

Utah Advocates Impact D.C.

By Heather Tritten

The National Low Income Housing Coalition held their annual conference and lobbying day. The delegation from Utah consisted of Tara Rollins from the Utah Housing Coalition, Tim Funk of Crossroads Urban Center and Heather Tritten of Utah Issues. The group attended a day-long State Coalitions meeting where we were able to discuss policy advocacy efforts across the country. Housing advocates were able to share their wins and losses and ideas for the future. Many states are doing exciting things that we would like to see happen in Utah.

Topics at the conference ranged from changes in the Section 8 program to Smart Growth to Get Out the Vote efforts. The day started out with a frighteningly thorough, yet entertaining explanation of the current federal budget situation and efforts to protect housing. The keynote speaker was the Chair of the Democratic Voting Rights Institute, Donna Brazile. She was energizing and inspiring, reminding participants that we need to speak up and be heard if we are going to win the fights for funding and protecting Section 8 Housing. The day left participants educated and excited to head to Capitol Hill for the final day in Washington.

The Utah delegation met with staff in Senator Bennett's office, Senator Hatch's office and Congressman Cannon's office. We had long discussions with all of these people about the importance of housing programs and CDBG in Utah. Because Utah depends primarily on federal programs to serve our low-income housing needs, it is crucial that our Congressional delegation understand the importance of keeping these programs whole. Both Senators had very knowledgeable staff, who were concerned about the future of HUD programs, however no commitments were made to vote no on a budget that did not properly fund these programs. We will continue these conversations with the Congressional delegation and staff over the next months as the budget progresses.

As we headed home for Utah it was clear that there is much work to be done. We are looking forward to working together over the next year to protect HUD funded programs as well as make changes on the state level.

Your Community Needs You

Salt Lake City is always seeking interested citizens to participate in City Government through involvement with the numerous boards and commissions established to help meet the needs of Salt Lake City's residents and communities.

Participation on a City board or commission provides the opportunity for residents to get involved and make a difference. If you live within the Salt Lake City boundaries and are willing to commit to your community, please take this opportunity to check out the boards and commissions listed on the Salt Lake City website at www.slcgov.com/boards.

Application forms and conflict of interest statements can be downloaded from the website. Contact information is also provided if you have questions about serving on a City board.

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If you have anything you would like to share with our members, please contact one of us. Complete contact information can also be found on our website "Contact Us" page.

www.utabhousing.org

Meet our new ED, Tara Rollins

There are a few people I need to thank for getting me to where I am today. First of all ASSIST for taking the risk on hiring me 10 years ago, a newbie to Utah from New Hampshire. Roger and Dave gave me the ability to grow within the community to become who I am today.

My first adventure was with Project CARE where I met and learned from people like Diane Jones, Eileen Dywer and Christy Johnson. Then I met Whitney from Utah Issues. Boy was that an adventure! I have been on the Utah Issues Board ever since. Whitney encouraged me to attend many meetings in the community, one being the Housing Coalition. After a few meetings, Stephanie Harpst asked me to join the Executive Board.

I have been surrounded by great leadership holding down the fort ever since; Claudia O'Grady, Phyllis Robinson, Joann Butler, Sheldon Woods, Kevin Gardiner and Ann Crissman to name a few.

When the housing authorities were mandated to have resident input for their 1 to 5 year plans it became apparent the residents needed help in organizing. Working with Terry Feveryear, Rosemary Kappas and Lona Walton to overcome the barriers residents faced in this process were a positive learning experience for all of us.

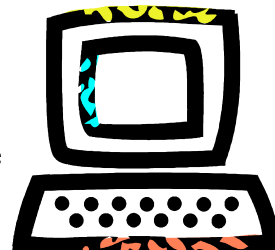
Jane Shock and Cindie Butcher have provided me scholarships to The Neighborhood Reinvestment Training, The Enterprise and NAHRO Conferences.

I have had the honor of being on the HEAT Advisory Board with leaders like Sherm Roquero and Mike Johnson from the State, and Alice Miller and Betsy Wolfe from CAP. I can not forget the grassroots organizers like Tim Funk, Crossroads, Kay Fox, CAP, Barbra Toomer, DRAC and their overflowing passion for the people and their needs.

I want to thank all I have been in contact with over the years who have had a strong influence on who I am today. I feel very fortunate to be surrounded by our members. I look forward to working and learning from you all.

**UHC Website
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Log on to **www.utabhousing.org** and see what we have in store for you! The website contains information about our membership, upcoming events, helpful links, reports, legislative updates, our annual conference, quarterly newsletters (in case you missed one) and how to contact the executive board.



Member Spotlight



In each newsletter we would like to spotlight one or two of our current members. These are selected at random, and this section is designed to let everyone know what everyone else is about and what we can accomplish together.

Mountainlands Community Housing Trust

(MCHT) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation located at 1960 Sidewinder Drive, Suite 107, Park City, Utah. Founded in 1993, MCHT is based on the belief that a safe affordable home is often a family's first step toward economic self-sufficiency. MCHT addresses the dual problems of housing affordability and availability on three fronts: acquisition and new construction of affordable housing, direct assistance in securing housing and needed basic services, and education and advocacy to promote housing policy.



12 Affordable housing units built by MCHT in North Bench Farms

Mountainlands Community Housing Trust currently sponsors the following programs:

- CROWN – 8 Rent to Own homes in Kamas, Oakley & Coalville
- Mutual Self Help Housing's Owner/builder program in Oakley
- Market Rate homes, North Bench Farms Subdivision in Oakley
- The Line Condominiums 22 affordable units for purchase in Park City
- Transitional Housing 5 units for Homeless individuals and families
- Affordable rental housing, Holiday Village, Washington Mill & Meadowview apartments
- Housing Resource Center, assistance for renters in finding suitable housing, listings available on our website, www.housinghelp.org or call 435-647-9719
- IDA and Down payment assistance

“Housing for People Not for Profit”



Mutual Self Help Housing home, built in Kamas

Don't miss out on our Fall Events



Bruce Quint Memorial Golf Tournament

September 16th 12:30 – 7:30

Dinner included

Old Mill Golf Course

Sponsorships still open

\$100/player includes

18 holes of golf, cart, dinner and prizes.



Only available for dinner? Join us at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15/dinner

Log on to www.utahhousing.org for
complete registration information

Fall Housing Fair

Sponsored by

The Utah Housing Coalition
and the Utah Chapter of NAHRO



The mission of the Fall Housing Fair is to provide information and resources to obtain and maintain safe affordable housing, thus providing a healthy stable environment to prosper.

September 23rd

2:00 - 5:30

Liberty Senior Center

251 East 700 South

More information to come!





Annual Utah Housing Matters Conference

October 11th and 12th

Canyons Resort, Park City

Keynote Speaker Liz Murray “Homeless to Harvard”

Liz Murray’s life is a stunning example of triumph over adversity. As the child of cocaine-addicted parents in the Bronx, her life was bitterly grim. There was never food in the house, everything was filthy, drugs were everywhere, and the welfare checks were spent before they arrived. By age 15, Murray’s mom had died and she was homeless — living on the streets, riding the subway all night, and eating from dumpsters. Amidst this pain, she always imagined her life could be better. “I started to grasp the value of the lessons learned while living on the streets. I knew after overcoming those obstacles that next to nothing could hold me down.” Determined to take charge of her life, Murray finished high school in just two years, while camping out in NYC parks and subway stations and went on to earn a scholarship to attend Harvard University. Murray’s innocently honest delivery takes audiences on a very personal journey where she achieves the improbable. She was a recent recipient of Oprah Winfrey’s first ever Chutzpah Award.

Here are some of the workshops we’re currently working on:

- How to Use Census Information
- Identity Theft
- What is Congress doing to Housing NOW?
- Intro to Housing Development
- Design Workshop
- Rural Housing Options & Barriers
- Accounting Issues
- Patriot Act
- Predatory Lending, Sub-Prime Lending
- Predatory Lending In Utah - Fact, Fiction and Help!
- Advanced Tax Credits
- Personal Development Track (All Day or three separate workshops)
- Homeless Track (All Day or three separate workshops)
- Home Financing Options for Utah's Growing Senior & Multi-Generational Households



Year in Review

We'd like to thank all of our members and sponsors for a great year.

We held our annual "Utah Housing Matters" Conference at the Homestead Resort in Midway. We had 147 attendees and funded 16 scholarships. We want to thank all of our sponsors of last year's conference.

With the help of The Department of Community and Economic Development and Fannie Mae the Coalition hired the U of U to research and produce a report on the Economic Impact of Affordable Housing.

The Housing Coalition found a new home. It is very appropriate the office is in a mixed use multi-family affordable housing complex. We would like to thank John Potter Chevron/Texaco Bank for helping us with the start up cost of our new office. He supplied us with a new computer, desk, File Cabinet, Supplies, Board Table and Chairs.

Jane Shock and her team at American Express Center for Community Development sponsored the announcement of our new office and Open House in December. We had a nice gathering of members to show off the new office as well as networking time.

Cindie Butcher invested Morgan Stanley Bank's money in our New Website. The website is an ongoing project. We hope to make this a very useful tool for all our members.

The Coalition hired John Norman to lobby during the Legislative session. He joined a great team of advocates, Heather Tritten, Utah Issues, Tim Funk, Crossroads, and Candice Dailey from the Utah Chapter of NAHRO. We received email updates from John throughout the session.

Jennifer Schreiter worked very hard to put together the Affordable Housing Day on the hill. The Economic Impact study was released to the press as well as the Legislators. We had an engaging program as well as 25 members displaying their organizations and projects.

The Utah Housing Coalitions voice has been being heard out in the community. We have been following many issues locally and federally. We had a significant impact on the Midvale ordinance passed on rental application fees. It is a great example of advocates and policy makers working together. We have been participating in federal budget meetings with a variety of our members, strategizing the best way to educate our Congressmen on CDBG, and Section 8. We have been making some head way. But they need to hear from more of our members. We will continue to work with the City on a solution to the hotels on State Street.

We have three huge events we are working on for the fall:

September 16th Bruce Quint Memorial Golf Tournament being held at Old Mill Golf Course.

September 23rd 2nd Annual Fall Housing Fair

sponsored by the Utah Housing Coalition and Utah National Chapter of NAHRO.

October 11th and 12th Annual "Utah Housing Matters" Conference

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We appreciate those who have volunteered to help make this year's conference a success: Bill Swadley & Julie Taylor, Bank of American Fork; Trish Casto, Mountainlands Community Housing; Stella Allen, Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity; Amy Rowland, Mercy Housing; Claudia O'Grady, MEDC; Kevin Gardiner, Wells Fargo; and Tara Rollins and Jennifer Schreiter, UHC.

Calendar of UHC Events 2005

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| August 3, 2005 | UHC Bi-Monthly Meeting | |
| | Washington Mutual 376 East 400 South | 11:00 a.m. |
| September 16, 2005 | Golf Tournament Fund Raiser | |
| | Old Mill Golf Course | |
| September 18-21 | The National Association for County
Community & Economic Development | |
| September 23, 2005 | Fall Housing Fair | |
| | Liberty Senior Center (250 E 700 S) | 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. |
| October 5, 2005 | UHC Bi-Monthly Meeting | |
| | Washington Mutual 376 East 400 South | 11:00 a.m. |
| October 11 & 12, 2005 | Annual Conference | All day |
| | The Canyons Resort, Park City, UT | |