



Fresh from the Village Green

Welcome 2008

Dollars: Drawings: Departures: Demolition: 'nDeavors

Dollars. We aim to secure at least one million dollars in new gifts and grants this year. This is a substantial goal but we believe it is attainable.

Demolition. Thanks to the \$100,000 challenge grant from the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust and support of the other Trusts, Foundations, Corporations and Private Donors who helped us to meet their target, we have over \$400,000 specifically for use in moving the project forward. With these funds we will commission the removal of asbestos and lead-based paint from the two larger buildings, possibly in conjunction with some internal demolition work.

Departures! However, before any of this work can begin we must remove and exclude raccoons from Building #9 and a bat colony from Building #6!!

Drawings. The preparation of architectural drawings and specifications with these funds also will provide us with critical tools to support our applications to a number of large funders. Furthermore, we are planning to seek certification by LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and to incorporate aspects of universal design and "green" features in the project, all of which will give yet more weight to the applications we make to certain potentially large donors.

n'Deavor. There will be much to do in 2008. We relish the challenge and opportunity to move ahead both with the fundraising and the project itself. The team has been



Currently traversed by bats and raccoons, 2008 will move the vision of this hallway as a common space for families and volunteers forward.

reinforced with a part-time associate who will help us with a wide range of tasks.

Welcome Ty-Kea Witten! Ty-Kea has great insight into the need and effect of kinship housing in our community - she is featured in the "village vignette" on the opposite side.

We value your past support and hope you will continue to

support the endeavor in 2008, not only with contributions but also by putting us in touch with friends and contacts who might consider supporting this much needed project.

THANK YOU!

Comments/enquiries about the Campaign?
Want to request a naming opportunity brochure?
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Village Vignettes

by Ty-Kea Witten as told to Mary McNamara

In 1990 Ty-Kea Witten was 9 months old when she moved in full time with her 60 year old maternal grandfather. She has some memories of her childhood with her grandfather, who she affectionately calls Dad, but her grandfather remembers it all. He remembers her first words, first steps, getting babysitters while he went to work at his barber shop and even early memories taking her to Fairhill.

Ty-Kea doesn't know all the reasons her parents weren't able to raise her back then but she knows incarceration played a significant factor. She does know her grandfather saved her and her brother Lindsey's lives when he agreed to raise them.

Ty-Kea's first memory at Fairhill was when she 10 or 11 years old and doing art activities in a group while her granddad attended a meeting for grandparents at Fairhill.

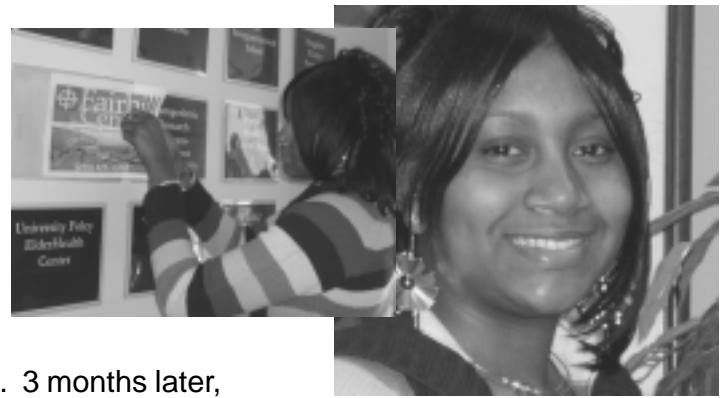
Fast forward a few years to the 2004 holiday party and Ty-Kea met 2 graduates of Ohio State leading the teen group that afternoon and named out loud that she wanted to go to OSU and be a social worker. It was her first "kinship teen" program.

In 2005, Ty-Kea attended the spring break teen leadership program. She didn't know what it was - but her grandfather signed her up and arranged transportation for her to

get there each day. He didn't feel safe letting her ride the bus on her own to get there. 3 months later, Ty-Kea was chosen to be a camp counselor for other kinship kids. She was one of 11 kinship teen camp counselors. She liked the training and having different responsibilities. She liked being in charge. And she liked the stipend she received for working at the camp.

Ty-Kea stood out at the camp and was noticed by staff and donors. Along with another teen, Ty-Kea received a brand new Dell laptop from a Fairhill donor. She knew it was expensive and appreciated that he noticed her potential. He spent some time with her and asked about her dreams. The computer helped with school work and was a good reminder to her that someone believed in her and knew her goals. College and a career!

In 2006, Ty-Kea was so busy with school and working at Dave's Market that she didn't come around Fairhill as much. She graduated a year early from high school and was off to Cleveland State for her first year of college. Ohio State was on hold for right now since she was



only 17 years old.

She contacted Fairhill in the fall of 2007 when college bills were larger than she could manage. She needed another job. After a round of interviews, Ty-Kea was hired to work in Fairhill's marketing and development area and recently assumed more hours helping with the Campaign for Kinship Village.

Ty-Kea enjoys working at a place whose mission is to help older adults. When she comes across a senior in the building, she thinks "that could be my grandfather or grandmother" and acts accordingly with care and respect. She wants to be able to help older adults.

When she stops to think that she now works with a team to build housing for relative caregivers, she says: "It's an honor to go from everybody helping me to showing everybody that I am capable of helping others."

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Every issue of the Campaign Brief features a CKV (Campaign for Kinship Village) Q&A - frequently asked questions (and some answers) from readers, donors, friends or team members.

Q. Have all necessary permits/zoning variances been obtained?

A. This project will not require a zoning variance. A building permit can not be obtained until final construction documents, with specifications, are completed.