



From left to right: Denise Freedman, Gladys Schneider, Debbie Pierson, Michael Davis, Stan Fitterman, Jaimie Ross, Katrina Wright, Jeff Bagwell.



The Florida Housing Coalition received a \$50,000 grant from the Bank of America Foundation to kick-off training and technical assistance to nonprofits and local governments for the acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned foreclosures that are causing blight and declining values in Florida's neighborhoods.

SHANK JOINS FHC BOARD



ARDEN SHANK is the President & Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, Inc. NHS provides a full line of homeownership services

from pre-purchase to foreclosure intervention in English, Spanish, and Creole. NHS is a certified homeownership trainer and counselor, a licensed lender, a CDFI, and a licensed real estate brokerage company. NHS develops homeownership housing including single family, townhouse, and condo. Shank joined NHS after a successful 15-year stint with an Indiana-based NeighborWorks® organization. Shank is a graduate of the first community development Advanced Practitioner Program, an 18-month program jointly sponsored by NeighborWorks® America and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Shank is the Board President of the South Florida Community Development Coalition, which educates and advocates on behalf of community development in Miami-Dade County and a board member of the National NeighborWorks® Association.

Ross Appointed to Florida Financial Action Team and Housing and Growth Management Think Tank

CFO Sink appointed **JAIMIE ROSS**, in her capacity as President of the Florida Housing Coalition, to serve on a 17 member group charged with evaluating the Housing and Economic Recovery Act from their stakeholder's perspective and to design a comprehensive outreach strategy to explain the benefits of the HERA to



Floridians. For more information, see www.myfloridacfo.com. Governor Crist appointed Jaimie Ross, in her capacity as Affordable Housing Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, to serve on a Housing and Growth Management Think Tank, scheduled to meet on November 19th as part of the Governor's Accelerate Florida Initiative. See www.myflorida.com.

Raley Joins FHC Financial Services Committee

CLAIRE RALEY has 30 years of experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors with a focus on the areas of community development, affordable housing development and commercial real estate development. Her work with WaMu, now a part of Chase, has included responsibility for the Eastern Region markets of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida and Georgia. Raley is currently WaMu's, Sr. Community Affairs Relationship Manager for the South Florida and Orlando markets.



Before joining Washington Mutual, Raley spent 15 years working in the non-profit sector in senior management positions with Greater Miami LISC and Greater Miami Neighborhoods. Prior to working in the non-profit sector, she worked with a national union pension fund based in Washington D.C. She is a board member of the Florida Community Loan Fund and the Human Services Coalition of Miami-Dade County.



The Florida Housing Coalition's Affordable Green Housing Work

AFFORDABLE GREEN HOUSING RESOURCES:

The Florida Housing Coalition launched the Green section of its website in September 2008. The website is sponsored by Wachovia Bank and provides information related to:

- Green Highlights of Florida's Affordable Housing Conference
- Affordable Green Housing Training/Resources
- Green Financing
- Energy Resources

FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION BOARD AND STAFF GREEN COMMITTEE:

The Green Committee includes Annetta Jenkins, Tei Kucharski, Bill O'Dell, and Melvin Philpot and staff member Lydia Beltrán. It was established to:

- Further incorporate affordable green housing topics within the annual affordable housing conferences sponsored by FHC
- Establish a collective of interested individuals/developers in addressing challenges in affordable green housing construction
- Consider possibilities in affordable housing green policy and research
- Compile an inventory of Florida's affordable green housing projects
- Join efforts of other established affordable green housing advocates



CATALYST WORKSHOP: INCORPORATING GREEN DESIGN INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

February 10, 2009, Orlando
(registration based on availability)
www.flhousing.org

This workshop will provide an understanding of the connection between green building and affordable housing. Participants will gain knowledge in green terminology, funding resources and community development benefits. The Florida Green Building Coalition certification

requirements will be discussed along with local and state green building strategies and initiatives.

Homeownership and Rental projects will be highlighted along with what has been learned in the process. Participants will benefit from the workshop given that most affordable housing funding sources award for green building design and features.

We invite you to send in any ideas or suggestions for the **FHC Green Committee** by e-mailing beltran@flhousing.org or by calling 954-458-4969.



The Florida Housing Coalition is a nonprofit, statewide membership organization whose mission is to act as a catalyst to bring together housing advocates and resources so that Floridians have a quality affordable home and suitable living environment. Call **1-800-677-4548** for free assistance provided under the Catalyst Program of Training and Technical Assistance. Check our website for free workshops—www.flhousing.org.