



## National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

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for women of African descent



In December 2006, NCNW received a grant of \$750,000 from the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund for Forest Heights in Gulfport, Mississippi. Forest Heights is the first homeownership development for low income families in the country. Forest Heights is a cul-de-sac community of 200 single families, consisting of two to five bedroom homes on a 107 acre site in North Gulfport, Mississippi. It was established in 1967 and occupied in 1968. The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), in cooperation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and support from the Ford Foundation was the initiator of Turnkey III and worked with people eligible for public housing. After the required 25 years the families were proud home owners – who were celebrating 30 years as homeowners when they were hit hard by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The development was named, “Forest Heights,” in recognition of the NCNW President, Dr. Dorothy Height, for her initiative.

The grant fund will be utilized for reconstruction and renovation of damaged homes and environmental hazard services to address mold, landscaping, and toxic, waste management.