

## RIDGEWOOD CELEBRATES NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

In commemoration of National Community Development Week, Richland County Community Development and the Ridgewood Neighborhood Association hosted “*Ridgewood Alive*” an event to showcase the neighborhood redevelopment project. Residents, community partners and stakeholders convened at Grace Christian Church for table top displays as well as presentations by project managers, neighborhood leaders and officials.

Ridgewood Alive held April 16, 2009, marked the 35th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The CDBG Program is nationally administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The festival was an opportunity to demonstrate the impact of CDBG and underscore how important these funds are to communities like Ridgewood. The neighborhood came together to receive project updates and hear about future plans for the neighborhood.

Implementation of the Ridgewood Master Plan is completing its 5th year. Since 2004 approximately \$1,500,000 in CDBG and HOME funds have been invested in planning, sewer installation, road construction, affordable housing, recreation improvements and beautification and projects.

