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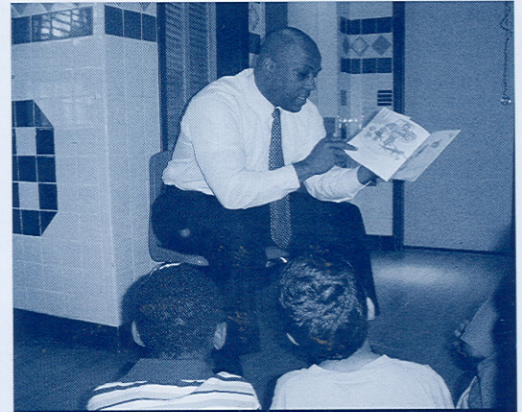
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Freidin & Dobrinsky Contribute to the Lives of Children at CHS

For the past year and a half, the law firm of Freidin & Dobrinsky has made significant contributions in the lives of the children in our Phoebe Morse Special Needs Day Care (SNDC) and McLamore Children's Center. The firm, made up of four attorneys and their staff, including Children's Home Society board member Omar Malone, has adopted CHS as its official charity.

The firm began its service during our annual Holiday Toy Drive in December 2004. Their first hands-on activity took place during Easter 2005, when Freidin & Dobrinsky employees collected money to put together beautiful Easter baskets full of toys, stuffed animals and snacks for the children in our SNDC. The "girls" in the office coordinated a clown visit to the SNDC in July 2005. The clown painted the



CHS Board Member Omar Malone read books to the children at McLamore Children's Center.

children's faces and performed magic tricks. Each child also received a beach bucket full of summer toys and goodies.

Recently, the firm initiated a Read-a-Thon for the children of McLamore. In addition to donating 245 children's books, the firm's attorneys have agreed to participate in hands-on events with the children regularly. Omar Malone started this new project in May, reading a story about strangers, engaging in conversation and passing out snacks and juice to the children. At the end of the day, the children wanted him to read more books and spend more time with them. "I enjoyed every minute of it...I had more fun than the kids," a smiling Omar explained.



Maria deLange of Freidin & Dobrinsky passed out an Easter basket to one of our kids in Phoebe Morse Special Needs Day Care.

Graduate Success at Allapattah

We would like to congratulate the Allapattah teens that graduated from high school this year. The following Allapattah Teen Talk members were awarded special recognition for their academic achievement: Ernesto Hernandez graduated summa cum laude in the top 5 percent of his class, Jeremiah Paraiso graduated magna cum laude in the top 10

percent of his class, Alejandro Salinas graduated cum laude in the top 15 percent of his class, and Michelle Diaz was a recipient of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.

The Allapattah Program is extremely proud of our graduating seniors. We wish them all continued success!

