

## Nicholasville

Every year hundreds of Kentuckians lose their homes due to major catastrophes such as natural disasters and economic hardship. Three years ago, if you were a Nicholasville resident and found yourself temporarily homeless, you had no housing options available within the city/county limits.

This, however, is no longer true thanks to "Emergency Housing," a program developed through the public/private partnership between the city of Nicholasville and Jessamine County, the Jessamine County Ministerial Association, local churches, Asbury College and the Toyota Corporation.

The program is a multifaceted operation that provides furnished apartments for residents needing temporary housing. Each apartment is supplied with food, sheets, blankets, towels, and other essential items thanks to grants and church donations. Counseling is available through interns at Asbury College, and transportation is provided by volunteers.



## Owensboro

Two years ago, Wendell H. Ford announced that he was retiring from the United States Senate. In recognition of Ford's 27 years of public service, the citizens of Owensboro wanted to give something back to the man who dedicated his life to lobbying on behalf of Kentuckians across the state.

**The Wendell H. Ford Government Education Center** serves as an educational tool to increase visitor, especially student, awareness of local, state and national government. The center, which is housed in the Owensboro Museum of Science and History, provides exhibits, educational programs and multimedia presentations to encourage students to become involved in government at all levels.

More than just a museum, the Ford Center provides an excellent forum for local, state and national programs. The Ford Center Academic Team (FCAT), a competition held at the center for local students to demonstrate their knowledge of social studies issues, the Kettering Foundation, Leadership West Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Education Board, and the Sassafras Series have all been hosted at the Ford Center.

The program has been such a success that Maurice Mitchell, legal counsel for President William Jefferson Clinton, has requested curriculum and design information so that a similar program can be created in Arkansas.

