



# Congressman Bud Cramer

## September 2003

### E-Newsletter

This month we pause to pay tribute and to remember the victims of the September 11th, 2001 attacks. It has been two years since the horrific event occurred, but the images are still very fresh in our memory. I hope that you had the opportunity to attend one of the memorial services that were held around North Alabama and I ask you to reflect on the memory of those that died on September 11, and to pray for the safety of the men and women who are currently continuing the fight against terrorism.

*Bud Cramer*

### Washington Update

During the month of August, the U.S. House of Representatives was out of session and Congressman Cramer held a very productive District Work Period. When Congress reconvened for legislative business in September, the U.S. House of Representatives immediately finished the outstanding Appropriations Bills for Fiscal Year 2004.



Congressman Cramer speaking with Michele Booth Cole of Safe Shores

On September 3rd, Congressman Cramer hosted the 3rd Annual "Champions of Children" Dinner and Awards Ceremony. This year Congressman Cramer honored Olympic Skier and NCA Spokesperson Picabo Street, U.S. Senator Joe Biden, U.S. Senator Judd Gregg, and Maxine Baker, President and CEO of Freddie Mac Foundation, for their contributions to child abuse prevention and outreach. The event was held to benefit the National Children's Alliance, and Safe Shores. The National Children's Alliance, founded by Congressman Bud Cramer, is a nationwide non-profit membership organization whose mission is to assist communities seeking to improve their response to child abuse by establishing and maintaining Children's Advocacy Centers. Safe Shores is the District of Columbia based Children's Advocacy Center.

### District Update

For many years, the Huntsville International Airport has been growing due to increase travel and business opportunities in Huntsville. Recently, in May of 2003, Congressman Cramer announced funding for the Huntsville Airport to complete the extension of its runway. However, the current air traffic control tower does not meet the needs of the expanded runway. On August 13th, Congressman Cramer joined officials of the Huntsville International Airport to announce \$8 million, secured by Congressman Cramer in the FY04 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations bill, to construct a larger air traffic control tower.

Congressman Cramer made an important stop to Hartselle during the District Work Period. Congressman Cramer was on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Grand Opening" of Midway Manor Apartments in Hartselle. Midway Manor is a six building complex with 28 brick units intended for low to moderate income elderly individuals.

Also during the District Work Period, Congressman Cramer visited the workers at the Steelcase facility in Limestone County. Cramer was influential in the company's expansion at the Limestone facility earlier this year.

