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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Tips Received	871	948	809	958	978
Cases Solved	422	228	262	391	296
Rewards	107	96	75	121	104
Recovered Stolen Property	\$22,618.00	\$27,655.00	\$93,903.0	\$34,035.50	\$23,267.00
Legal Drugs Seized	\$94,345.00	\$11,390.00	\$45,604.00	\$8,550.00	\$8350.00

Since the inception of the Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers program in 1984, we have received **20,414** tips resulting in the clearance of **5,220** cases, recovered **\$1,393,748.51** in stolen property, and **\$673,007.00** in illegal drugs. **Thanks** to you, the citizens of Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights, for making this program a success and in making your community a safer, more law-abiding place to live!

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SPORTS



Starting over Association rebuilds after embezzlement

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The embezzlement conviction of former Chalkley Athletic Association (CAA) President Brenda Osby last month is only a small consolation for its new president, board of directors, parents and the 300 young athletes served by the association. Osby, who will remain in jail pending her sentencing in June, pled guilty to all charges but did not account for over \$45,000 that was missing from CAA coffers, said Douglas Dunlap, CAA's vice president. At the end of her trial, Osby turned over only \$2,000 to her lawyer, which will be held in escrow for the CAA until her sentencing.

With Osby's conviction, the association is now struggling to regroup and rebuild.

The monetary hardships imposed on the CAA by the disappearance of thousands of dollars are monumental. Equipment, uniforms, trophies and awards, insurance, supplies and league fees for football, basketball, cheering, softball and baseball teams amount to more than \$57,000 in this year's CAA budget. In addition, the CAA must find approximately \$13,000, a portion of the lost funds, to cover league fees that were not paid for 2006.

"We had hoped Chesterfield Parks and Recreation would make some concession on last year's fees, but they have not," Dunlap continued.

"Our biggest need is money to get back on our feet and to pay last year's costs. We are able to make enough to get us through a

season and then move onto the next, but we are also trying to make up for last year's fees that were not paid and we have no reserves," continued Dunlap.

Nickie Thornton, in charge of fundraising for the CAA, is equally frustrated. After last year's events, "it's like pulling teeth to get kids to join and getting the parents to help out financially," said Thornton.

Thornton is typical of the new CAA. She is almost a new member herself and has taken over a large responsibility in only her second year in the association.

"We were so surprised about what we found out, it was amazing," she said.

Her fundraising strategy is to make it as easy as possible for the kids and the parents with simple raffles, discount coupons, McDonald's McFun books and anything that does not involve extensive selling.

But it is difficult for her to forget the Osby tragedy.

"As parents we try to do whatever we can to keep our kids off the streets by getting them involved in activities and then someone comes along and takes the money away from them."

But it is the general stigma of the missing funds and some doubt as to who was responsible that has really hindered the rebuilding of the association, Dunlap feels. After she was arrested and charged, Osby, whose grandchildren played in the association, continued to attend games and functions "acting as if nothing had happened and she had done nothing wrong," said Dunlap. Osby,

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New ball fields

The Miracle League (above) recently broke ground on a new ball field for children with physical handicaps at the L.C. Bird High School Sports Complex. Mike Golden, director of Chesterfield Parks and Recreation Department, Karen Pusey, Miracle League executive director, and Bermuda District Supervisor Dickie King attended the groundbreaking. Millwood School (left) also recently dedicated a new baseball field. S.V. Camp III threw out the first ceremonial pitch. (Photos by Page Dowdy)