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Housing History Fun Fact No. 2

NHS of Baltimore kicked off the holiday season in December of 1990 by hosting our first annual, Christmas Decorating Contest in the neighborhood of Irvington. Categories for the contest included best door, best nighttime display, best merchant's window, most traditional display and best overall. NHSB awarded the winners \$25 each.



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NHSB Wins the Governor's 2008 Commitment to Excellence Award

This year, NHS of Baltimore was presented with the *Governor's Commitment to Excellence Award* in the category of homeownership, at the *Governor's Annual Housing Conference*, at the Baltimore Convention Center, on December 9th.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary, Raymond A. Skinner presented us with the award in recognition of our outstanding commitment to homeownership, saying, "For more than three decades, Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore, through its funding and educational programs, has been an important force in the expansion of affordable housing opportunities," he continued, "In particular, Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore is so deserving of this award because of their commitment to educating homebuyers, so that they can make better financial decisions."



We welcome Evangela Franklin and Lance Tucker to our team.

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Special thanks to all the individual donors who contributed to our annual campaign. Your support will go a long way toward helping us achieve our mission.

Congratulations to

Dorothy

Cunningham!

Ms. Cunningham, long-time community organizer, President of the *Irvington Community Association* and friend of NHSB, won the *2008-2009 National Organizers Alliance, Organizer Respite Award*. She was presented with the award in mid November along with an all expense paid trip to the mountains of Tennessee. Our hat comes off to her. **She's earned it!**