

## **LOCAL BROTHER'S SELECTED FOR APPALYOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Joseph and Russell Bailey have been selected as Fellows through the AppalYouth Fellowship Program sponsored by the Sojourner's Care Network located in McArthur, Ohio.

For over five years, Joseph and Russell have been key leaders in Operation Right Choice, Artworks, and RAZE. They have provided excellent leadership as youth staff at the Middle School Teen Institute, and are certified peer mediators with the Cabell County Sheriff's Department.

Both received a \$2500 grant matched by a \$2500 grant from HHA to implement two community-service projects. Joseph will focus on youth violence, and Russell will focus on tobacco education among teens. Both will travel throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky facilitating workshops, speaking on behalf of AppalYouth, and encouraging other youth to take an active role in their community.



HHA is tremendously proud of these two young men and commend them on their award.

## **YOUTH BECOME TEACHERS**



Last October, eleven members of TACS - Teens Against Cigarettes and Snuff were invited to teach teachers and counselors from six counties at the RESA II RAZE Adult Advisory Training Workshop.

Last year, TACS members conducted over 2,000 tobacco prevention/education events throughout our region. TACS members demonstrated various games, skits, and commotions they use to educate and inform others as to the dangers associated with tobacco use.

These adults will be responsible for implementing a RAZE crew (chapter) in their respective schools.

## **HHA RECEIVES GRANTS TO FOCUS ON AREA YOUTH**

HHA received three grant awards totaling over \$50,000 to target high-risk youth throughout the region for the next twelve months.

### **Operation Right Choice**



A Governor's Safe and Drug Free Communities grant in the amount of \$23,000 will allow the Operation Right Choice Program to continue for another 12 months. These funds will be used to hire a part-time Youth Programs Coordinator, offer weekly drug and tobacco prevention/education classes, and provide supportive services to youth ages 11-17 living in and around our public housing communities. Funding for this grant comes from the U.S. Department of Education. This is the sixth year for funding for Operation Right Choice. To date over 100 youth have completed training in tobacco and substance abuse education and prevention through Operation Right Choice.

## **Middle School Teen Institute**

The Cabell County Youth Violence Steering Committee awarded HHA a \$12,000 grant to implement and facilitate two Middle School Teen Institutes (MSTI) over the next eight months through its Operation Right Choice Program. Over 125 youth and adults from four counties will gather for a two-night, three-day student leadership training conference. These events will be held March 16, 17, 18 and June 1, 2, 3, of 2006.

## **Second Step and Get Real About Violence**

The Cabell County Youth Violence Steering Committee also awarded HHA a \$12,000 grant to implement and facilitate an anti-violence training program throughout Cabell County. These weekly classes will be implemented at River Park Hospital, Cammack Children's Center, Barboursville Children's Home, and Pressley Ridge.

## **ArtWorks Featured at Regional Conference**

Tim White, Resident Services Supervisor, was asked to facilitate two workshops on ArtWorks at the Annual Share the Vision Conference in Charleston in November, hosted by the WV Prevention Resource Network. Over 75 people attended these ArtWork sessions and expressed interest in getting an ArtWorks program started in their community. Tim shared slides showcasing the students and projects that have been completed over the past six years. To date, eleven ArtWork Projects have been completed. The Twelfth Artworks project begins January 2006.

