

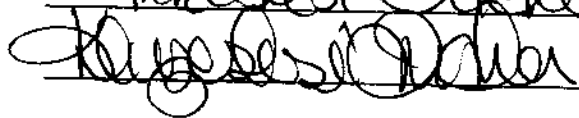
**Signature Form**

Rhodes College students want to hear your stories about Cleaborn Homes and Memphis over the years. Students are conducting these interviews as part the Crossroads to Freedom website and for the HOPEVI housing evaluation.

If you choose to be featured on the Crossroads to Freedom Website ([www.crossroadstofreedom.org](http://www.crossroadstofreedom.org)), your interview will be a historical record of life in Cleaborn Homes. Your interview, along with pictures, newspaper clippings, and other interviews will be posted on the website as part of the Cleaborn Homes Collection. This will help preserve the history of Cleaborn Homes and the surrounding neighborhood. We will provide you with a DVD copy of your interview to share with family and friends.

If you decide not to participate in the Crossroads to Freedom website, your interview will not be filmed, but will be tape recorded. You can remain anonymous, which means that your name will not be connected to the stories you share. Your interview will only be part of the public HOPE VI housing evaluation conducted by Dr. Heather Jamerson. Your responses will help us study public housing in Memphis and understand how public housing can be better for its residents. Follow up interviews will take place in 2013 and 2015 to see how your housing situation changes after leaving Cleaborn Homes.

Your participation is completely voluntary, meaning that you can choose not to participate at any time. If you agree to participate, please sign and date this form below.

Kluzeski Amber (print name)  
 (signature)

06-28-11 (date)

HOPE VI Evaluation/Crossroads to Freedom Interview Guide  
Summer 2011

Demographics

What is your name? Kluzeskesi Tucker

How old are you? 28

Do you have any children? Ages? 3- 12  
~~3~~ 7 & 7

How long did you live in Cleaborn Homes? [what year did you move in?] 4 1/2 yrs, moved in beginning of 2003

How did you come to live in Cleaborn Homes?

born there & lived there until 14 yrs old  
↓  
to applying there

Application for Cleaborn 2nd time

spoke w/ Berita Elan (sp?) at mHA

Who lived in your Cleaborn Homes apartment with you while you lived there?

children & dad (off & on)

Change over time

What was it like when you first moved in?

livable, an apartment

When you first moved in how did you feel about living there?

she liked it there

How would you say it changed while you lived there?

seemed like it got better - who was running it, conditions of buildings  
↓  
on the outside violence

[Prompts: How did the physical conditions of the buildings change? How did your relationships with the other people change? How did your relationship with the police in the neighborhood change over time?]

Were there changes in the overall neighborhood that you noticed while living there? [schools, factories closing, businesses, churches, social service agencies] people getting older

It was the guests (mostly) who brought the problems

remodeled some, problems were fixed when she reported them

Employment

Were you ever employed while you lived at Cleaborn Homes?

15 - Memphis Youth for a Chance (summer job, every summer)  
↳ camp & East

If yes, where and how did you get the job at X? [word of mouth, friends, family from people inside or outside Cleaborn Homes]

walked, got job through Betty Isom

Was this job full time or parttime?

summer - (seasonal until 17 yrs)

emmanuel center - full-time after age 17.

no

In that job, did you have any experience with working with Unions? (Explain.)

How did you travel to work everyday? Dad of daughter would watch her while she was at work.

How did you balance your job and taking care of household responsibilities (like childcare)? Pregnant at 15, had her at 16

Community

Did living in Cleaborn Homes ever feel like living in a community to you?

Yes - its what you make of it

Were there any neighborhood traditions (festivals, block parties)?

Liberty Land, Memphis Park Commission, swim, park, skating, block parties

Who were the people you trusted?

Yes, she trusted a lot of people

Were there people that you relied upon for support?

Parents - biggest challenge trying to stay in school

What types of support did people offer you?

[Prompts: Could you share about the type of emotional support you offered each other? Can you share about time that you relied on each other for financial support? Support with family responsibilities such as childcare or transportation?]

friends - loan & borrow money

Did you and the people in your community ever trade goods or services without using money? (doing each other's hair, cooking for each other, TV/car repair)

a lot, paint nails for hair every Fri & sat on Beale st.

How did you get your community's news or gossip?

everyone knew everyone & was in everyone's business sheryl Childs ->

Ms. Cowen -> house manager  
resident manager

Family

Did you and your family feel safe living there? Can you explain.

yes - but always went inside when it was time to avoid gang violence

What kinds of activities did you do as a family when your children were little?

Emmanuel center -> same activities now when she was growing up

BBA parties

I have heard by other people that living in a place like Cleaborn Homes creates a strong sense of responsibility for all the children who lived there. For instance, all the mothers share the responsibility for discipline or support for all the children living there. How would you say the children of the Cleaborn Homes community were raised? Did the adults share responsibility for taking care of the children?

everyone knew everyone & just listen to other adults

Boys & Girls club, Father Hubbard Advance Memphis, Porter Deun Lane -> leaders in community

Leadership and Outsiders

What did you like best about living in Cleaborn Homes?

everybody family

What would you say were some of the biggest challenges of living there?

staying in school w/ a baby, but there was always someone to talk to

MHA - didn't do much

Who would you say were the leaders in the Cleaborn Homes community?

What kind of leadership did they provide? [What kinds of issues did they fight for? Against whom?]  
How successful were they or Cleaborn Homes residents more generally in getting support from the Memphis Housing Authority (about security, home repairs, etc.)?

School, helping better yourself, church  
Father Hubbard would always come by

Do you feel like there were ever people who came and meddled in your community without being welcome there? (e.g., reseachers, preachers, housing authority leaders, social service agencies). Can you share an example of this?

Rivalries between public housing

Moving from Cleaborn Homes

How did you feel when you first learned about the plan to demolish Cleaborn Homes?

\$295/month

Didn't believe it at first, but the meeting made her realize it was actually happening

[Prompts: sad, excited, afraid: If afraid, what made you the most fearful of leaving? If sad, what was the saddest part of leaving? If excited, what made you most excited about leaving? ETC.]

Did you feel that you were given enough information and support to move away?

↳ should have been a meeting about utility

[If no, what kind of information or support would have been helpful?]

Did you feel like you trusted MHA to take care of your needs and give you accurate information during the relocation process?

↓  
MHA stopped all contact after relocation

\$100 for relocating, help moving furniture & stuff

Are you still in contact with people who lived in Cleaborn Homes? How do you communicate with each other? Do you still rely upon each other for support?

Yes, calling Facebook see each other on streets

→ Tracy MCB LMHA, called for services

What are your hopes for yourself and your family now that you live away from Cleaborn Homes?

[If between the ages of 19 and 64 then ask the following questions:]

Have you been offered any case management to assist you in meeting these personal goals? (Has anyone from Memphis HOPE ever contacted you with information about programs that might help you meet your goals)

If no, what types of case management support would be helpful to you?