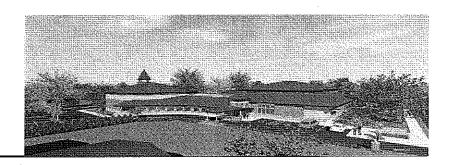
## Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

SUBJECT:

REPORT OF MT. ZION'S SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHRITY HOMES IN

SOUTH MADISION

DATE:

1/5/2010

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pastor Richard L. Jones presiding, is providing the Community Development Authority (CDA) with this report regarding its outreach services to the CDA and other residents in South Madison. Specifically, this report summarizes the services that Mt. Zion's Food Pantry and Village Ministry provided to these residents between July and December of 2009.

The Food Pantry Ministry, staffed by Mt. Zion's Mother's Board and other members, is responsible for providing free food, hygienic supplies, and other supplies to the residents of CDA homes and surrounding neighbors in South Madison. The Food Pantry Ministry provides the services every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon. Attachment 1 identifies the CDA and other residents that have received supplies from the Food Pantry Ministry since January 1, 2008.

The Village Ministry, staffed by Mt. Zion's Deacon Board and other members, has continued to visit the CDA residents regarding activities at Mt. Zion and inviting them to church. Also, and as indicated in the prior report, Mt. Zion developed a new outreach program beginning February of 2008. Specifically, the CDA and other residents have been invited to attend a class taught every Sunday at Mt. Zion from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In addition to teaching the residents about God, the class also focuses on other topics that are instrumental in dealing with daily issues or matters. These topics included:

Preparing for College; Tips on Purchasing a House; Drug/Alcohol Counseling; Banking; Estate Planning; Preparing Your Child for Elementary/Middle/High School; Health Awareness; Tips to Prepare Taxes; How to Start a Business; etc.

All of the courses have been taught by people specifically trained or experienced on the topic presented. Attachment 2 has samples of the invitations provided to the CDA residents regarding the courses.

The Mt. Zion Food Pantry also participated in its annual distribution of Thanksgiving baskets of food to the resident of the South Madison Community. We will continue this effort throughout 2010. While it is difficult to determine how many CDA residents have attended these courses, we have faith in God that the seeds planted in the community will one day grow abundantly.

May God bless you.

Sincerely

Joseph R. Thomas

Deacon, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

cc: Pastor Richard L. Jones, Sr.

Senior Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Mother Geraldine Bernard Chair of Mt. Zion's Food Pantry Ministry

Deacon Julius Johnson Chair of Mt. Zion's Village Ministry

## **FOOD PANTRY CDA REPORT**

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