

# ASANC News Flash February 2008

## ASANC'S CONVENTION AROUND THE CORNER

ASANC'S Convention is just weeks away. It will be held at the Marriott/Embassy Suite in Winston-Salem on March 14—16, 2008. The convention planning committee has been working very hard to provide great speakers and great topics for the convention this year. Julie Petty, SABE Chair, will be the keynote speaker. She will also, provide a leadership workshop.

The convention registration brochures have been mailed out. If you didn't received one, please contact the ASANC'S Meeting Planner, Cathy Womack, at (919) 518-0963 and let her know that you need a registration brochure. Registration deadline is February 22nd..

This will be a election year for the ASANC'S Officers. The election will be held at the convention. If you are interested in becoming a officer, please fill out the nomination form that has been mailed out in packets of information. The deadline is February 15th. See you at the convention!



## Self Advocate Gone but not Forgotten

Hulon Whitehead from Kinston passed away on December 6, 2007. He was the founder and the coordinator of the Lenior Self Advocacy Group for the past 21 years. He was a member of the ASANC Inc. He was a member of the Arc of N.C. He served as a member of the ASANC'S State Convention Planning Committee until 2001. Hulon was always gracious with making sure the convention awards were nice and they were of good quality. He served as a Life Guardianship Board Member. He truly believed in self advocacy. It was his passion and he lived it daily throughout his life. Hulon maybe gone, but he won't be forgotten throughout the self-advocacy movement. Thank you, Hulon.

## Association's Calendar of Events

### SABE National Conference

**September 4-7, 2008**

Indianapolis, Indiana

[www.sabe2008.org](http://www.sabe2008.org)

**February 18, 2008** - Greensboro Self Advocacy Group Visit

**February 20, 2008** - Up with Orange County Self Advocacy Group visit at University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill

## **ASANC, Inc. RECEIVES PROCLAMATION**

ASANC Inc. received a proclamation on November 7, 2007, by Charles Meeker, Mayor of Raleigh. It was in recognition of Disability Awareness Month during October. The ASANC, Inc. was recognized during the City Council meeting. The ASANC Inc. is honor to have the proclamation. It will go on the ASANC Inc. website to be shared by all. So, please check the website at [www.asa-nc.org](http://www.asa-nc.org)

## **DD COUNCIL AWARDED GRANT TO HSRI**

Human Services Research Institute from Portland, OR. has been awarded a grant to work with other self advocates and others to provide the ASANC, Inc. guidance and support to assist with its organizational structure and actions to develop a stronger voice for improving disability policy and practice. There will be two nationally known self advocates leading the team with assisting the ASANC Inc. with core values and developing goals and objectives for carrying out its mission. They will assess the present status of the ASANC Inc. and its activities. Also, self advocates will talk directly to the two nationally known self advocates concerning what the ASANC Inc. may do now. This project can be a positive impact on self advocacy in North Carolina.

## **MFP GRANT AWARDED TO DMA**

Division of Medical Assistance accepted the grant award for Money Follows the Person in a letter to CMS last May.

MFP is a rebalancing initiative to help some institutionalized individuals with developmental disabilities, nursing care needs or behavioral needs move back into the community.

Town meeting are held about Money Follows the Person around N.C. for people to learn more about this issue. Providers, caregivers, advocates and consumers may participate with an ongoing state advisory committee. Learn more about MFP, on the DMA'S website at [www.ncmfp.com](http://www.ncmfp.com)

## **SABE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

SABE National Convention is going to be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown from September 4-7, 2008. The theme of the convention is "Rev Up Your Engines For Indianapolis, Self Advocacy's Got The Fever." Presentations, exhibitors, etc. are needed. The host of the convention will be the Indiana's Self Advocacy Group. Registration is \$325 before June 30, and \$425 after the 30th. It includes convention activities, meals and ground transportation to and from the hotel. So, mark your calendars and join in the fun with other self advocates in Indianapolis at the SABE National Convention!