

YOUTHBUILD GRADUATION

CMHA held an awards and recognition luncheon for graduating Youthbuild students

On Friday, June 12, 2009, CMHA held a Youthbuild graduation event at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens to honor graduating CMHA students. Youthbuild is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities including housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. CMHA and Youthbuild works together to use the intelligence and positive energy of low-income youth to rebuild their communities and their lives.

“The program has been an amazing experience. We have learned leadership and life skills, visited colleges, practiced mock interviews, and have really gotten a sense of what we want to do with our lives,” said Camelia Bradley, CMHA Youthbuild graduate. I would recommend this program absolutely to a young person looking to choose the right path.”

The event consisted of a welcome from Robin Holmes, Youthbuild Coordinator, remarks from Lillian Davis, President of the Progressive Action Council, Doris V. Jones, Vice-Chairperson of the CMHA Board of Commissioners, Jeffery K. Patterson, Chief of Staff and Operations of CMHA, and George A. Phillips, Chief Executive Officer of CMHA. Awards were presented to students by David Gilliam, Youthbuild Case Manager.

“This is the first step in many you will take in your lives. Keep climbing those steps up,” said George Phillips, CEO of CMHA to the graduating class. “There is no limit how high you can go or achieve.”