



WESLEY HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Knoxville, Tennessee (March 2, 2010) – Last month, students at Wesley House celebrated Black History Month. They spent time learning about important figures and events that took place throughout black history. On Thursday, February 25, students shared presentations about some important figures they learned about during the month. The presentations included people such as J. Standard, inventor of the refrigerator, Granville T. Woods, inventor of the rollercoaster, Henry Sampson, inventor of the cell phone, Muddy Waters, American blues musician, and Knoxville local Sarah Moore Greene who was the first African-American to serve on the Knoxville Board of Education. Through the after school program, Wesley House continues to provide children with a safe place to learn and have fun. “The children here never cease to amaze me with their bright attitudes and their optimism towards learning,” says program director Kari Larkin.

About Wesley House

Wesley House is the second oldest charity in Knoxville. Founded in 1907 by the Methodist Women, the center operated a childcare center for mothers who worked at Brookside Mills. In the 1940s, Wesley House became a National Mission of the United Methodist Church to minister to families in impoverished areas. Today, Wesley House conducts tutoring sessions, operates a learning center, provides a summer enrichment program, and offers a series of performing arts and cultural activities for at-risk youth in grades 1-5. Wesley House also offers an ongoing educational and social program for senior citizens, focusing on both physical and mental well-being. Wesley House primarily serves the Mechanicsville, Lonsdale, and Beaumont neighborhoods.