

# Macon Shalom Zones To Receive \$20,000

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At the quarterly Community Partnership meeting held May 31 at Centenary Methodist Church, non-profit and agency partners, school personnel and residents leaders came together to share ideas and build partnerships. Guest Speakers included Kimberlyn Carter, BCSS Director of Strategic Partnerships, and Ebony Harris, Promise Neighborhood Director.

Capt. Willie May, Pleasant Hill Shalom Zone and Kimberlyn Carter, Bibb County School System Director of Strategic Partnerships



Community Partnership Executive Director Travis Blackwell mentioned two pending grants for Shalom Zone neighborhood programs. We're pleased to announce that both grant awards have been confirmed.

The James H. Porter Charitable Trust awarded \$10,000 in support of existing and developing programs in Shalom Zone neighborhoods. What are some of these great resident-driven programs?

Promise Neighborhood Director Ebony Harris talks with an interested resident



**Pleasant Hill Shalom Zone:** The Power to Prevent Series: Reducing Childhood Obesity

**Lynmore Estates Shalom Zone:** Path to Shine Afterschool Tutoring

**Beall's Hill Shalom Zone:** Roving Listener Project: Designed to help neighbors *mobilize the assets that are already in their neighborhood* through the ancient art of storytelling

**Bellvue Shalom Zone:** Empowerment Expo Series

Training, technical assistance, and neighborhood programs or projects in development will also be supported.

In addition, at its June 4 meeting,

Macon City Council approved CDBG funding which includes support in the amount of \$10,000 for the resident engagement program called **Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-by-World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life.**

This curriculum provides an opportunity for residents of Shalom Zone neighborhoods to examine the impact that poverty has on individuals, families, and their communities. Based on the premise that people in poverty are problem solvers, this program will prepare residents to actively and meaningfully participate in existing Shalom Zone groups in their neighborhoods. At the end of *Getting Ahead*, participants will have a detailed personal plan for building resources, a collective plan for how to create a prosperous community, and will join the existing Shalom Zone leadership groups in their respective neighborhoods.

Join us for our next quarterly meeting  
September 27, 2012!

Shown speaking,  
Prophetess  
Denise Walker,  
Bellvue Shalom  
Zone



Deacon Janet Tidwell,  
Director of Path to Shine in  
Lynmore Estates





Deacon Stacey Harwell, Beall's Hill Shalom Zone

