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**DC property manager helps change lives
*receives award from local non-profit***

BOSTON- Kadija Samba, Property Manager of the Garfield Hills Apartments in Washington, DC received an award from the Calvin Woodland Sr. Foundation(CWSF), a non-profit organization that assists low-income families in the neighborhood around Garfield. Garfield Hills is owned by Boston-based Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc..

“She’s helping us change lives,” said Tywannda Blount, Treasurer/Acting Secretary of the foundation.

Samba works with CWSF to identify individuals and families in need and to help connect them with needed services.

The Foundation is named in honor of the late Calvin Woodland Sr. It was founded by his family members to continue the volunteer work he did all his life helping those in need.

“He lived in that neighborhood when times were tough and made the decision to stay there even when he could have afforded to move out,” said Blount. “He wanted to stay so he could continue to help his neighbors.”

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CWSF organizes outings for children, job and GED training, holiday programs to feed the hungry and give out toys, and community clean-up days with young people. Samba is also lending her support to the CWAS adult training program which will help 89 men get jobs find employment by Jan., 2010. “With the generous support of people like “Ms. Kadija,” we will be able to help many of these individuals and their families, not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future through the job training program,” said Blount.

“We can always depend on her to open up Garfield’s doors to give us a needed space for our activities like the Thanksgiving turkey giveaway. If it wasn’t for this, we would have been giving the turkeys away off the back of a U-Haul.”

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Caption: CWSF Executive Director Charles Johnson gives a plaque to Kadija Samba for support of the foundation’s work. Johnson was the late Calvin Woodland Sr.’s best friend.