

"I learned about computer software and hardware," O'Shia said. "This has given me the ability to make more money and get off public assistance."

When he's not working, O'Shia volunteers at the center, teaching others skills that for him are now second nature.

Community

College students give youngsters reason to learn

Bedford Pine project aims at self-esteem

By Mark Rose Williams
STAFF WRITER

For the children who live at Bedford Pine Apartments, the usual role models are the prostitutes and the drug dealers who work the neighborhood. But for the last 14 months those old role models have been up against some stiff competition.

About 35 college students, along with the apartment management and the residents, have formed a mentoring and recreational program aimed at pumping up the self-esteem of kids and influencing them to strive for more socially acceptable life goals.

"These kids can walk out their door on any day and witness a drug deal or they might see a prostitute walking the streets," said Edna Moffett, a housing agent for Wingate Management Co., which owns the sprawling 65-building apartment development.

"I wanted them to see that there are young African-Americans who were achieving good things and to know that they could, too," said Moffett, who has worked at Bedford Pine for 13 years and knew that she had moved lots of college students into the low-rent apartment on Boulevard.

In October she formed a partnership with about 20 students from Emory, Georgia State and the Atlanta University Center

And they called the new group PEACE — Positive Education for African Children Everywhere.

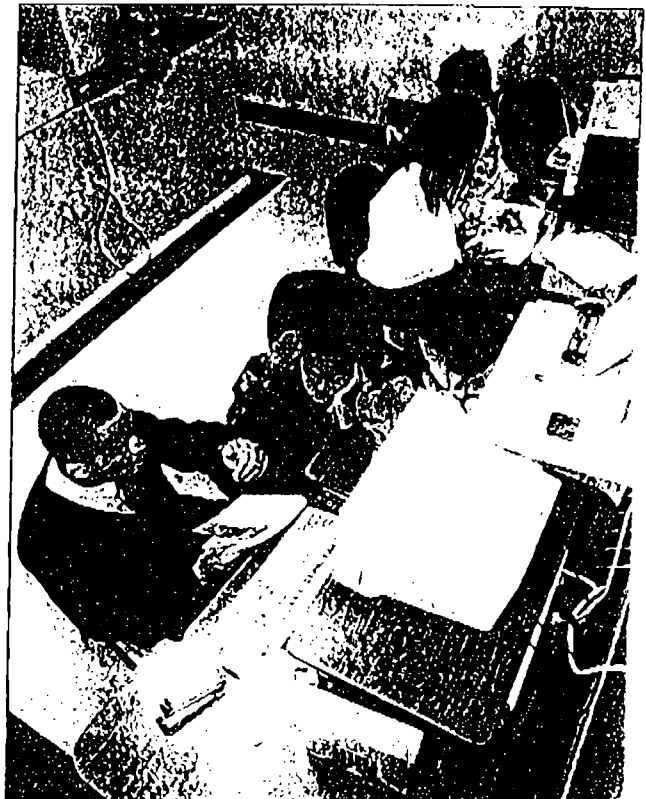
Already the program has attracted the attention of Housing and Urban Development officials in Washington who visited the PEACE program several weeks ago.

Each child, parent and mentor signs an agreement to maintain the program. Parents agree to get the child there, the child agrees to participate and the mentor to see to it that the child gets the attention needed while with the program.

"Most of these kids are from single-parent homes. They are from low-income households, most of them on AFDC," or Aid to Families With Dependent Children, Moffett said. "Many of them probably, until now, didn't even know any college graduates except their teachers in school," she said. "But these students — future lawyers, doctors, and computer technicians — live right in their neighborhood. They need to know that."

Chase Randall has lived at Bedford Pine for several years. He is studying computer science at Georgia State. For the past month, in his spare time he's been shoulder to shoulder with Jerome Everette, who is 11 and, like most kids his age, is fascinated with computers.

In the outreach center at Bedford Pine, where PEACE mentors help the young residents of



RICH MANN / Staff

Computer time: Chase Randall and 9-year-old Zederick Carr, study a problem at the Bedford Pine outreach center.

the complex with homework and other problems, Jerome pulled a chair up next to Randall in front of one of the old "286" computers donated by U.S. Housing and Urban Development department. For nearly an hour the two sat together trying to get the computer to respond to a program Randall had created.

Meanwhile in a mostly quiet room toward the rear of the center, 9-year-old Christopher Williams reads aloud from one of his textbooks. Dione Mathews, a recent Spelman College graduate, reads along silently. She stops Christopher mid-sentence a few times to correct mispronunciations.

"I'm here because I enjoy working with kids," said Mathews, a Delta Air Lines employee who is preparing to get a master's degree in child psychology. "These are our children. If we don't do something, nobody is going to."

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Mentors are available through the management offices of Bedford Pine Apartments. For more information about the program, call Edna Moffett at 404-874-6301.

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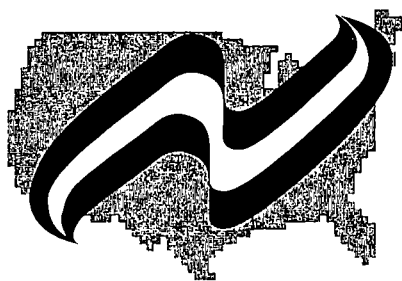


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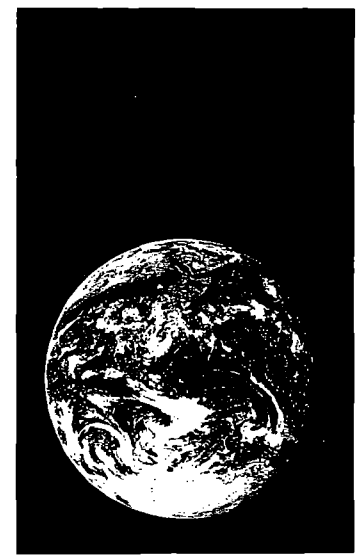
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Bedford Pines Apartments, Atlanta, Georgia

Bedford Pines is a 733-unit HUD assisted apartment property with 100% Section 8 assistance. The property, which is owned and managed by Wingate Management Company, Incorporated has more than 2000 residents. The community has effectively combated the issue of crime and drug elimination through the Neighborhood Networks Initiative.

Through the initiative, substantial partners are volunteering with the property's youth program which is evolving into a 20 computer Neighborhood Networks Center.

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The center also offers an afterschool tutorial program in which children receive help with homework assignments and the basic fundamentals for operating computers. One-on-one mentoring is available as well as professional counseling for youth facing today's growing social issues.

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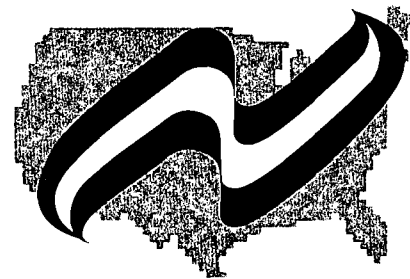
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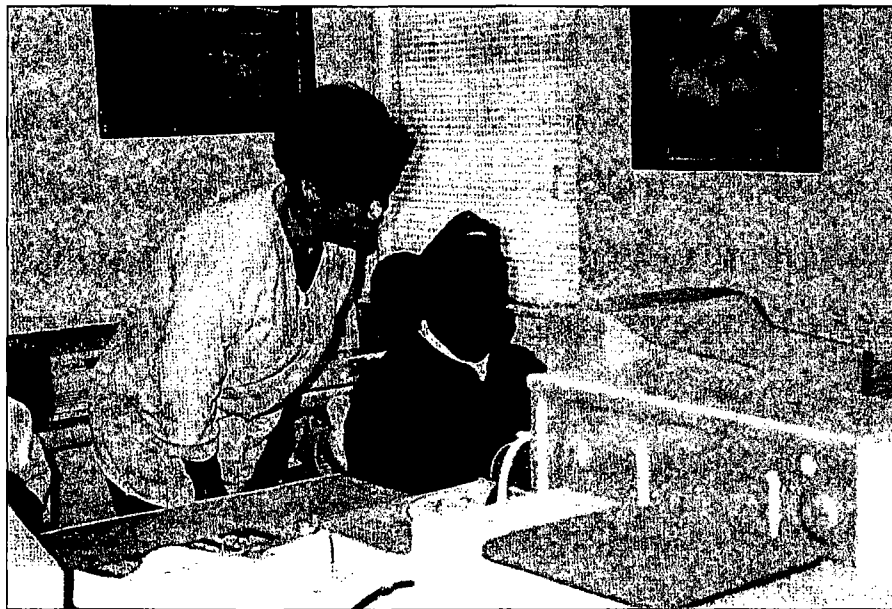
Welfare to Work



While the policies of welfare reform take hold, change is already evident in the communities across the nation that are looking ahead to tomorrow's possibilities by investing in the Neighborhood Networks initiative today.

Since Friendship Village celebrated its grand opening in July 1996, residents describe the new Neighborhood Networks Center as an important addition to their community. According to Resident Council vice-president, Jackie Dunbar, the center has had a profound effect on the HUD-assisted housing development in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"I'm excited about it," said Dunbar, "Each day, I watch grown women run to get to the door on time." Ms. Dunbar has been involved with the center since the embryonic stages of its development.



Gloria Colmenar, Manager of Friendship Village Apartments, enjoys participating in programs at the NN Center with resident Delpheoe Scutching.
Photo by Friendship Village.

Inside

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GUEST COLUMNIST - CARMEN PORCO

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NN GRAND OPENINGS

After attending a Neighborhood Networks Regional Conference in Boston, she felt compelled to assist in developing a center for her community.

Ms. Dunbar contacted the property manager, and HUD Neighborhood Networks Coordinator, Henry Colonna. Irvine Beard, a local elementary teacher, worked out a business plan with an inexpensive start up cost. Mr. Beard had previously set up a learning center at his school with \$30 and several donated

computers. "I didn't think we needed state-of-the-art computer technology, just computer technology," he said. School officials approved the donation of several computers for the Center's use and a two-bedroom apartment was converted into a computer learning center. Together Beard and Dunbar created computer certificate programs and tutorials for the apartment's residents.

"When I feel like giving up, the children alone encourage me to con-

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TO: Mark Modzelewski

FROM: Esther Cunningham

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SUBJECT Village of Bedford Pines/PEACE

Note that PEACE Now stands for "Positive Education Always Creates Elevation". The name changed Dec '96 from Positive Education for African American Children Everywhere & both are referenced in attached info.

We have included highlighted writeups (in-house), news articles, newsletter excerpts & a few supportive letters that seem pertinent. Nic, Chris Greer & Stephanie Smith have visited. We have videos also which include Nic's trip.

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P.E.A.C.E. NEWSLETTER

January 1997

Greetings! We hope your holiday season was joyous and wish each of you a prosperous New Year! In 1996, Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc. met and exceeded all of its goals. Some of our major accomplishments are as follows:

* Jan. 1996 P.E.A.C.E. received special recognition from Assistant Secretary of HUD, Nicolas P. Restinas.

March 1996 Operation P.E.A.C.E. Inc. receives 501(C)3 Status.

* May 1996 HUD Officials Chris Grier, Stephanie Smith and Conrad Eagan visit the Reach Out Center.

June 1996 The P.E.A.C.E. YMCA Summer Camp Begins with 100 children from Bedford Pine Apartments and Techwood Homes.

Sept. 1996 P.E.A.C.E. receives Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation Grant Award of \$17,500.

Sept. 1996 P.E.A.C.E. receives Drug Elimination Grant Award of \$517,000.

Oct. 1996 NationsBank Donates \$3,000 to P.E.A.C.E.

Our next monthly General Body meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1996 AT 6:00PM IN THE REACH OUT CENTER**. Attendance is mandatory for all P.E.A.C.E. members. Our first session of Community Mobilization Training will begin. Please remember to bring your dues.

Goals for 1997

- Construction and opening of our Computer Learning Center
- Addition of 4 Americore* VISTA workers
- Increased in-kind and volunteer support for existing After-School Program.
- Beginning of the Citizen's Academy (Adult Outreach)
- The purchase of additional space at Blvd and Blvd Pl for restaurant management training and job placement
- Second annual summer program for fifty children of Bedford Pine Apartments
- Implementation of improvements as designated in the Drug Elimination Grant
- To increase the number of grant awards from private, federal and local sources to ensure self-sufficiency and sustainability of P.E.A.C.E.

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About Bedford Pines (The "Old Fourth Ward")

When the Continental Wingate Company, Inc. purchased the fashionable Bedford Pines community in 1973, the area had provided its residents with above average intown living for years. Only minutes away from the Atlanta University Center, Georgia State University and the Georgia Institute of Technology, "The Pines" central location is ideal for the P.E.A.C.E. students that have come from various parts of the country to attend these and other area schools. However the community has not been immune to social and economic ills that have developed in every most inner city areas.

The Continental Wingate Company's renovation and redevelopment of "The Pines" is a part of a City of Atlanta sponsored program to fully restore the charm and high quality of living to the busy but quiet tree lined streets. In addition to employing a professional management staff that takes a personal interest in the residents, the community is fortunate to have officers that enjoy a warm relationship with the area's residents and business. The P.E.A.C.E. initiative, is endorsed and supported by the community's management and residents.

P.E.A.C.E.: The Mission

We are dedicated to uniting the youth of the Bedford Pines community with quality individuals. Mentors and tutors that will provide positive images, helpful influence, and encouragement in a variety of areas.

In addition to providing highly accessible tutoring and mentoring to the youth of the Bedford Pines community, P.E.A.C.E. will also focus on the other needs that will serve to better prepare our young brothers and sisters for the challenges of tomorrow. From arranging discussions and lectures from prominent business leaders to planning important field trips, we are devoted to identifying needs, creating opportunities, and realizing possibilities.

A Hand: What we need from YOU

Since we're all serious about P.E.A.C.E., we are letting you know now that we'll be requesting your assistance to help make this program a success. Maybe you could...spend an afternoon reading some interesting stories. Maybe you could share your experience in auto repair or barber shop operation. Or provide a tour of your business. Or donate your services, equipment, or other resources.

The possibilities only become more when you get involved. Just imagine once a month, everyone turned off television and volunteered 2 hours! We will be calling upon you, as well as a churches, local businesses, and community organizations for assistance.

Bedford Pines/Operation PEACE

Bedford Pines is a 733 unit, scattered site development located in the old "Fourth Ward" in downtown Atlanta's historic district.

Although fraught with many of the negative forces that plague large, inner city multifamily housing developments, this property continues to thrive due in part to the efforts of Operation PEACE and the investment of Continental Wingate Company, Inc., as well as the support of its local partners.

Operation PEACE, which stands for "Positive Education for African American Children Everywhere," was officially launched on November 1, 1995. The focus of PEACE was to connect the youth (ages 7-14) of Bedford Pines with resident college students who could serve as mentors and tutors in after-school programs. Many of the resident students attend the Atlanta University Center and Georgia State University nearby.

The Operation PEACE's Learning Center started in what was once a laundry room. On April 23rd, renovations to largely expand the facility were completed and opened during a "ribbon-cutting" event attended by Mayor Campbell and HUD Secretary Representative Davey Gibson.

In addition to HUD, PEACE's partners include NationsBank which has committed to donating 20 386 computers, YMCA which will co-sponsor the Summer Program, VISTA which will commit 2-4 volunteers. To aid in the start up of the Learning Center, HUD donated five 286 computers last year which have now been converted to 386's. Bedford Pines is a Neighborhood Networks site and is currently developing its plan for submission to HUD. This plan will include computer education and job training for adult residents. Operation PEACE has filed for status as a non-profit organization, making it eligible to apply for various Federal grant programs.

The Bedford Pines/Operation PEACE Learning Center, which has received much acclaim and recognition, was visited by Assistant Secretary Nic Retsinas and will be visited by Deputy Assistant Chris Green and other HUD Headquarters staff on May 3rd.

HUD Initiatives Help Build Community in Atlanta: HUD's guidance to an inner city, crime-ridden development, called Bedford Pines, has helped turn a once-troubled and crime-ridden property into a nice community. Through two unfunded HUD initiatives, SNAP (Safe Neighborhood Action Plan), and Neighborhood Networks, the successful "Reach Out" Learning Center and non-profit organization, PEACE, were unleached. PEACE--Positive Education for African Children Everywhere--is a new 501(c) organization formed and run (under the advisement of property management) by college students who live in Bedford Pines, who had a desire to "give back to their community." In November 1995, they launched a mentoring/tutoring afterschool program that bustles each day with eager to-learn youth from ages 7-13.

The hefty investment by owner, Continental Wingate, was followed by HUD's donation of five excess computers for their "start up"; NationsBank's commitment of up to 50 IBM computers, plus \$3,000 for supplies; the YMCA's sponsorship of an on-site Summer Youth Program; and the placement of four AmeriCorps/VISTA volunteers staffers. Plans are underway to further expand the Learning Center and fully implement Neighborhood Networks by providing computerized education and job training for adults.

Anti-crime strategies and the learning center, which is now the "pride of the community" have had an overwhelmingly positive effect. Overall crime reported in the Bedford Pines community decreased by 19 percent and drug activity decreased by 81 percent last year.

Safe Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP)

On June 12, 1994, HUD--in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National Assisted Housing Management Association (NAHMA)--unveiled a new anti-crime initiative to combat crime and drugs in HUD-assisted housing. The focus of the SNAP initiative was to bring together government officials at the local, state, and federal level, owners and managers of the housing, residents, service providers and law enforcement officials to develop innovative, neighborhood-based, crime strategies. Although no appropriated funds are involved, the concept was to identify, pool and better utilize limited new or existing resources.

The initial SNAP cities included: Boston, MA; Newark, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; Baltimore, MD; Atlanta, GA; Columbus, OH; Detroit, MI; Houston, TX; New Orleans, LA; Denver, CO; and Los Angeles, CA. Two additional cities were *subsequently* added: Richmond, VA and Little Rock/North Little Rock, AR.

Through a Cooperative Agreement with the Corporation for National Services, two VISTA volunteers per each participating city will be assigned to assist with implementation of the anti-drug/crime strategies. Recruitment will include consideration of residents residing at the targetted SNAP properties.

A variety of local SNAP strategies are now underway to address the serious problem of crime and drugs in these targetted assisted housing neighborhoods.

IN THE GEORGIA STATE OFFICE, BEDFORD PINE APARTMENTS WAS DESIGNATED AS ITS SNAP SITE.

There are 13 multifamily properties located in the Empowerment Zone that have either HUD-insured or HUD-held mortgages. These 13 properties provide housing for 1,971 families, with 1,719 of these units being subsidized by HUD through project based Section 8. Following are "fact sheets" on each of these properties.

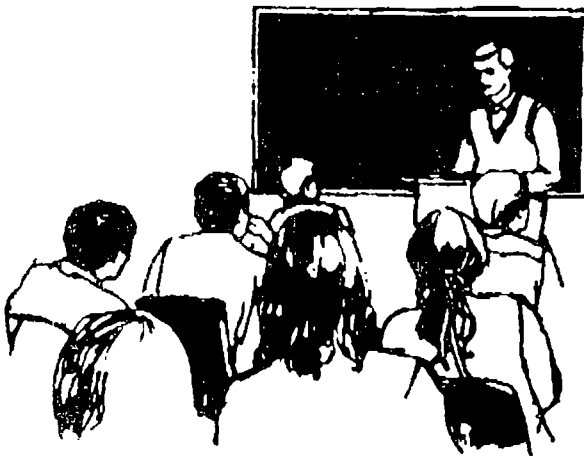
Bedford Pines, a 733 unit scattered site located in the old "Fourth Ward", is a Neighborhood Networks site. HUD's Neighborhood Networks initiative is designed to enhance the self-sufficiency, employability, and economic self-reliance of low income families and the elderly living in HUD-insured and assisted properties by providing residents with onsite access to computer and training resources.

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To aid in the start up of the Computer Learning Center at Bedford Pines, HUD donated five 286 computers last year which have now been converted to 386's. In addition to HUD, PEACE's partners include NationsBank which has committed to donating 20 386 computers, YMCA which will co-sponsor the Summer Program, VISTA which will commit 2-4 volunteers, and the owner of the property Continental Wingate Company, Inc.

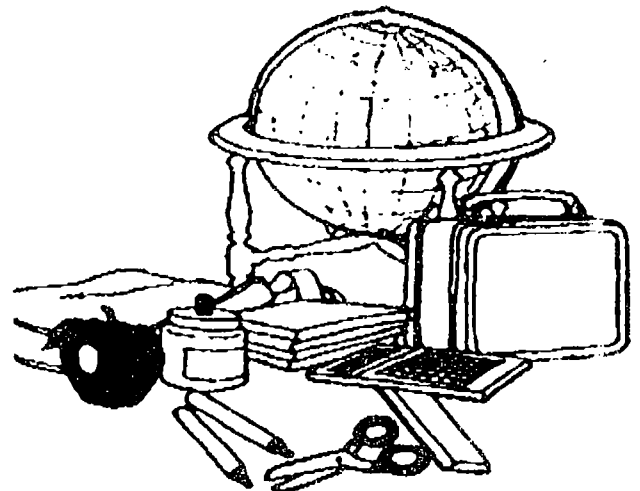
Computer Learning Center at HUD Assisted Property

Early childhood development is exactly the emphasis at the Reach Out Center operated at the Bedford Pine Apartments in downtown Atlanta. The youth (from 7-13 years of age) of this 733 unit, scattered site-development are daily participants in the 1-1/2 year old after school tutorial program.



Under the leadership of PEACE (Positive Education Always Creates Elevation), the resident-formed non-profit organization that operates the program, the youth are paired with resident college students who serve as mentors and tutors. In addition to assisting with homework assignments and computer training, PEACE members provide positive role models and the encouragement needed to boost self esteem, as well as grades.

Last year PEACE launched a Summer Camp Program in partnership with the YMCA for 98 participants. With the knowledge gained last year, PEACE is planning to operate its 1997 Summer Camp as a "solo" operation. This year's Summer Camp Program, which will be operated from June 23 to August 8th, will be assisted through the resources of their Georgia State University partnership, as well as the City of Atlanta's "Tickets for Kids" and food programs.



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The following are some of the unique things about Bedford Pines CDC project, called PEACE:

- Mentorors/tutorors are enthusiastic young college students that reside at Bedford Pines;
- PEACE is the result of a partnership with Management, Residents and the "for profit" owners, who have funded the program from what would have been their profits;
- Through another partnership with a law firm, Duncan & Mangiafico, pro-bono work helped them set up tutorial guidelines for agreements between mentorors, students and the parents involved; the attorneys provided training and followup advice and assistance;
- Partnership with the United Way provided mentoring workshop for each mentoror, followed by testing and certification (which now enables those certified to train and certify mentorors that follow;
- Action has recently been taken to enter into a partnership with Georgia State University which will provide for a graduate student to track the progress of students as a thesis. (A file is being maintained on each child/student who is in the program to facilitate this.)

Tutorors are in the process of meeting with the students' homeroom teachers in order to better focus on their needs; (The PEACE tutorors want their students to understand that there is a spirit of cooperation also between their teachers parents and them.)

Diana, most of these ideas come from the young people involved as tutorora; they are UNIQUELY committed! The video will highlight TV coverage as a "success story," their OPEN HOUSE, A/S Retsinas visit, and a Special Day Honoring the "Off duty" police officer, who has worked closely with the property and the youth there. Edna Malfatt, who formed PEACE, can be reached directly at (404)

Bedford Pines is the Georgia State Offices Safe Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) site and has also become one of the first Neighborhood Network (NN) sites. Their NN Business Plan was approved on September 24, 1996. It is one of three plans that were approved during FY 96 (Housing's Mgt Goal was to approve at least one (1) plan).

We are always proud to take HQs officials and other visitors to Bedford Pines to see what can be done to turn a neighborhood around. The programs they have undertaken are helping Bedford Pines become a model community.

On November 1, 1996, Gus Clay, from the Secretary's Representative office, presented Bedford Pine officials with a ceremonial check for \$517,037.

In addition, this was the first year anniversary of Bedford Pines' Neighborhood Network. The program is called P.E.A.C.E - Positive Education Always Creates Elevation. At the ceremony, P.E.A.C.E received the following:

Metropolitan Atlanta Foundation Grant	- \$7,500
Nations Bank Grant	- \$3,000
Pyramid Construction Donation	- \$500

Also, the property received a proclamation from the Governor declaring November 1, 1996 as PEACE Day. Additionally, there was a proclamation from the Mayor's office supporting the NN at Bedford Pines.



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Citizens Academy graduates first class

**Operation PEACE Expands
Educational Programs to Reach Adults
Monday, June 9th @ 5:00 p.m.**

The Village of Bedford Pines
420 Boulevard N.E., Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. - Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for Monday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. for the expanded Adult Education Program facilities of Operation PEACE in the Village of Bedford Pines located at 420 Boulevard, NE in Atlanta. PEACE is an acronym for Positive Education Always Creates Elevation.

The Groundbreaking ceremony will kick off the construction and renovation of the ground level space adjacent to the building that houses the current PEACE Program within the Village of Bedford Pines at 420 Boulevard, NE and will coincide with the PEACE Program's first graduation class.

Operation PEACE is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that was founded in 1995 by a number of dedicated employees of Wingate Management Company, Inc. ("Wingate"), residents of the Village of Bedford Pines and community leaders led by Edna Moffett. Ms. Moffett is an employee of Wingate and Service Coordinator for the Village and the PEACE Program. Ms. Moffett has stated that "the groundbreaking will make it possible to extend to adults the educational benefits offered to children in the neighborhood". Wingate is the property management firm that manages the 740 apartment multi-family housing complex known as the Village of Bedford Pines. Wingate is a wholly owned subsidiary of Continental Wingate Company, Inc. of Boston. Wingate has provided financial assistance as well as computers and furnishings to assist with the creation of the PEACE Program.

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The PEACE Program provides after school training and was designed, developed and implemented with the assistance and cooperation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Atlanta Regional Office, specifically, HUD's Neighborhood Network Program. The Neighborhood Network Program is the HUD sponsored community-based initiative to create computer learning centers that will educate and provide employment opportunities to residents of HUD's insured multi-family housing communities.

Its Reach Out Center offers training in the use of computers and instruction in arts. There also is a game room and a library which the students are encouraged to use for homework.

Since its founding, PEACE has provided various community services, including voter registration; tutorial help to youngsters, with the participation of college students; and summer camp for youngsters in conjunction with the YMCA.

The Reach Out Center has been very popular with youngsters since it was made part of the program soon after the founding of PEACE. It maintains an average attendance of 25 and expands to 50 in the summer. PEACE mentors meet with each student's teachers to monitor and reinforce school work. The library's books are donated by Atlanta schools and private individuals.

Four PEACE mentors are VISTA volunteers with responsibilities in grant writing, mentoring, adult outreach and city/community liaison.

The Citizens Academy segment of Operation PEACE was founded last February in partnership with Georgia State University, for community mobilization. Membership is made up of residents from Bedford Pines with Georgia State professors teaching courses in such topics as Community Policing and Sexually- Transmitted Diseases. If residents attend all of the courses they receive a continuing education point.

The Academy has mobilized to protest neighborhood zoning issues and has met with local police zone commanders to discuss and resolve issues concerning neighborhood policing policies.

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The graduation, scheduled in conjunction with the groundbreaking for 5 p.m. Monday, will mark the completion by eight Bedford Pines residents of a 10-week course in Self-Empowerment during which they applied their lessons by ridding the community of an unwanted liquor store, which had been a front for drug activities.

Instructor for the Academy courses is Dr. Robert Friedman, chairman of the Department of Criminal Justice at Georgia State University. With Dr. Friedman at the June 9 graduation will be Dr. Linda Smith, associate professor of Criminal Justice at the university, who is the Academy project director. The Bedford Pines Citizen Academy is a pilot program of the university.

Citizens Academy will begin its next course, on Community Policing, on June 23. It will mark the first time in Atlanta's history that neighborhood residents and city police officers will sit for classroom instruction together.

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