



Havana Community Development Corporation

AT HAVANA NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



The **Gladiator Shield**

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*Message from Chairman
Dr. Wilbert Butler*

The past few years of progression in restoring Dear Ole Havana Northside High has been met with great successes and huge contentions.

Among many, a few of the greatest successes of the Havana Community Development Corporation (HCDC) are:

- Purchased school from Gadsden County School Board to avoid demolition.
- Certified on National Historic Registry
- After Renovation Value \$1,449,000
- Received three (3) historic preservation grants of \$50,000 each.
- Received Grant from FAMU School of Business & Industry of \$50,000 for (2) green houses and a fresh water well for aquaponics operations
- Received grant partnership through FAMU Cooperative Extension Beginning Farmers & Ranchers Grant allowing hiring of first full-time employee
- Housed Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend
- Sponsor Boys Scout Troop #254
- Restored auditorium -being used as indoor events venue (600-seat capacity) for private parties etc.
- Restored gymnasium roof
- Purchase reconditioned surplus workout equipment for healthy activities
- Restored Ag-building to historic standard
- Building service community-wide recreation department and the long term plan for the sustainability of HCDC at Ole Northside High.

**....we continue striving to Save Our School.
Please Join Us! — Your donations, gifts and ideas are needed.**

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*Donna Salters
HCDC Board Member*

Youth development programs , training and educating the community on healthy living, business education and home ownership are a few programs being offered at the Havana Community Development Corporation (HCDC).

Summer 2019 Youth Employment partnered with Gadsden Board of County Commissioners teach career choice through entrepreneurship. Participants learned about business through aquaponics and marketing the products.

HCDC hosted the first series of Home Buying Education Workshops to help first time home buyers as well as investors to either repair or renovate homes for resale.

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Summer program participants work in the HCDC Hydroponics garden. (Donna Salters, photos)

**Coming
Soon**

New website!

Stay tuned for the website launch at

<http://www.havananorthsidehigh.com>

RENTAL SPACE

Planning a party, wedding, family reunion?

Come and check out the HCDC space. The cafeteria, boasts about 10,000 sq. ft and with a 600 seat occupancy and a full kitchen.

The 'Johnny Lockett Aquaculture Center' has approx. 500 sq. ft classroom space with computer, projector and screen for trainings and workshops.

For more information:

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Gilbert Queeley, Ph.D., (pictured far right) FAMU Extension Specialist, an expert in growing Sorrell and influential in HCDC partnership in Beginning Farmers & Ranchers through a USDA funded grant that has provided much needed technical support in the Aquaponics Project to create a farmers market in Havana.



Pictured right, are some of the local youth participants from the Gadsden County Summer Youth Program, learning entrepreneurship through aquaculture.



Available Plants For Sale

Tarragon	\$3.00/bag
Lettuce	\$3.00/bag
Arugula	\$3.00/bag
Basil	\$3.00/bag
Tomato	\$2.15/lb.
Dill	\$3.00/bag
Thyme	\$3.00/bag
Peppers	\$1.70/lb.
Lemongrass	\$3.00/lb.
Dandelion Leaf	\$3.00/bag
Malabar Spinach	\$3.00/bag
Compost (40 lb.)	\$3.00/bag

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Dr. Queeley with sorrel plants at the FAMU REC.



Sorrell Juice



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