



**Housing Authority of DeKalb County’s Housing Choice Voucher Program Hosts National Homeownership Month Celebration**

*Future Homeowners Learn About the Process*

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**DeKalb County, Georgia** – New homeowner Melissa Lowe (far left) along with GMAC Metro Brokers real estate agent Crystal Salton (center) and colleague celebrate the closing of Ms. Lowe’s new home thanks to the assistance of the Housing Authority of DeKalb County’s Family Self Sufficiency program and the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Ms. Lowe, a bus driver for the DeKalb County Board of Education, recently attended the Future Homeowners Educational Workshop in recognition of National Homeownership Month in June to share her success story with future potential home purchasers.

Held at the Decatur Branch of the DeKalb County Public Library on June 30, 2005, over 125 people stood in line to hear a full day of educational information to put them on the path to realizing their dream of owning their own home. Workshop content focused on many issues including credit repair, the home buying process, selecting a realtor, and predatory lending.

Sterling Bethea, Vice President of the Housing Authority of DeKalb County’s Housing Choice Voucher Program, says: “Our families are hard-working people who need the next steps toward improving their lives. My hope is that the

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Housing Choice Voucher program can provide that information that they need to realize a dream they might have thought could not come true. The Educational Workshop is an attempt to show them that homeownership is a realistic goal.”

Homeownership is a goal of the entire Housing Authority of DeKalb County. CEO Bettye Davis says, “We are a housing authority that cares about people and their personal success. We will help anyone in our program that wants to grow to the next level in their life.”

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly Section 8) puts on the Future Homeowners Educational Workshop every year in recognition of National Homeownership Month (June.) For more information, call Bambi Hayes, Homeownership Counselor, at 404.270.2504.