

## **GRADUATION**

*CMHA held a recognition ceremony for graduating high school residents*

On Wednesday, June 24, 2009, CMHA held a high school graduation ceremony at Lakeview Community Center to recognize graduating CMHA seniors.

The event began with a welcome and invocation from Michael Burns, CMHA Self-Sufficiency Coordinator at Riverside Park, words of encouragement from William H. Smith, Chairman of the CMHA Board of Commissioners, Doris V. Jones, Vice-Chairperson of the CMHA Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Robert Davis and Commissioner Ronald Johnson. The graduates along with members of their families received certificates of accomplishment presented by Jeffery K. Patterson, Chief of Staff and Operations.

One of the graduates is Davante Presley, who is the first in his family to graduate from high school. He plans to attend the University of Toledo with dreams of becoming a brain surgeon. "CMHA has kept an eye on me and for that I am grateful. Graduation is a big deal to me in moving forward and meeting my goals."

The students and their families enjoyed the ceremony along with the food, music and dance performances by Cleveland School of the Arts Urban Dance Collective.

"We are extremely proud of this group and we congratulate them and their families for reaching this important milestone in their lives," said Lisa Enoch, Community and Supportive Services Operations Manager. "It is important to recognize accomplishments such as this and I am looking forward to seeing twice as many graduates take part in this event next year."