



Boston Housing Authority

## BHA Installs Solar Panels at Amory Street

The Boston Housing Authority, Action for Boston Community Development and a host of partners cut the ribbon on July 25 to celebrate the installation of a solar thermal hot water heating system at the 184-unit Amory Street Elderly/Disabled Development in Jamaica Plain. Tours of the installation were provided.



*BHA Administrator Bill McGonagle and residents prepare to cut the ribbon*

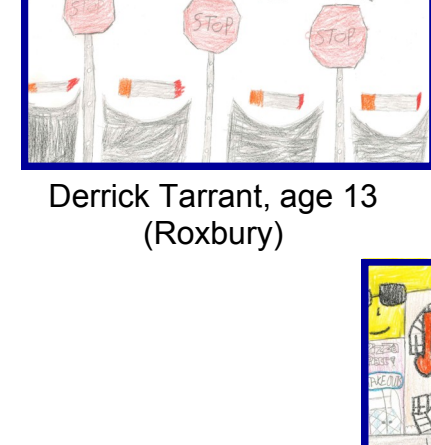
The City of Boston's Amory Street initiative is one of the largest solar thermal domestic hot water heating installations in Massachusetts. Funding from the federal American Recovery & Reinvestment (ARRA) program and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center made the project possible.

The 96 panel installation is saving the BHA approximately 40 percent of its domestic hot water bill at Amory Street or \$13,000 a year for a lifetime of 25 years.

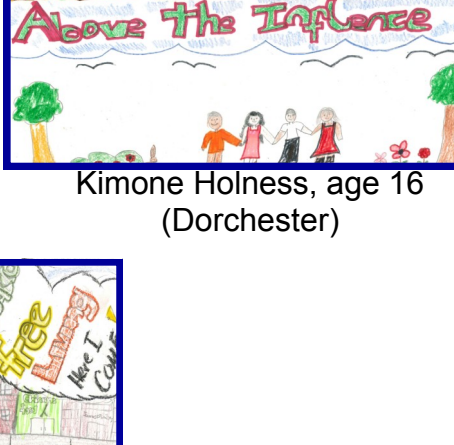
## Boston Teens Celebrate Smoke-Free Housing

Teenagers from in and around BHA developments were asked to create posters to celebrate BHA's decision to go completely smoke-free in September 2012. The top 5 candidates are pictured here. Grand prize goes to Derrick Tarrant, age 13. He will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Target. Posters with all the artwork will be distributed throughout BHA soon.

Congratulations to all! Thanks to the Boston Public Health Commission and Boston Alliance for Community Health for their support.



Ashley Cancel, age 16 (South Boston)



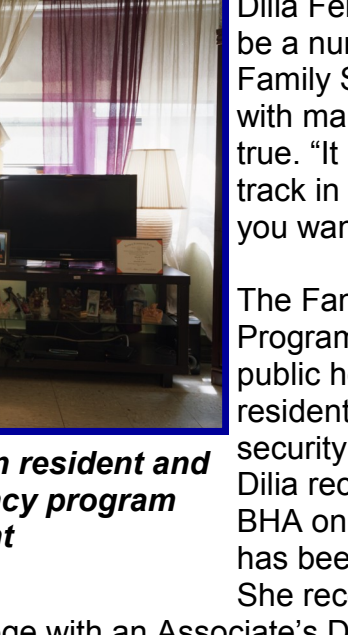
Mariana McNeil, age 16 (Roxbury)



Derrick Tarrant, age 13 (Roxbury)



Kimone Holness, age 16 (Dorchester)



Stacy Latume, age 13 (Mattapan)

## Resident Profile: Dilia Feliz, Family Self-Sufficiency Participant



***Dilia Feliz, Charlestown resident and Family Self-Sufficiency program participant***

Dilia Feliz has always wanted to be a nurse. Now she credits the Family Self-Sufficiency Program with making her dreams come true. "It helps you to take a good track in life and figure out what you want to do."

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a program for public housing and Section 8 residents to achieve financial security and educational goals. Dilia received a letter from the BHA on becoming involved and has been a participant ever since. She recently graduated from

Roxbury Community College with an Associate's Degree in Health Careers. She recently passed a test to enroll in the school's nursing program. When that is complete, she hopes to switch to UMass-Boston.

While waiting to complete her schooling, Dilia is working as a Tenant Coordinator at the Charlestown Development where she has lived for four years. She is responsible with helping onsite contractors into tenants' apartments to do work. She is happy with the part-time work, but also eager to start her nursing career.

"I like to work with the elderly and in the maternity area," she said. "FSS is a great program to help you buy your own house, start your own business and have a better life."

For more information about the FSS program, please contact Maria Chavez at 617-988-4356.

## Archive Photos Available on Flickr!

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