

Rural Development Presents The 2009 Homeowner of the Year Award



In celebration of National Homeownership Month in June, Rural Development Acting State Director, Vern Orrell presented Ms. Juanita Hawkins with the Homeowner of the Year Award in Charlottesville.

Ms. Hawkins had inherited her childhood home in the North Garden Area of Albemarle County in 1999 upon the passing of her father. However, the house was in very poor condition and after many years of trying to repair it, just could not feasible complete the task.

Kathy Bromley of the Culpeper RD Office received a call from our partners, Albemarle Housing Improvement Program (AHIP) concerning Ms. Hawkins need for assistance and worked diligently with AHIP and Ms. Hawkins to make her a housing loan. After much sweat equity from both Ms. Hawkins and the volunteers of AHIP, she now has a new energy efficient home located on the site of her childhood home.

From the entire staff at Rural Development, we want to congratulate Ms. Hawkins as our Homeowner of the Year.