



Attica Hosts Youth Empowerment Forum Sponsored by Lifers December 22, 2014

The Lifers Organization wanted to bring together a large number of members for a forum on youth empowerment, designed to encourage and empower youth.



Ms. Woods (No More Tears At Last) with two members of the Lifers Organization at Attica.

responsibility and community.

The Attica CEPHAS organization was also on hand to offer support and suggestions. The keynote speaker was University of Buffalo (UB) Professor Miller, Professor of Law who spoke of the importance of striving for excellence and the importance of education.

In addition to Professor Miller, the group listened to Mr. Bowman, UB Staff Assistant of Student Health and Wellness, who stressed the importance of tolerance and community and Ms. Thomas, Assistant Vice Provost & Director of the Cora P. Maloney College of UB. Many of the Lifers stressed the importance of responsibility, being good role models for your children and never giving up.

Participants offered many great ideas and it was a true learning experience for all involved. It was one step forward to helping provide an exchange of ideas and build on the dream of creating an environment of change and learning from ones mistakes.

The objective was accomplished by creating an environment for discussion based on ways to stir up change and to bring this change back to our communities. The forum included advisors from volunteer groups including Ms. Saunders and Ms. Woods from a local advocacy group "No More Tears at Last" in Buffalo, New York and Ms. Ransom who works with the youth through her Alfa and Omega program in Rochester, New York. Both groups stress the importance of family,



Mr. Bowman, Staff Assistant of Student Health and Wellness delivers remarks about the importance of community.