

**Press Release**  
**Leadership Historic Triangle – Class of 2007**  
**PIPE – Providing Indoor Plumbing to Everyone**

**PIPE Project Update Press Release**

**November 14, 2007** – In the Historic Triangle there were 82 homes lacking basic indoor plumbing. Thanks to the efforts of members of the Leadership Historic Triangle (LHT) Class of 2007 and Housing Partnerships, Inc. there is now one less home lacking this basic necessity.

Since December 2006, class members have worked to raise money to help remedy this community wide problem and have volunteered alongside Housing Partnership volunteers at one of these homes, located on Barlow Road in York County, to help install a septic and well system. The house that class members helped with is now complete and ready for the family to move back into. **The Ribbon Cutting and Dedication ceremony for the home was held on October 17, 2007.** The keys to the home were given to the family along with a very special gift from the LHT Class of 2007 – a picture frame, made out of wood from the original structure which was built years ago by a family member, containing before and after pictures of the family's home.

In addition to assisting with the installation of the plumbing at the home on Barlow Road, class members and funds raised by the class are now assisting Housing Partnerships Inc. with the installation of plumbing in a second home in York County.

The project, appropriately named PIPE – Providing Indoor Plumbing to Everyone – aims to raise \$225,000 to help provide gap funding for projects that are not fully covered by available state funds. So far, **the team has raised over \$100,000 for this worthy cause.**

On October 19, 2007, the LHT team hosted a Benefit Concert called the **PIPE Jam Fest** to help raise money for this cause. The concert featured **Carbon Leaf**, Prometheus Clay, and Shane



Cooley. This concert was held at the **Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre** on the campus of William and Mary. **Tickets sales resulted in proceeds of over \$10,000 for the PIPE fund.** Due to the generosity of our major sponsors - Budweiser & M. Price Distributing Co. - as well as Branscome, James River Equipment, Kwik Kopy of Williamsburg, Landscape Solutions, Longhill Excavating, Reed Enterprises, The Tide 92.3 FM, and Williamsburg Event Rentals, **all ticket sales directly benefited the PIPE fund.**

Anyone wishing to donate to PIPE can do so by visiting <http://www.williamsburgcc.com/LHT/pipe.html> or by sending donations to the Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation at P.O. Box 3495 Williamsburg, VA 23187-3495. Please be sure to indicate that it is for the "LHT Indoor Plumbing Project".



From left: Aaron Small, LHT Team Leader; Abbitt Woodall, Executive Director of Housing Partnerships; John Horne, Chairman of Housing Partnerships BOD, and the proud homeowner Ms. Gaither and her son.