

The Shining STAR



(Left to right) Wally Orrel, STAR Executive Director, Angela Lemmond, CFO-Brunswick Housing Authority, Don McGlamory, Executive Director-Brunswick Housing Authority, Ellen Murphy, STAR Board of Directors Chairperson

STAR Foundation and the Brunswick Housing Authority receive Two Prestigious Awards

The Brunswick Housing Authority and the STAR Foundation have received two prestigious awards recently.

HUD (Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.) presented the first award to Don McGlamory, Executive Director of the Brunswick Housing Authority, in Washington, DC. The award singled out the STAR Computer Training Program in Brunswick as the "Georgia Year 2000 Best Practice Winner."

The Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities presented the second award. The award recognized the Brunswick Housing Authority and the STAR Foundation for their collaboration and dedication to improve the lives of families in Glynn County.

STAR believes that technology and a better life should be available for all

Since the collaboration began between Brunswick Housing Authority and the STAR Foundation in January 1997, over 200 residents of the BHA have completed the 7-week computer training course. STAR teaches Introduction to Computers, Keyboarding, Windows 98, Word, Introduction to the Internet, Job Search and Job Preparation.

At the completion of the 7-week program, each graduate receives a framed diploma and a strong sense of accomplishment. STAR also assists graduates in finding or getting a better job. During the most recent 12 months, 74% of the graduates found employment within 90 days of the completion of the program.

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November 2000 Ceremony 15 Brunswick Housing Authority residents graduated from the STAR program and received a FREE computer

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Many of the graduates also receive computer systems, which have been donated to STAR by generous individuals and businesses.

STAR Instructors have designed a unique curriculum which not only teaches the students how to use a computer but how to find a meaningful job. We emphasize the need for working cooperatively with others and the importance of personal commitment and quality performance.

This program prepares its graduates for various aspects of employment: workplace etiquette, time and money management, and transportation and childcare logistics.

STAR's Mission

"Serving Glynn County by providing computer-based learning and other resources necessary for low-income individuals to find and retain meaningful employment"

STAR has 2 Main Goals

- ◆ Achieve 60% employment for participants, within 90 days of the program's completion
- ◆ Improve advancement opportunities for employed participants

Survey of Year 2000

- ◆ A record high 110 students graduated
- ◆ 74% placement rate
- ◆ A pay average of \$7.21 per hour (37% above minimum wage)

Since January 1997

- ◆ A 90% employment rate since the inception of the program
- ◆ STAR's percentage of minorities served exceeds 94%

STAR does not charge the participant

STAR is Glynn County's Computer Recycling Center

Over 50 computer systems have been given in the last year to students that have completed the training program

Donate your used computer system to STAR and receive a tax deduction

10 Reasons the STAR Foundation is Successful

- ◆ Instructors with over 20 years experience
- ◆ State-of-the-art technology facility that includes training classrooms and labs
- ◆ Teaching methods that utilize hands-on training and motivational techniques
- ◆ Students receive comprehensive course manual and materials
- ◆ Flexible class schedules
- ◆ Graduates receive a framed diploma
- ◆ On-going support after course completion
- ◆ Over 70% employment rate of graduates within 90 days of course completion
- ◆ Continual networking with local businesses for employment opportunities
- ◆ Board Members are residents of Glynn County

STAR Needs Your Support

Membership Levels:

Benefactor	\$1000
Scholarship: Full	\$500
Half	\$250
Sponsor	\$100
Friend	\$___

Donations are tax deductible

STAR Foundation became a United Way Agency in 2000



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