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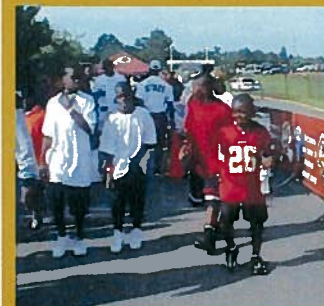
A Day at the Redskin's Park

August 5 was another big day for the youth football players and cheerleaders from Hotchkiss and Blackwell. After having newly renovated football fields dedicated on March 21, the boys and girls, along with their chaperones traveled to training



camp practice at Redskins Park in Ashburn. The kids were able to see the Redskins practice and get their favorite players autograph. This is part of the on-going commitment of the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation and the LISC NFL Grassroots program to Hotchkiss and Blackwell.

Marvin Hicks (Hotchkiss) and Damien Maple (Blackwell) each won a "Kick Off Kid" package during the March 21 field dedications. This package gives each of the youth football players game tickets and the opportunity of a lifetime as they run on the field before 92,000 Redskins fans to retrieve the kicking tee. This will take place on August 28 when the Redskins play against the New England Patriots. The game will be televised on CBS at 8pm. In addition to retrieving the tees during the beginning of the game and at half-time, Marvin and Damien will also be featured on the Jumbotron screens at FedEx Field Stadium.



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Congratulations to Boaz and Ruth

On August 25, Boaz and Ruth and the Richmond Police Department will be honored by the MetLife Foundation and the LISC Community Safety Initiative for their innovative partnership. Boaz and Ruth are one out of eleven honorees this year and will receive a Neighborhood Revitalization Award recognizing interdependent achievement in crime reduction and economic development. This year LISC and MetLife received a record number of applications - 650 applications nationwide.



Boaz and Ruth is a faith-based nonprofit located in the Northside area of Richmond. Boaz and Ruth provide life skills, work skills and re-entry assistance to released prisoners. In the process, they foster commercial revitalization in Highland Park.

For more information on LISC's Community Safety Initiative, which was created to support strategic alliances between community developers, law enforcement and other key stakeholders in troubled neighborhoods, go to [CSI at LISC](#).

One Step Closer

Reverend Robert Diggs' vision for Tabernacle Baptist Church on Halifax Street and the surrounding neighborhood continues to unfold. Restoration of Petersburg Community Development Corporation (ROPCDC), created by Diggs in 1997, and the Better Housing Coalition (BHC) are partnering to build a 47 unit affordable housing development for individuals 55 years of age and older.



Claiborne Square, the name of the complex, is one step closer to becoming a reality as ROPCDC and BHC were just awarded a reservation of tax credits by the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA). BHC hopes the sales of the tax credits on the open market will raise approximately \$5 million towards the \$6.5 million cost of the Claiborne Square project.

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