

If you have something to say

# "SPEAK UP"

July 2001

This newsletter features several sections to share information and ideas for contribution by all: **EMPOWER THE PEOPLE**, section is dedicated to articles about training, self-help programs and any other information that can possibly increase the readers potential.

**WORD ON THE STREET**, section passes along information as to what is going on in the Jonathan Street area and our community as a whole. Listed may be notification of employment opportunities, home or business ownership developments, and whatever else is going on in our community that can benefit or affect us all.

**SPEAK UP**, the opinion section, if you have something to say, *SPEAK UP!*

Subscription is free and remarks are welcomed. Contact: Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. 131 West North Avenue, Martin Luther King Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, phone 301-393-9290, e-mail buwdc131@hotmail.com or page Andy Smith, Editor at 301-745-2000, e-mail andyesmith@aol.com. July's Letter Carriers: Michael Campher, Alonzo Shaul

## EMPOWER THE PEOPLE

**Get Involved!** Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. is calling upon you to take active participation in helping to move this community ahead; we want you to get involved:

Our senior residents in the housing projects need your help.

Drum instructor for the Hagerstown Bouncers.

Office manager with grant writing and proposal skills for Brothers United Who Dare to Care.

**First computers delivered.** *Michael Campher* received the first computer given in the self-help program, with the support of Councilman Linn Hendershot. Michael made the honor roll and received several academic award certificates. Michael now works as a volunteer delivering the "Speak Up" newsletter. *Alonzo Shaul* helped build the computer he received and he will help participate with the installation of the computers distributed through this program. If you are interested in receiving a free computer contact Brothers United Who Dare to Care. Educational or career needs, and volunteering in your community are being considered as ways to put one of these computers in your home to keep.

**Community Enrichment Coalition (CEC)** offers a lot to area and is located on the corner of Church and Jonathan Streets. Assistance is available to everyone. CEC has a Clothes Closet, a Food Pantry, a Resource Library and a referral system. *Gary Graves* says CEC plans to expand their hours of service and is currently open Tuesday through Thursday mornings. Brothers United Who Dare to Care is working to expand the efforts of CEC in the Jonathan Street community.

**For Our Kid's Sake.** A four-bus trip to Six Flags in Jackson, New Jersey is scheduled for August

4, 2001. For Our Kid's Sake is seeking community support that has helped send hundreds of children, teenagers and chaperons on similar trips in the past. The price per person includes a ticket to the Park and round trip bus fare. Anyone who would like to sponsor a child or a family or just contribute, contact: *Mrs. Clara Broadus* or *Ms. Dottie Bell* at 301 739-2557. Deposits can also be made to the Hagerstown Trust account name: For Our Kid's Sake.

## WORD ON THE STREET

**National Night Out at Bethel Gardens.** August 2, Thursday at 5:30pm. Free hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and free games. On sale will be, snow cones and a moonwalk ride. The ribbon cutting for the Police Substation will highlight this event. This will be worth attending.

### **Blacks in Business.**

*Artrella Mack* of Candle Light Gallery & Museum interview by "SPEAK UP" for the unique experience she brings to our community with her museum-gallery and gift shop, a must see at 51 East Franklin Street in downtown Hagerstown. Call 240-420-3890 for appointment.

Much success to owner *Vincent Kenny* of Citywide Communications, for three years of business in downtown Hagerstown. Citywide Communications is a full service operation with sales and service for pagers, phones and accessories located on East Franklin Street. Call 301 766-4100.

Thanks to owners *Carol and Michael Keates* of C&M Convenient Store for sponsoring a team in the Memorial Recreation Center's Summer League Basket Ball program. C&M Convenient Store is located on the corner of Jonathan and Bethel Street and is open Monday thru Friday 6am-8pm; Saturday 8am-8:00pm and Sunday 10am-6pm.

**Washington County Government "POSITION AVAILABLE":** Plant Operator III \$27,770 minimum (with benefits). LMB Project Coordinator \$32,391 (with benefits). Motor Equipment Operator III \$11.40/Hr. (no benefits) Apply at the Washington County Department of Human Resources, 100 W. Washington St., Room 202, Hagerstown MD or call 301 791-3175

**Washington County Department of Social Services "VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT":** Income Maintenance Specialist I \$24,313-\$36,099 (contractual). Human Service Associate I \$18,862-\$27,854 (contractual). Contact Betty Dattilio WCDSS 122 N. Potomac St. Hagerstown, MD for applications or call 240 420-2139. Minority Candidates are encouraged to apply.

**Head Start "POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT":** Purchase of Care Clerk \$11.50-\$13.70/HR. Education Specialist \$37,184-\$41,602/Annual. Family Service Worker \$12.51-\$14.48/HR. Home Visitor (Full Time) \$10.99-\$12.50/HR. To apply for these "new" positions contact: Human Resources, Resources for Children and Families, Inc. 325 W. Memorial Blvd. Hagerstown MD or call 301 733-000.

**The 2001 Youth Party was a success.** Despite the rain, there was a turn out. Winners of the raffle were:  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize 19 inch Color T.V. for ticket #0499364 holder *Sylvia Freeman*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$20 for ticket #0499392 holder *Latasha Jackson*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$10 for ticket #0499424 holder *Kim Rosario*

Three sets of Orioles baseball game tickets were also given out to dance contestant winners. Big thanks to *Mary Spencer, Mollie Smith, Ted Lee, Ruth Monroe, Brian Scot* and the special person who donated the Orioles baseball tickets. Let's do it again!

## SPEAK UP

Perhaps we need to present a topic for our readers to respond to. Here's one:

**Jonathan Street name change.** Should the section of Jonathan Street, between Church Street and Charles Street, be changed to a name that could give a more positive reflection of the residents who live there? Council-man Hendershot hinted on the Jonathan Street name change during his campaign. Would a street name change make a difference or maybe advance community pride? Possibly, who knows? Africa Avenue sounds good to me. Call 301 393-9290 to SPEAK UP! with your remarks.

**Emmy Award winner Kelly Wright.** It was brought to *Ted Lee's* attention, last month, Kelly was nominated for two TV news awards and then went on to win them. We are blessed to have a former resident of our community go on to meet such success. Kelly's work on the slavery series and racial reconciliation should be an example that it is okay to address these issues without shame or fear. May God continue to bless Mr. Wright and especially bless his mother, *June Wright*, for the wonderful work she did as a mother. I look forward to seeking June's council for parenting advice.

*Submitted by Andy Smith*

**Freedom Shrine Display at MLK.** Please stop and see the monument to freedom housed in our community at the Martin Luther King Center along side of the displays of the citizens of this neighborhood who have worked to insure our freedom.

*Submitted by Brothers United Who Dare to Care*

**To Brothers United Who Dare to Care.** On behalf of the Campher family, we would like to thank you for contributing the computer to our home. You've made my son's wish come true and for that I am grateful. For those who have read the newsletter and did not respond to the free computers, it was no gimmick, it's true. Let Brothers United Who Dare to Care bring one to you.

*Submitted by Debra Campher*

**Character Counts.** Carry the message that individuals are not born with good character. Good character is learned through direct teaching from those around us and by watching how others behave.

*Submitted by Character Counts! Washington County, MD*

**Congratulations to Gold Medal Winner.** *Marty Weedon*, Maryland State Police and one of the members who helped to start Brothers United Who Dare to Care, is the Heavyweight Black Belt Karate Champion of the World Police and Fireman Games.

*Submitted by Brothers United*

**A Story of three kittens.** This story is about three little cats and a little boy who loved them so much. A car killed the kitten's mommy. So the little boy helped feed them, still one of the kittens died. The boy even paid to take them to the vet to save the other cats. The boy took them to his house to keep them. But then his dad said he could not keep them until they move and buy a new house where he could have pets.

*Submitted by Josie Smith*

### Calendar Of Events

July 22.....3pm Wheaton Park Concert Series "The Kankouran West African Dance Company".
August 2.....5:30pm "National Night Out" in Bethel Gardens.