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<b>Head Start</b>	Central Office 453-0803	<b>Weatherization</b>	455-5900 or 1-800-526-6454
		<b>WIC Nutrition Program</b>	Bridgeton 451-5600 Cape May County 609-465-1224 Millville 825-4980 or 825-6099 Salem County 935-8919 Vineland 691-1155

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Enjoy fresh produce from Tri-County's Mill Creek Urban Farm at the Farmer's Market on the Riverfront, Bridgeton. This community project was launched in 2009 and is supported in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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## Thirty Students Graduate From Tri-County Home Ownership Counseling Class

By GINA AUDIO

BRIDGETON -- For many people, realizing the goal of homeownership comes with the passing of numerous milestones. For 30 people, graduation from Tri-County's Home Ownership Counseling Class took them one step closer toward reaching that goal.

The graduation event recognized the graduates' hard work in a six-week series of classes that covered budgeting, money management, credit and credit repair, mortgage financing, predatory lending, fair housing, shopping for a home, home inspections and maintenance.

Tri-County, a HUD-certified housing counseling agency, has counselors certified nationally in homebuyer counseling, foreclosure and loss mitigation counseling and court mediation.

Qualified graduates will be invited to participate in the agency's Individual Development Account (IDA) program, which is one-to-one or two-to-one matched savings program that can be used for down payments or closing costs.

Susan T. James, Senior Vice President for Housing & Community Development,

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"Rooting Out Poverty" takes center stage at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Tri-County President/CEO Albert B. Kelly speaks with Juan Williams, the national spokesperson for the "Rooting Out Poverty" Campaign.

## Black Hall of Fame Inducts Class of '09

The Cumberland County Black Hall of Fame inducted eight new members as part of the Class of 2009 during a ceremony at the Marino Ballroom, Bridgeton, on Sunday, May 24.

This year's class included: Dr. Martha H. Brown, Elizabeth Gould (both posthumous inductions), Diane McDaniels, Donna Pearson, Cleon Robinson, Vivian and Anamary Townsend, and Benjamin Wright, Jr.

The ceremony revolved around the theme "Lest We Not Forget" and included a poem reading by Ms. Cheryl White and musical performances by Rev. W. Wayne DeShields.

Seven students were also honored: Jvonna Bard, Michel'le Bryant, Salan Marie Chapman, Denae Clarke, Samantha Mae Eaddy-Walker, Robinetta Johnson and Dave Mooring.

Every year the Hall of Fame selects honorees from the nominations submitted for their contributions to leadership and the betterment of the community, or outstanding athletic or scholarly ability. This year marked the 22nd year of the Black Hall of Fame.

## Tri-County, Nehemiah Coalition Conduct “Funeral for Violence”

Tri-County Community Action Partnership, in association with the Nehemiah Coalition, conducted a mock funeral to mark the death of violence in the county.

The event, titled “A Time

of Remembrance – A Time of Choice & Change Celebration” originated in Bridgeton, Millville and Vineland with three “funeral” processions that made various stops in the community en route to the

Guaracini Center where the program concluded with a memorial service that called for peace and an end to violence. The procession was a powerful statement to the realities of violence as it hits the community.

### What Violence Causes or Leads To:

- A child being arrested every 19 seconds
- A child being confirmed as abused or neglected every 35 seconds
- A child being arrested for a drug offense every 4 minutes
- A child being arrested for a violent crime every 7 minutes
- A child or teen being killed by a firearm every 3 hours
- A child or teen committing suicide every 5 hours
- A child being killed by abuse or neglect every 6 hours
- 4 children being killed by abuse or neglect each day
- 5 children or teens committing suicide each day
- 8 children or teens being killed by firearms each day
- 201 children being arrested for a violent crime each day
- 404 children being arrested for a drug crime each day
- 2583 babies being born into poverty each day
- 2479 children being confirmed as abused or neglected each day
- 4,520 children being arrested each day
- 60,840 New Jersey Juveniles being arrested in 2006
- 1704 NJ Juveniles in Residential Placements in 2006
- NJ spent 2.6 times as much per prisoner as per public school students
- A child dying before his or her first birthday every 15 hours
- A child or teen being killed by gunfire every 10 days and
- In 2005 45 children in NJ dying from firearm injuries.

In America, the number of children and teens killed by guns in 2005 would fill 120 public classrooms of 25 students each and since 1979, firearms killed 104,419 children and teens.

According to the twenty-fourth annual report on domestic violence in New Jersey, that contains a comparison and analyses between 2005 and 2006 data, and is based on domestic violence reports submitted to the NJ Uniform Crime reporting system, the following statistics paint a scary picture:

- 73,749 domestic violence offenses in 2006
- The most frequent day of domestic violence occurrences being Sunday's
- Children being involved or present during 33% of all domestic violence offenses
- Females being the victims of 77% of all domestic violence offenses
- Alcohol and/or drugs being involved in 28% of all reported offenses and according to the NJ

### Division of Women's Domestic Violence FACT Sheet (2004):

- Teens aged 16 to 24 are particularly vulnerable and experience the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence
- Fifty percent of men who frequently assault their wives frequently assault their children
- As many as 24% of female teens experience violence on at least one occasion
- Approximately one in five female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner and
- Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems including depression, anxiety, and violence towards peers. They are also more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, engage in teenage prostitution, and commit sexual assault crimes.

## Homeownership Graduates/

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noted that in spite of the economic downturn and the foreclosure crisis, there are still a number of individuals in the housing market who are ready and able to purchase homes.

Tri-County's program focused on those individuals and helped them become better prepared for homeownership. The program was underwritten by PNC Bank and TD Bank. For additional information, contact Jimmy Green at 856-451-6330.

## Literacy Program Accredited

By GINA AUDIO

Tri-County Community Action Partnership's adult literacy program was awarded accredited status by ProLiteracy America, the US Programs Division of ProLiteracy Worldwide. Tri-County has served Cumberland and Salem counties for 15 years.

ProLiteracy America's Accreditation provides literacy programs with a comprehensive process for: conducting an organizational self-assessment; developing program improvement plans; and demonstrating that the organization meets the highest standards for governance, program management, program operations, and volunteer development.

Tri-County is a nonprofit educational program dedicated to helping adults of all ages improve their lives and their communities by learning reading, writing, math and problem-solving skills.

## Introducing ... Board Member Forest Bobbitt

By ED HILT

Forest Bobbitt wasn't that far into the 2004 Philadelphia Marathon when she knew something was wrong.

Usually, on these long-distance runs, her daughter Amber is the one who pushes and coaxes and practically wills the both of them across the finish line.

But this time, it was Forest encouraging Amber through most of their 26.2-mile journey. Amber was suffering from the flu, and ran the race with a fever.

"About eight or nine miles in, Amber said she wasn't feeling well," said Bobbitt, who is on Tri-County Community Action Partnership's Board of Directors.

"I looked at her, and I could see she wasn't well. Her face was pale. I said that's all right. Let's just take it easy."

Bobbitt talked her daughter through it, urging her on through 10 miles, 15 miles, 20 miles ... all the way to the end.

"She didn't give up," Bobbitt said. "We just talked. Talked the whole time. We made it."

Later, after an emotional scene in front of family at the finish line when they finished together, Amber thanked her mother for pulling her through. Bobbitt couldn't have been happier to do it.

It was Amber who inspired her mother to resume running on a regular basis about eight years ago. It was Amber who persuaded her mother to run competitively, including her first marathon

with the Philadelphia Marathon in 2004, and the experience has been rewarding physically and mentally.

Bobbitt helping her daughter finish the Philadelphia Marathon in adverse conditions felt like a nice way to pay her back.

"When I started running again, my focus was on fitness," Bobbitt said. "But then the focus shifted. What I really enjoyed was spending time with Amber. Time with her without the phone and TV. It was so rewarding. It's what I look forward to. The running was great, but secondary to the time I spent with my daughter."

That's why the 10-mile Broad Street Run in May this year felt so strange. Amber was pregnant, so Bobbitt had to run it without her. After a Philadelphia Marathon, a half marathon and two other Broad Street Runs, Bobbitt was missing the support of her daughter for the first time in a competitive long-distance run.

"When I got there, I was so overwhelmed because she wasn't there with me," Bobbitt said.

"But shortly after I arrived, she called, and I felt better. I felt like she was there with me."

Bobbitt did fine, completing the race in one hour, 51 minutes and 29 seconds, while spending some of the time on the run talking with her other daughter, Heather, via cell phone. Not that the time really matters, anyway. Running distances of 26, 13

## Tri-County Hosts Successful 'Group WorkCamp' Project

Tri-County Community Action Partnership once again hosted Group WorkCamps from July 13-17, 2009, in Bridgeton.

Group Workcamps are intensive, one-week trips that help people grow in faith through service.

Individuals and youth from around the country spent the week in Bridgeton performing hands-on home repair projects for elderly, low-income and disabled homeowners in the county.

The program included 385 campers from 11 different states who volunteered and gave 9,980 hours to repair 46 homes.

Campers painted houses as well as built porches, decks, and wheelchair ramps for the low-income, elderly, and disabled residents. In addition, campers donated 2,250 canned goods for our pantry that in turn, supplies families in need and feeding sites in our area.

and 10 miles is an accomplishment.

Bobbitt, who works in Human Resources at Mannington Mills, runs anywhere from 13 to 32 miles a week when training for a race, and she also does weight training. She is considering running a half marathon in September, and that will require running 15 to 25 miles a week starting in July.

But she still finds time to help others, such as her position on Tri-County's Board of Directors, teaching Sunday school or mentoring in a wellness program at Mannington Mills. She has also been a Literacy Volunteer through Tri-County.

"I'm a benefits specialist at Mannington, and I work with retirees a lot," Bobbitt said.

"That's one of my favorite things to do, because I can help them and they help me. They teach me a lot about life in general. If I am having a bad day, and they come in for help, when they leave, I thank them. They put things in perspective for me. It keeps me grounded. It keeps me humble. My job has been really good like that. And I really like helping people. I feel like it's a calling."

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