

## **News from Virginia LISC**

## Helping neighbors build communities

# **Redskins Came to Petersburg for Albert W. Jones Field Dedication**

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Good Shepherd AAU Football team once practiced with little field lighting

Candice Streett, Virginia LISC's Executive Director, asked the crowd "Are you READY for some" and the crowd responded "FOOTBALL". Redskins General Manager Bruce Allen then joined her at the podium to tell the crowd "This field is where all the dreams of all the young people of the future will be. They will learn about team work, just like the city has done to build this field".

Many partners, including Petersburg's Department of Parks & Leisure Services, Good Shepherd Baptist Church, the Petersburg Breakfast and Lunch Rotaries and Tolleson Morris, played a role in bringing the improvements of new bleachers, lighted scoreboard, lighting, a public address system, goal posts and reseeding of the field.

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Saturday May 21 was a day of smiles



Pastor Reeves, Mayor Moore, Bessie Jones, Councilman Coleman, Tami Yerby, Bruce Allen and Mark Moseley cut the ribbon at the Albert W. Jones Football Field Dedication

Community Celebration

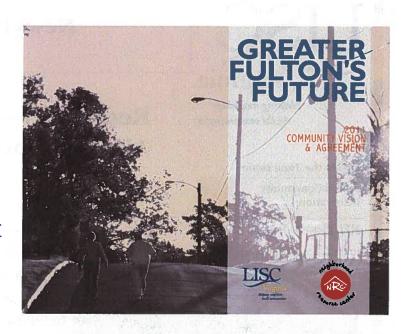
June 4, 2011

Powhatan Community

Center

5051 Northampton Street

12:00 pm—3:00 pm



Photos from Greater Fulton's Corridor Clean-up Day May 7, 2011



### **NFL Grassroots Program**

LISC works with its partners to create communities that are good places to work, do business and raise families. One of LISC's partners is the NFL's Youth Football Fund.

Since starting the partnership in 1998, over 30 million dollars in grants have been awarded, with another 100 million leveraged, more than 225 fields have been built or refurbished in over 60 communities, with over a quarter of a million youth benefiting from the program—helping to make the next generation of youth, active and healthy.

LISC's NFL Grassroots Program provides neighborhood-based organizations and schools with grants and technical assistance to build new football fields or refurbish old ones.

For additional pictures from the May 21 Field Dedication at Albert W. Jones please visit Virginia LISC's Facebook page.

For additional information on the NFL Grassroots program, visit www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/youth.



Mark Moseley, Bessie Jones (widow of Albert Jones) and Bruce Allen



Youth Football Players Participated in Drills after the Field Dedication on May 21, 2011



Albert W. Jones Football Field's new goal post



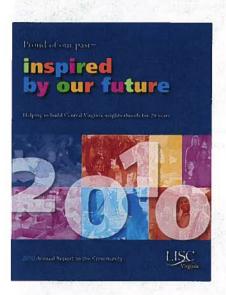
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Coach Harold McManus was pleased with the turnout from his players at Good Shepherd



Virginia State University Coach Faisson leads drill during the VSU led football camp on May 21



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The Virginia Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is dedicated to helping community residents transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity — good places to work, do business and raise children. LISC mobilizes corporate, government and philanthropic support to provide local community development organizations with:

- loans, grants and equity investments
- local, statewide and national policy support
- technical and management assistance

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Helping Neighbors Building Communities

