

# Affordable Housing Conference, 2004

*A Collaborative Educational & Celebratory Event*

**November 9, 2004**

The **Atlanta Housing Association of Neighborhood-based Developers (AHAND)** held its first annual conference in collaboration with the **Georgia State Trade Association of Non-Profit Developers (GSTAND)** and the **Georgia Affordable Housing Corporation (GAHC)** at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, Georgia. Over 100 individuals from throughout the State participated in the conference and attended workshops on a wide range of topics including: The Future of Maturing CDCs, Moving to Scale with Development, Special Needs Housing, and many others.

Mike Beatty, Commissioner of the **Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)** delivered the Conference's keynote address emphasizing the importance of affordable housing as a component of healthy communities. Larry Checco of Checco Communications and Shannon Carey of the **Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership (ANDP)** led an engaging plenary session on branding nonprofits for success and redefining the public's image of Affordable Housing.

Among the conference's many highlights was the presentation of the first annual AHAND awards. Awards were presented in the categories of Affordable Housing Champion, Project of the Year, and Member of the Year. **Mr. Noel Khalil**, CEO of Columbia Residential Housing was recognized as the Affordable Housing Champion; **Reynoldstown Square** received the award for Project of the Year; and the **Enterprise Foundation** earned top honors as AHAND's Member of the Year.

Sponsors included **Washington Mutual, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, BB&T, NetBank, Regions Bank, and SunTrust**. With the success of the 2004 conference, AHAND looks forward to next year's event with great anticipation.



From Left to Right: David Young, President GAHC; Kenneth Knox, Executive Director GSTAND; Sulé Carpenter, Executive Director AHAND



Shannon Carey, External Affairs Director of ANDP discusses reshaping the perception of Affordable Housing



2004 AHAND Award Winners: Noel Khalil, CEO of Columbia Residential Housing; Kate Little, Director Enterprise Foundation - Atlanta Office; Young Hughley, CEO Reynoldstown Revitalization Corporation

