

Fletcher Flashes September/October 2010



Cynthia with her daughter Sierra (above)

Two “Hands Up” Staff at Fletcher Place Community Center INC work hard to become first time home owners through the Fuller Center’s Legacy Build ‘10



Jessica with her daughters Jasmine and Victoria along with the work team



Cynthia and Jessica getting their sweat equity hours in at their new homes



Jessica getting in her sweat equity hours at her new house

Fletcher Place Community Center’s “Hands Up” Staff program is all about nurturing our clients’ gifts and skills as we provide opportunities for success in life. Previous Hands Up Staff have gone on to college, one just this past Spring graduated from UINDY with her BS in Social Work. Jessica is currently working on her CDA (Child Development Associate) certification as she works at the Center as our Preschool Teacher in Training. Jessica grew up in the neighborhood and was stuck in a dead end job when she came to the center looking for work. As she gains her CDA certification she will be able to continue in her college work or move on as a lead teacher in a preschool program.

Cynthia came to us not only in need of a job but to be part of a community that appreciated her gifts and dreams for a better future. Cynthia came to Indianapolis many years ago on a Greyhound Bus from Detroit as a young mother with 4 young children. Now with all of her children are grown but Sierra, Cynthia is working toward her GED. Cynthia has become a valued member of the “Hands UP” staff and is the “face and voice” of Fletcher Place as she works at our front desk, handling phone calls and greeting everyone!

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Art in the City 2010 Summer Program

We learned about Cultures in India, Greece, Spain, Australia, Japan and about the Inuit Culture. The World is so BIG!



We Created:

Pinatas, clay pinch pots (glazed and fired), Elephant Masks, Kelidescopes, Water Colorings, Fiber Art, Picture Collages...



WE experienced Greek food by going to Santorini's Greek Restaurant just a few blocks from the Center.

We made new friends, too!



We picked up recyclable trash in our community – thanks to KIB for supplies!

We were provided with **healthy lunches** from: Armando's, Santorini's, MJ Insurance, Anthem, Jane Burgess, and the following UMCs: Acton, Christ, Epworth, Good Shepherd, Irvington, Mt Auburn, Mt Comfort, Noblesville, Pittsboro, Robert's Park, Speedway, St. Mark's, and St Luke's! For many of us this was our one good meal of the day ☺

We were provided much needed supplies by: MJ

Insurance, Brickyard Ceramics, Amaco Ceramics and Crafts, Heron School of Art Honor's Program, and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Mt Auburn UMC.

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