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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR



### HUD at 50: Five Decades of Opportunity for the American People

In September of 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson stepped into the White House Rose Garden to sign the bill establishing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In that year, the President said “we must make sure that every family in America lives in a home of dignity and a neighborhood of pride, a community of opportunity and a city of promise and hope.”

For the last 50 years, HUD’s dedicated employees have done extraordinary work to make these goals a reality in American life—from creating affordable housing, to helping families achieve responsible homeownership, to tackling homelessness, to fueling healthy economic development.

HUD’s mission is about more than bricks and mortar. Where people live shapes how they live—the jobs that are available, the health outcomes they experience, the education their children receive, the buses and subways they can access and the overall quality of life they enjoy.

### Homes of Dignity

A family’s home is the center of their life. It’s where folks start their days and end their nights. It’s the foundation for one’s future. That’s why under Secretary Julián Castro’s leadership, HUD is focused on helping individuals and families secure a home of dignity. We want to ensure that quality housing, whether to own or to

rent, is available and affordable to individuals and families across a range of incomes.

As we prepare to celebrate **National Homeownership Month in June**, we continue to make strides to keep the American Dream alive—and by building awareness of the importance homeownership in our lives. In Delaware next month, we’ll join the Milford Housing Development Corporation as they celebrate **50 years and 50,000 homes built in their Self-Help Housing Program**. Then we’ll take the opportunity to join Governor Jack Markell, Delaware AmeriCorps, Habitat for Humanity, the Delaware State Housing Authority and others to “**swing a hammer**” in a **Framing Frenzy**—designed to stress the importance

of affordable housing and homeownership. Come join us—or take part in any of the Homeownership Month events in communities. You'll find many listed throughout the "Around the Region" section in this month's HUDLine News.

And for those who the dream of having a place to call home, we are making progress. From 2010 to 2014, under the leadership of President Obama's *Opening Doors* plan, chronic homelessness has dropped by 21 percent and homelessness among veterans has declined by 33 percent. **For those throughout the region who are championing our efforts to end homelessness**, you'll find a number of creative ways to build awareness—and find available homes. With placards asking residents **"Do You Know Me? Can You See Me?" mannequins** throughout Fairfax County in Northern Virginia depict people of all ages and backgrounds, and each has a unique story that tells of a local individual who suffers from homelessness. The Pittsburgh Rapid Results Boot Camp coalition's **"Housing Homeless Veterans" media campaign** and landlord outreach has included a television talk show appearance, a YouTube public service announcement and a 144 bus and 100 bus shelter poster campaign encouraging landlords willing to house homeless veterans to call 2-1-1. HUD's Philadelphia Regional Office supported the **Federal Executive Board's Homeless to Housed Drive**, filling its conference room with employee donations for three Philadelphia nonprofit organizations. Household items, ranging from comforters to towels, were collected for veterans and other individuals experiencing homelessness. And, have the good fortune to meet Army veteran Gary Dawkins, pictured here with me, who will share his "three P's" prescription for a good life. You'll find more about how and why we are making a difference in our battle to end homelessness throughout this edition.



#### **A Neighborhood of Pride, A Community of Opportunity**

In addition to Homeownership Month in June, we celebrate a very special day for many—it's Dad's day. And, with that annual event, **HUD is hosting its fifth Father's Day Initiative to provide opportunities for fathers**—designed to help families to ensure greater involvement by fathers, thereby leading to positive effects on children's health, development and well-being. Since 2011, the initiative has experienced tremendous growth with nearly 1,300 Father's Day events hosted in Public Housing Agencies and in HUD-assisted housing communities across the country. Over 22,000 fathers, children, mothers, partnering organizations participated and provided services and resources. By working with local, state, federal leaders and organizations, HUD is able to facilitate effective and sustainable engagements focused on creating opportunities for dads' continued involvement with their children. For more information or to become involved in this year's events, please email [natlfathersday@hud.gov](mailto:natlathersday@hud.gov). We'll report out on those fun activities next month!

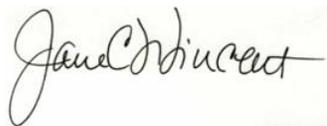
#### **A City of Promise and Hope**

By now, I'm sure you have heard the continuing news reports on the aftermath of the protests and riots that erupted in West Baltimore in April. First, I wanted you to know that all of our teammates in the Baltimore Field Office were safe and sound. Under the direction of Field Office Director Carol Payne, the office reopened after being closed as the events occurred. Secondly, as far as impacts to our clients, the city's Department of Social Services helped four families find temporary housing. While these Housing Choice Voucher Program participants suffered no physical injuries, their units had been burned or impacted by smoke damage. In keeping with our mission, our priority will be to continue to closely monitor HUD assets and the city's climate so that we can address the needs of the families and individuals we serve. As elected officials, faith-based leaders and law enforcement work to restore calm and peace in the city, let's keep the families and communities in our thoughts and prayers.

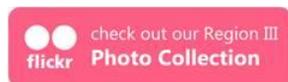
On June 8, we will join many of these leaders at the Baltimore Museum of Industry for the release of the **Opportunity Collaborative's Baltimore Regional Plan for Sustainable Development**. This represents the first ever comprehensive regional plan to bring together workforce development, transportation and housing. The Opportunity Collaborative, a consortium that includes local governments, state agencies, universities and nonprofit organizations, was awarded a \$3.5 million HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant through the Baltimore Metropolitan Council in February 2012. The RPSD is the culmination of three years of work and will help the Baltimore region coordinate investments in housing, transportation and workforce development to reduce disparities and connect all of its citizens to a prosperous future. The outcomes of our plan will lower transportation costs for families, create cleaner and safer communities and increase educational and employment opportunities throughout the region. We look forward to sharing more on this next month.

## It's all about people

HUD's first Secretary, Robert Weaver, stressed from the beginning that our work is about more than program names or process—it's about people. "You cannot have physical renewal without human renewal," Dr. Weaver once said. "Housing is people. The final test of everything we do is whether it meets human needs and adds to human happiness." We will continue to do what we can in keeping with our mission established in the rose garden 50 years ago.



Jane C.W. Vincent  
Region III Regional Administrator



*Pictured on the front cover left to right, Richmond Field Office Director Carrie Schmidt, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority Executive Director John Kownack and Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent on tour in Norfolk.*

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Grant, Funding & Award Announcements

On May 7, HUD announced that it is making more than \$100 million [in grants available](#) to help eliminate dangerous lead-based paint hazards from lower income homes in order to protect young children from lead poisoning and other housing related health and safety hazards such as mold and moisture, radon, pests and other asthma triggers. One Region III example, through HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, 13 grants have been awarded to Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning (now dba the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative). The grants, totaling \$47 million, have made nearly 3,400 low-income housing units lead-safe to date (two of the grants are active and producing more lead-safe units). The city and county as well as other cities and counties throughout the Mid-Atlantic region are eligible to apply for a grant under the Fiscal Year 2015 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program or the Lead Hazard Reduction Program.

In an effort to address emergency, safety and security needs, **HUD awarded \$6 million to 29 public housing authorities to help fight crime and drug activities at their public housing properties.** HUD's [Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program](#) supports public housing authorities as they address safety and security threats that pose a risk to the health and safety of public housing residents due to violent crimes or property related crimes within the public housing community. [These grants](#) may be used to install, repair, or replace capital needs items including security systems/surveillance cameras, fencing, lighting systems, emergency alarm systems, window bars, deadbolt locks and doors. In Region III, the Housing Authority of the City of Baltimore (Md.) will receive \$250,000 to purchase and install security cameras and lighting at Poe Homes to improve security and monitoring and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (Va.) will receive \$154,000 to purchase and install window security bars at Fairfield Court and Blackwell Terrace to improve security and monitoring.

On May 19, HUD announced **\$29 million in grants to help approximately 1,200 extremely low-income persons and families living with HIV/AIDS annually.** In addition to housing assistance, these local programs will provide access to the needed supportive services such as case management, mental health, substance abuse and employment training. The funding announced is offered through HUD's [Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program \(HOPWA\)](#) and will renew HUD's support of 25 local programs in 16 states. Research shows that a stable home is critical to the health of persons with HIV/AIDS resulting in better health outcomes and reduced transmission of the disease. In Region III, the Ministry of Caring, Inc. of Wilmington, Del. received more than \$790,000; the City of Baltimore, Md. received over \$1.4 million and Calcutta House in Philadelphia, Pa. received over \$837,000.

## Other Announcements

HUD's [Section 3 National Registry](#), an online searchable database connecting low-income residents to job training, employment and contract opportunities from organizations that receive certain HUD financial assistance, is now available.

## Publications, Studies & Resources

Choice Neighborhoods has released a [new resource guide](#) developed by neighborhood change expert Michael Schubert. **“Designing and Directing Neighborhood Change: How to Be More Intentional and Effective”** walks readers through how to embark on building a positive neighborhood image, stabilize the housing market, improve physical conditions and strengthen the social fabric in the neighborhood using real examples. It also includes a number of worksheets that can help shape more effective strategies for neighborhood change.

**Rebuilding financial credit is an important step toward self-sufficiency.** On June 5 at 2 p.m. ET, HUD and collaborating agencies will host a webinar entitled [“Rent Reporting for Credit Building”](#) on how to use rent reporting to build credit for low-income families.

PD&R's U.S. Housing Market Conditions (USHMC) website contains national, regional, state, metropolitan, and local data and analysis in one location. [Featured USHMC charts](#) highlight the monthly and annual National Association of Home Builders survey data on builders' views of home sales activity, including current sales activity, prospective buyer traffic and future sales expectations.

**The latest issue of Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research features a research symposium designed to showcase creative applications of spatial techniques and methods to a variety of urban issues.** Guest Editors [Ron Wilson and Rob Renner](#) explain that tools for spatial analysis have reached such an advanced stage of development that they are increasingly critical to understanding complex issues and resolving some of society's most pressing problems.

The [Federal Housing Finance Agency](#) (FHFA) has announced an extension of the [Home Affordable Refinance Program](#) (HARP) through the [end of 2016](#). Launched in 2009 to provide relief to borrowers through lowering monthly payments, HARP was originally set to expire December 31, 2013.

**HUD's CPD Cross-Program Funding Matrix and Dashboard Reports** provide funding information for each city and state that receives CPD program funds, in a place-based format. The reports detail the size of each grant received over the past several years, as well as the total amount of funds currently available to be spent on affordable housing and community and economic development activities. To access the reports, please visit the [CPD Cross-Program Funding Matrix and Dashboard Reports page](#).

There are **new resources available for Continuums of Care (CoCs) and recipients of CoC Program funding available on the HUD Exchange**. HUD strongly encourages CoCs to partner with Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) within their geographic area. The guidance document, [CoC and PHA Collaboration: Strategies for CoCs to Start the Partnership Conversation](#), provides CoCs with preliminary strategies and tips for starting or improving the partnership conversation and engaging their local PHA(s) in collaborative planning activities. [The Business Case for Partnering with Public Housing Agencies to Serve People Who Are Homeless](#) will provide additional insight for getting PHAs on board in the local efforts to end homelessness should begin with understanding their concerns and helping to resolve them.

**HUD has reposted the [FY 2015 HOME Rent Limits](#)**, effective on June 1, 2015. Note that there are no changes to the rent limits. The files have been reposted to correct formatting errors affecting some of the files.

HUD published new **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program**. View the new FAQs by visiting the [CDBG Entitlement FAQs page](#) on the HUD Exchange.

The Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program is co-hosting [a webinar series](#) to help HUD project officers and grantees incorporate water efficiency into their programs and projects. **“Water Wednesdays” will help public, low-income, and multi-family housing managers learn about valuable tools and resources to save on water and energy costs.**

**The “From Coverage to Care” Initiative from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is an initiative to help people with new health care coverage** understand their benefits and connect to primary care and the preventive services that are right for them, so they can live a long and healthy life. From Coverage to Care resources including the Coverage to Care Roadmap, consumer tools, discussion guide and video vignettes can be found at <http://Marketplace.cms.gov/c2c>.

**Federal rental assistance and Housing Choice Voucher [fact sheets](#) have been released by the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#).** The fact sheets provide state level data on the impacts of HUD rental assistance, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Housing Choice Voucher utilization data, and sequestration cuts in Housing Choice Vouchers.

**DUE JUNE 4** – Sun Trust mortgage customers who lost their homes to foreclosure between Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2013, may be eligible for monetary relief under a National Mortgage Settlement. Eligible borrowers must file a claim by June 4, 2015. Claims may be filed [online](#) or by mail. For questions or help filing a claim, contact the Settlement Administrator toll free at 1-866-590-8532.

#### **What Do You Think?**

- **DUE JULY 14** – HUD recently published a notice seeking public comment on proposed revisions to the HUD Addendum to Uniform Residential Loan Application, also known as the 92900-A, the loan certification document signed by lenders. HUD is providing a 60-day comment period on proposed revisions to the form and is requesting all public comments be received by July 14, 2015. [Read HUD's notice](#). Interested parties may view a draft of the formatted proposed revisions on FHA's [Single Family Drafting Table](#) web page. However, all comments on the proposed revisions must be submitted using the instructions found in the [Federal Register Notice](#).

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## **HUD FEDERAL REGISTER RULES, NOTICES & FUNDING**

### **Rule**

[Final Affordability Determination-Energy Efficiency Standards](#)

### **Notices**

[Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: CDBG-DR Expenditure Deadline Extension Request Template \(Pub. L. 113-2 Grantees Only\)](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Production of Material or Provision of Testimony by HUD in Response to Demands in Legal Proceedings Among Private Litigants](#)

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[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Personal Financial and Credit Statement](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act \(HMDA\) Loan/Application Register](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Consolidated Plan and Annual Performance Report](#)

[Notice of Extension of Time for Completion of Manufacturer Notification and Correction Plan](#)

[Notice of Emergency Information Collection and Request for Comment: Assessment of Technology Needs in HUD-Subsidized Housing](#)

[Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for FHA Insured Mortgages](#)

[Delegation of Authority to the Chief Operations Officer](#)

[Guidance and Instructions for Extension Requests of 24-Month Expenditure Deadline for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery \(CDBG-DR\) Grantees](#)

[Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless](#)

[Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: Certification and Funding of State and Local Fair Housing Enforcement Agencies](#)

[Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless](#)

### **Funding Awards**

[Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2014 for the Housing Choice Voucher \(HCV\) Program](#)

### **Funding Notices**

**DUE JUNE 23** – [Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration \(LHRD\) Grant Program](#)

**DUE JUNE 23** – [Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control \(LBPHC\) Grant Program](#)

## AROUND THE REGION, DELAWARE



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### Persistence, Patience and Passion Pays Off for Homeless Veteran

“You have to be persistent, patient and have a passion for where you want to go,” according to Army veteran Gary Dawkins who was once homeless and now has a place to call home through the Delaware State Housing Authority’s public housing program. Pictured at right with Director Bynum, Dawkins told his story at Delaware Governor Jack Markell’s press conference to announce the [First State’s Plan to End Veterans Homelessness](#) by the end of 2015.

“Too many Americans who’ve answered the call of duty struggle to readjust to life after military service,” said HUD Regional Administrator Vincent. “This announcement represents an important step in fulfilling a sacred commitment—ensuring that all veterans have a home in the very nation they served to protect.”

Delaware State Housing Authority Director Anas Ben Addi joined Governor Markell, Regional Administrator Vincent and Delaware Secretary for Health and Social Services Rita Landgraf to sign the proclamation to add the State of Delaware to the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness at the May 4 event. They are pictured at right with Major General Francis Vavala, an Army National Guard officer who currently serves as the Adjutant General of the State of Delaware.



“My story is a prime example of how many resources coming together can bring a veteran from homelessness to stable housing,” said Dawkins. “I am glad to see Delaware committing to this challenge and to housing veterans who are homeless.”

Delaware estimates 277 veterans will experience homelessness over the course of 2015. Dover joined the Mayors Challenge last year and has already permanently housed 19 homeless veterans towards its 100 day goal of housing 22 homeless veterans in the Capital City by June 10. New Castle County, Wilmington and Newark will begin their 100 day effort to permanently house 84 homeless veterans July 1st. Meanwhile, Georgetown is planning a June symposium to build awareness about veteran homelessness and the resources available to help house them across Sussex County. Kent County and Seaford also signed on to the Challenge this month. If your mayor is interested in learning more about joining the Mayors Challenge, visit [hud.gov](http://hud.gov).



### Healthy Homes Reduce Asthma Triggers in Children

Nemours is celebrating the accomplishments and collaborations of a two year grant to reduce asthma triggers in children in Delaware’s public housing communities. In partnership with the Healthy Homes Programs at [HUD](#) and the [Delaware Department of Health and Social Services](#). At a May 20 recognition luncheon, public housing resident Stephanie Cain detailed how much her son’s health has improved since she employed the strategies and cleaning products she learned through the Healthy Homes Program that Nemours introduced. As part of the program, residents who attended Healthy Homes training received a basket of environmentally friendly and safe cleaning products that weren’t detrimental to the health of children with asthma.

“At one of the early meetings of this partnership, I learned about children who end up in the emergency room instead of his or her classroom because of an asthma attack,” stated Regional Administrator Vincent in her remarks. “For Delaware to have the second highest incidence of childhood asthma in the country at 12 percent—clearly illustrates the need for programs like yours.” The goal of the partners involved in the effort is to continue to expand upon the work that was started during the Healthy Homes pilot program in most of Delaware’s public housing communities. The Delaware State, Wilmington and Dover Housing Authorities, along with several individuals including HUD’s Maria Bynum and Ed Thomas, were among those recognized for their participation in the collaborative effort.

## Homeless Planning Council Plans for the Future

The Homeless Planning Council of Delaware (HPC) has [exciting plans](#) for the coming year. At its annual meeting on April 29, Executive Director Phyllis Chamberlain shared the values the HPC staff will use to govern its work: Leadership, Collaboration, Client-Centered, Integrity and Excellence. Those values will assist the staff in using data they collect, including the characteristics and needs of people who are homeless in Delaware through their statewide database, plan for resources and measure gaps in the system.

The staff plans to work to improve the centralized intake system which coordinates and prioritizes the delivery of homeless assistance resources to those most in need. In addition, HPC coordinates the application to HUD for federal homeless assistance funding and seeks to advocate for solutions to homelessness, focusing this year to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. Also, [new board officers and new members](#) were nominated at the meeting and President-Elect Mark Poletunow, pictured above who serves as the Ministry of Caring, Inc.'s Deputy Director, charged those in attendance to work together to create and develop solutions to the crisis of homelessness in the First State.



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## Events & Announcements

- **June 5, 1 p.m.** – Civil rights icon John Lewis will come to Delaware on June 5 to join U.S. Senator Chris Coons for a town hall discussion of how recent events in Dover, Baltimore, New York, and Ferguson, Mo., fit into America's civil rights movement. The event, "**50 Years After Selma: Civil Rights in America**," will be held at the Baby Grand in Wilmington, and is cosponsored by the Metropolitan Urban League Young Professionals and Bank of America. It is free and open to the public, but [RSVP is required](#).
- **June 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** – **Milford Housing Development Corporation (MHDC) invites you to celebrate the 50 Year Anniversary of the Self-Help Housing Program** and the 50,000 self-help homes built with a "work day" event to help build on current self-help homes under construction. U.S. Senator Christopher Coons and other state and local officials will also join us for the day. All tools and safety equipment will be provided by MHDC. Lunch and refreshments will also be provided. Please RSVP by June 1 by calling (302) 422-8255 or email [info@milfordhousing.com](mailto:info@milfordhousing.com).
- **June 10, 11:30 a.m. stop by and swing a hammer, 12 Noon press conference** – Please join the Delaware State Housing Authority, Delaware AmeriCorps, Habitat for Humanity, Delaware Association of Realtors, Home Builders Association of Delaware, Delaware Health and Social Services and HUD as we celebrate **National Homeownership Month with a Framing Frenzy**, Legislative Mall, Dover, Del.
- For more **National Homeownership Month Events in June**, visit the Delaware State Housing Authority's [web page](#).

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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### Federal and Local Officials Celebrate Construction Kickoff for Channing E. Phillips Homes at Shaw/Howard University Metro

Construction has begun on Channing E. Phillips Homes, 56 much-needed affordable apartments with 3100 square feet of street front retail being developed by Lincoln Westmoreland Housing, Inc. immediately adjacent to the Shaw/Howard University Metrorail station in northwest Washington, DC. The new eight-story building at 1710 7th Street NW was designed by acclaimed architect Shalom Baranes Associates of Washington, DC, representing that firm's foray into affordable housing design. The 56

apartment homes, which comply with Enterprise Green Communities criteria, will include 28 one-bedroom apartments with monthly rents of \$1155; 21 two-bedroom apartments with monthly rents of \$1381; and 7 three-bedroom apartments that will rent for \$1596. Construction is slated for completion by mid-2016 and rental applications will be accepted beginning in January 2016. The development of this much needed housing is only possible due to the unique four-decade interracial partnership of two D.C.-area United Church of Christ (UCC) churches: Westmoreland Congregational UCC and Lincoln

Congregational Temple UCC. The two churches became housing development partners to invest in the Shaw neighborhood in the late sixties when few others would. Their successful development of affordable housing dates back to 1969, when they broke ground on the Lincoln Westmoreland Apartments, a 108-unit, 10-story affordable apartment building now located next door to Channing E. Phillips Homes. The building is currently undergoing a renovation scheduled for completion later this year. Lincoln Westmoreland Housing subsequently provided land for the Shaw-Howard University Metro station infrastructure, which has improved access and economic opportunity for neighborhood residents.

District of Columbia Council Member at-Large Elissa Silverman and Ward 6 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Alex Padro joined Polly Donaldson, acting director of the District's Department of Housing and Community Development, Director Turner, ministers from both congregations, the family of the late Rev. Channing E. Phillips and members of the development team for a unique program at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, directly across the street from the new building. Officials and team members assembled a giant vertical puzzle depicting the building piece by piece and then posed for the official photograph. Pictured left to right are KeyUrban's Dahn Warner, Lincoln Westmoreland Housing's David Jacobs and Rob Agus, Hudson Housing Capital's Kimmel Cameron, DC Housing Finance Agency's Maria Day-Marshall, Capital One Bank's Edmund Delany and HUD's Robert Iber. *Photo courtesy of Liz Roll.*

"Creating pathways to the middle class includes developing inclusive and diverse communities. To do this we must produce, protect and preserve more affordable housing for residents at all income levels," said Polly Donaldson, DHCD Director. "The Shaw neighborhood is rich in culture, so being able to revitalize these properties will not only allow the city to preserve the existing 108 affordable units and build 56 new affordable units for DC residents, but make it possible for the neighborhood to maintain its history and character. Projects like these are an example of the positive impact the Mayor's \$100M commitment to affordable housing can have on the city, once those dollars are invested," she added.

"A project such as this is only possible when all of the pieces of the puzzle come together: location, vision, financial commitments, great design and stellar execution," observed Lincoln Westmoreland Housing President David Jacobs. "It's gratifying that after all of the years of groundwork, these badly needed homes will soon be available to our neighbors who need them," he added.

"This is a wonderful story of a faith-based initiative leveraging a government investment with private sector funds to produce transit-oriented affordable development," said Director Marvin Turner.

In addition to the historical significance and transformation of the Shaw Neighborhood, they learned that the new building will bear the name of a beloved and avid anti-poverty and civil rights leader who fought for decent housing and social justice for all. Born in 1928, Channing Emery Phillips served as Senior Minister of the historic Lincoln Temple Congregational Church at 11th and R Streets NW in Washington, D.C and was committed to addressing the low-income housing crisis in the Nation's Capital. In 1967, he began leading the Housing Development Corporation, a nonprofit company that became the largest single developer of low-income housing in the Washington metropolitan area during that era. Phillips became a national political figure in 1968, when he was nominated for President at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, becoming the first African American nominated at a national convention of a major political party. Phillips died in 1987 at age 59 after a battle with cancer. *Story courtesy of Laura Nickle of Communi-k, Inc.*



The day after the groundbreaking, Director Donaldson (pictured right) led a rain-soaked tour of the Shaw neighborhood for HUD Secretary Julián Castro (center) and District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (second from right). The event served as a kickoff for HUD's 50th anniversary year.

HUD's 50th Anniversary recognizes the Department's mission to ensure that every family in America lives in a home of dignity and a neighborhood of pride. The Shaw neighborhood is one of several neighborhoods impacted by the D.C. riots of 1968. It now serves as an example of federal and local partnerships which have spurred revitalization in urban communities. For more photographs of the Secretary's tour, visit [HUD's Flickr site](#).



### Do You Know Me? Can You See Me?

As a component of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness 2015 campaign, the Mannequin Project is designed to raise awareness that homelessness does exist in one of the nation's wealthiest counties. Beginning on April 28, a series of mannequins are on display in locations throughout the county, representing the faces of homelessness that exist in real life in our area. With placards asking residents "Do You Know Me? Can You See Me?" mannequins depict people of all ages and backgrounds, and each has a unique story that tells of a local individual who suffers from homelessness. These mannequins, such as the ones in the photo, encourage residents to take notice of the problem locally and get involved with local nonprofits and programs to help

make a difference. "This exciting awareness campaign is intended to bring more attention to the issues facing women, men and children in our community who are homeless. We hope that by raising awareness we will be able to build even more momentum in preventing and ending homelessness in our community by engaging new stakeholders and by raising more resources," stated Dean Klein, Fairfax County's Director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. "One of my colleagues noticed that people have a tendency to glance at the mannequins and then walk away—much like the behavior we have seen when people encounter individuals experiencing homelessness." To date, 30 mannequins have been made and have been placed in eight locations as well as making appearances at nonprofit fundraisers. The goal is to secure placements in Metro stops and other public spaces. "The Mannequin Project is a creative way to bring attention to our homeless population in Fairfax County," says Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. "Approximately 1,200 individuals live in our community without a roof over their heads. The Mannequin Project tells us about our homeless neighbors. Each mannequin has a story that may challenge your views on why people are homeless, and what we can do to help." For more information, contact the [Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) by calling (703) 324-5237.



### Housing, Transit and Jobs Focus of Montgomery County Summit

The Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County held its 24th annual Affordable Housing Summit on May 4 in North Bethesda. This year's theme, "Housing, Transit and Jobs — The Foundation For A Strong Economy," was echoed in the keynote address by U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez and remarks by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett. Awards presented during the luncheon included: The Robert C. Weaver Housing Champion Award winner Nicolas P. Retsinas of Harvard Business School; the David Reznick Housing Partner of the Year to SunTrust Bank; the Paul Sarbanes Excellence in Public Service Award

to A Wider Circle; and the Eugene F. Ford Sr. Builder of the Year to StonebridgeCarras. Director Turner, pictured right, moderated the panel Updating the Affordable Housing Toolkit: MPDUs And Beyond featuring (left to right) Rick Nelson, Commissioner, Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission; Vonda Orders, General Counsel, District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development and Robert Easley, Deputy Director, Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development.

### New Affordable Complex Planned for Fairfax County

Known for luxury residential projects, the McLean-based Jefferson Apartment Group (JAG) is now working on its first 100% affordable housing apartment complex for people earning 50%-60% of the area median income. The Residences at Government Center will be 270 units in two, four-story buildings in Fairfax County. It also includes an above-grade parking garage with 367 spaces, which is rare in affordable housing projects. An Urban Institute housing security study show low-income renters face major competition for affordable housing from higher-income people, creating a gap of over 94,000 rental units for extremely low-income people.

The units will have many of the same amenities found in market rate residential projects, but some of the finishes will be more economical, like laminate kitchen counters versus granite. The \$56 million project came through a partnership formed eight years ago between JAG, Stratford Capital Group and Fairfax County. The land is owned by the county and is being leased to JAG for 99 years at a reduced rate. It's unusual that a 100% affordable housing project like this would be located in a close-in Northern Virginia suburb. The project works because Fairfax County agreed to venture the land through a lease structure.





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### **Clearing The Air: A Healthy Smoke-Free Housing Summit**

The Baltimore and District of Columbia Field Offices in partnership with The Environmental Protective Agency, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Anne Arundel Medical Center hosted a Smoke-Free Summit in Annapolis on May 21. The day-long event focused on the importance of public housing and multifamily properties becoming smoke free. Gerald Simon McNabb, Senior Policy Advisor in the Office on Smoking and Health with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, provided remarks on behalf of the Surgeon General. Peter J. Ashley, Director of the Policy and Standards Division with HUD's

Office of Lead Hazard Control, provided the audience with an overview of HUD's Smoke-Free Housing Initiative. Dana Moncrief, Chief of Statewide Public Health Initiatives, Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control with the Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene provided information on Maryland's smoke-free housing initiatives.

Executives from local housing authorities spoke on how they have implemented smoke-free policies and the benefits. During the lunch break, participants were able to speak with the experts and ask additional questions regarding the benefits of smoke-free buildings. The call to action at the end of the day was to further support discussions on the benefits of smoke-free housing. As a follow-up, the Baltimore Field Office will host a place-based session with the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. Pictured above is Director Carol Payne (right) with Althea Forrester, HUD's Associate General Counsel for Assisted Housing and Community Development. HUD's Peter Ashley, left, leads the discussion at one of the "Talk With the Experts" tables. Want to learn about how your agency can go smoke-free? Please contact HUD's Ed Thomas by calling (215) 861-7670 or email [edward.a.thomas@hud.gov](mailto:edward.a.thomas@hud.gov).



### **"You've Earned It!" Mortgage Program Available for Veterans & Military Families**

On Memorial Day, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Kenneth Holt announced a \$20 million initiative that will give a significant boost to veterans and military families who are looking to buy a home in one of Maryland's 86 Sustainable Communities. [Read the release.](#) The "You've Earned It!" initiative offers a 2.75 percent fixed-rate 30-year loan through the Maryland Mortgage Program and \$10,000 in down payment assistance in the form of a zero interest deferred loan to active duty military, including members of the military reserves and National Guard, and honorably discharged veterans and veterans with a disability. The first phase of "You've Earned It!"—aimed at qualified homebuyers with more than \$25,000 in student loan debt—was announced May 4. The initiative is for a limited time until the \$20 million allocation is exhausted. The program is open for a limited time to families purchasing a home in one of [Maryland's 86 Sustainable Communities](#). Maryland's Sustainable Communities program seeks to strengthen reinvestment and revitalization in the state's older communities through state, local and private sector partnerships. There is at least one designated Sustainable Community in each of Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City. For more information about the Maryland Mortgage Program, as well as other loan specials, participating lenders and homeownership counselors in your area, visit the Maryland Mortgage Program [website](#).

### **Housing Scorecard Spotlights Market Recovery in Baltimore Metropolitan Statistical Area**

Each month, HUD and the U.S. Department of the Treasury produce a monthly scorecard on the health of the nation's housing market. The scorecard incorporates key housing market indicators and highlights the impact of the Administration's unprecedented housing recovery efforts, including assistance to homeowners through the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). The April 2015 Housing Scorecard features a spotlight on

market recovery in the Baltimore Metropolitan Statistical Area. A few highlights from the scorecard include the foreclosure crisis in the Baltimore, Maryland MSA was less severe than in most parts of the country, but the recovery from the crisis and subsequent recession has been slower than for the nation. The share of distressed mortgages has declined in Baltimore—the result of nearly five years of moderate job growth, state legislation that curtailed foreclosure actions and the local use of the Administration’s mortgage assistance programs. And, home prices in Baltimore rose more steeply but declined less than for the nation during the housing crisis. For details, the Scorecard can be accessed at [www.HUD.gov/scorecard](http://www.HUD.gov/scorecard).



### **Bon Secours Benet House Re-Opening Celebrated**

On April 23, Bon Secours celebrated the Grand Reopening of Benet House. Bon Secours Benet House is a 101-unit former Section 202 building, originally renovated in 1991 as an adaptive reuse of a public school building. The current renovations were accomplished with an FHA Section 223(f) loan, HOME funds from Baltimore City, Rental Housing Works and Energy funds from the State of Maryland, and Federal Home Loan Bank funds. Renovations updated apartment interiors including kitchens, baths and flooring; improved building performance and enhanced common areas. Green features included upgrades to the central heating system and the addition of Energy Star appliances and light fixtures, low-flow plumbing

fixtures and low VOC paints. Bon Secours Hospital and Enterprise Homes which has a long history both in Baltimore and nationally of creation and preservation of affordable housing sponsored the renovation. The Bon Secours Hospital, which continues to serve Southwest Baltimore community by providing health care and housing services, is located less than a mile away. Pictured in the front row at the event’s ribbon cutting are Enterprise Homes, Inc. CEO Chickie Grayson, Melissa Peters, Director Payne, Maryland DHCD Secretary Kenneth Holt, Baltimore Housing Commissioner Paul Graziano, Baltimore City Council President Bernard “Jack” Young, Baltimore City Comptroller Joan C. Pratt, Benet House Resident Association President Lillian Davis and Bon Secours Hospital Chief Executive Officer Sam Ross.

### **BFO Hosts Take Your Daughters & Sons to Work Day**

On April 23, the Baltimore Field Office had the pleasure of hosting nine children for the annual Take your Daughters & Sons to Work Day. The children enjoyed a day full of activities to increase their knowledge of HUD and to promote their future aspirations and goals, not to mention the opportunity for the children to see first-hand where the person who brought them—parent, aunt, uncle or grandparent—works every day. The young visitors gained a better understanding of the role HUD plays for our communities and participated in an FHEO-led discussion about the different ways discrimination occurs. Three arts and crafts activities included: The Success Tree, Build a HUD Home and creating a sustaining community. Pictured during that activity in the front row are Richard Harding’s JJ, Amber Mohr’s Linden, Cheryl McMillan’s Kayla and Kierra, Director Payne, Stephanie Ray’s Christian and Kayla and Robin Harrison’s Imoni. At the end of the day, the children were awarded certificates of participation along with goodie bags filled with school supplies.



### **Events & Announcements**

- **June 8, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Opportunity Collaborative’s Baltimore Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD)** plan release event will be held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. This represents the first ever comprehensive regional plan to bring together workforce development, transportation and housing. The Opportunity Collaborative is a consortium that includes local governments, state agencies, universities and nonprofit organizations. The co-chairs of the Collaborative are William H. Cole IV, president and CEO of the Baltimore Development Corporation, and Scot T. Spencer, of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The RPSD is the culmination of three years of work and will help the Baltimore region coordinate investments in housing, transportation and workforce development to reduce disparities and connect all of our citizens to a prosperous future. The outcomes of the plan will lower transportation costs for families, create cleaner and safer communities and increase educational and employment opportunities throughout the region. To join other regional leaders fir the launch of this regional plan, [registration is required](#).

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### FEB Drive Gives the Comforts of Home

Last month, HUD's Philadelphia Regional Office supported the Federal Executive Board's Homeless to Housed Drive, filling its conference room with employee donations for three Philadelphia nonprofit organizations. Household items, ranging from comforters to towels, were collected for veterans and other individuals experiencing homelessness. "The donated goods will be used to create welcome baskets to help these people get started and encourage them to stay in their new home," said Federal Executive Board Executive Director Lisa Makosewski in her memo to federal agencies, requesting support for the drive. "The needed items are things that many of us take for granted, but for someone who is moving into a home with nothing to bring from their previous address, the basics can turn a

house into a home." The FEB's primary mission involves the coordination and support of intergovernmental and community activities in the Delaware Valley, bridging the gap of communication and collaboration for more than 170 federal entities. This is the second year it has sponsored the drive.

Donations were given to the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC), Pathways to Housing PA and The Dreuding Center. Since 1980, the VMC has been serving those who have served. According to VMC Director of Development Debby Derricks, HUD's donations will help 75 veterans and families make their houses into homes. She said over the last year the nonprofit has been busy fulfilling its mission. "We have provided housing for over 500 veterans and their families, placed 300 veterans in jobs and served approximately 175,000 meals." said Derricks. A recipient of their assistance is Navy veteran Albert Ayers, who signed a lease for an apartment in April. Upon moving into his new home, he was presented with a welcome basket. Now, his goal is to find employment to increase his income and stabilize his housing. Above left, Navy veteran Albert Ayers poses for a photo in his new home. Pictured at right, Warren Davis with the Veterans Multi-Service Center picks up HUD's donations from Ben Houck and Joe Nicodemo.



### Know Your Fair Housing Rights

Two recent settlements of housing discrimination complaints with the City of Scranton and the Housing Authority of the City of Hazleton demonstrate the importance of knowing your rights. In each case, the complainants sought legal assistance to get justice for the violation of their rights under the Fair Housing Act. "The Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful to evict an individual because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status," said Melody Taylor-Blancher, Regional Director of HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in Philadelphia. "It's important for communities to know their fair housing rights."

HUD announced its agreement with the City of Scranton on May 6, along with a payment of \$100,000 in compensation, resolving allegations that the city unlawfully evicted residents with disabilities from their home. The case came to HUD's attention when Oxford House, Inc., a non-profit organization that offers housing for persons recovering from drug and alcohol addiction, together with the owner of the subject rental unit, Chris and Rob Properties, LLC, filed a complaint alleging that the city violated fair housing laws on the basis of disability.

Less than a week later on May 12, a Conciliation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Hazleton was announced, settling allegations the housing authority discriminated against Hispanic households. The agreement resolves claims that the housing authority violated the housing rights of Spanish-speaking applicants and tenants. According to the complaint, the applicants and tenants were required to supply their own interpreters in order to communicate with housing

authority staff, being denied limited English proficiency services. Under the terms of the agreement, the housing authority will pay a monetary settlement of \$14,000—which will be distributed among the residents who filed the complaint—and \$4,000 for attorney’s fees. The housing authority will provide services for the complainants and others with limited English proficiency. “Through our efforts to enforce the Fair Housing Act, we are working to ensure that all federally funded entities understand their obligations to affirmatively further fair housing,” said Blancher.

A housing discrimination complaint can be filed by contacting HUD’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at (800) 669-9777 (voice) or (800) 927-9275 (TTY). Complaints may also be filed [online](#) or by downloading HUD’s free housing discrimination mobile application on Apple devices. Read the full agreements reached in the [Scranton](#) and [Hazleton Housing Authority](#) cases.



### City of Reading Breaks Ground for GoggleWorks II

HUD’s Brandon Porinchak joined City of Reading Mayor Vaughn Spencer, Our City Reading, Inc.’s Al Boscov and other dignitaries for the groundbreaking of GoggleWorks II on May 7. The \$5.6 million project that will convert an existing factory building into apartments is expected to create 100 jobs. “Once again, HUD is proud to partner with the City of Reading on another important project. We applaud the City’s efforts to bring together a team of federal, state, local and private resources to make this project a reality,” Porinchak said in his remarks. The Department provided Community Development Block Grant funding, (\$300,000 Loan from the City) Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) funding (\$750,000 grant) and a \$1,500,000 low-interest Section 108 loan

towards the funding of GoggleWorks II. HUD was also a funding partner in original GoggleWorks, one of the largest Arts Centers in the country, by providing a \$4,300,000 Section 108 low-interest loan. The GoggleWorks Center for the Arts in Reading has been a treasured addition to the City and the entire region. Pictured third from left, Brandon Porinchak joins the other dignitaries for the official groundbreaking.

### Events/Announcements

- **June 26** – In collaboration with Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, HUD’s Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control will host an Asthma Summit in Philadelphia. The purpose of the summit is to advocate and gain support for a policy shift that would result in the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Innovation and private health insurance providers reimbursing the costs for environmental interventions to reduce or eliminate asthma triggers in the homes of children with asthma. Watch for more information on [HUD.gov/pennsylvania](http://HUD.gov/pennsylvania).

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### Housing Authority and Development Partners Host Ribbon Cutting at Skyline Terrace

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) unveiled the first phase of the comprehensive redevelopment of Skyline Terrace (formerly Addison Terrace), during a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 14. HACP’s redevelopment of one of the nation’s oldest public housing communities is being directed by co-developers Keith B. Key Enterprises LLC and Allies & Ross Management and Development Corporation, an affiliate of HACP.

HACP Executive Director Caster D. Binion said, “We’re very pleased to unveil the first phase of housing at Skyline Terrace and extremely proud of the finished product. Addison Terrace represented some of the oldest, most-distressed public housing stock in the nation. Skyline Terrace represents the future of affordable housing – a safe, vibrant, energy-efficient housing community that will house Pittsburgh residents of all walks of life.”



Addison Terrace Phase I is the first of a three-phase housing redevelopment plan in the Hill District. This redevelopment effort is being implemented in partnership with HUD and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. Pictured right, Director Jane Miller represented HUD at the event.



The total development cost for the planned 400-unit development, including significant upgrades to local public utilities and streets, is approximately \$160 million, making Skyline/ Addison Terrace one of the largest redevelopments of affordable housing within the City of Pittsburgh and the largest award given to a minority owned firm in the city's history.

The new development will replace 734 obsolete units of public housing constructed in the 1940s. Phase I redevelopment activities consist of the completion of a multi-purpose community center, a variety of infrastructure improvements and the construction of 186 units of mixed-income housing, ranging in size from 1 to 4 bedrooms. The redevelopment team has strived toward the goal of creating a community that is reintegrated into the Greater Hill District and fully connected to the surrounding community, with convenient access to local businesses and services. This has been accomplished by introducing new buildings, improving existing neighborhood streets, enhancing walkability and safety and providing neighborhood connectivity through major infrastructure improvements.

Skyline Terrace Phase I includes numerous green design principles for energy efficiency, water conservation, low maintenance landscapes, storm water management, and the use of eco-friendly products. Skyline Terrace is the largest community in Pittsburgh to earn the designation of "Enterprise Green Community."



**All Aboard! Landlords Needed To End Veteran Homelessness**

Last August spearheaded by the Mayor's Office City of Pittsburgh and the Office of the County Executive, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, all of the area Continuum of Care service providers and interested community stakeholders joined with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and HUD to host the Pittsburgh Rapid Results Boot Camp. Through HUD's Point-in-Time count and the VA's Gap Analysis, it was determined that Pittsburgh needed to house 627 veterans experiencing homelessness to end homelessness in the city by Dec. 31, 2015. Now in their third 100 days, they

have housed 50 percent of their goal. Best practices include the creation of a Veterans Portal established with Pennsylvania's 2-1-1 call center help make sure that no veteran is "forgotten" and receives the services he or she needs. The coalition's "Housing Homeless Veterans" media campaign and landlord outreach has included a television talk show appearance, a YouTube public service announcement and a 144 bus and 100 bus shelter poster campaign encouraging landlords willing to house homeless veterans to call 2-1-1. Pictured right, Allegheny County Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher Program Associate Director and Boot Camp member Bob Gabbinelli coordinated the public transportation campaign.



**Century Plaza Apartments for the Elderly Expansion Project Becomes a Reality with PHARE and HUD HOME Funds**

On May 7, 2015, a dedication ceremony and open house was held for the \$2.4 million Century Plaza Apartments for the Elderly Expansion Project. The project involved the construction of 14 new apartments that are connected to the original 65 unit Century Plaza Apartments located in North Franklin Township. In 1993, the Redevelopment Authority purchased the former dilapidated Century Plaza Motel

out of Federal Bankruptcy Court and transformed the former 100-unit motel into a 65-unit apartment building. Since its opening on Sept. 1, 1994, the facility has been fully occupied with a substantial waiting list. In response to that demand, the

Redevelopment Authority planned this expansion project, which was funded through the Washington County HUD HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Program. PHARE funds are generated from the impact fees that are collected from the Marcellus Shale industry. Both programs are administered by the Redevelopment Authority on behalf of the County Commissioners. Each of the 14 apartments is one bedroom and includes a combination living room/dining room, a fully accessible bathroom, and a kitchen equipped with an electric range and refrigerator. Each apartment is individually heated and air conditioned and contains smoke detectors, sprinklers for fire protection, and an intercom system connected to the front entrance doors. Also, there is a new two-story corridor that connects the new addition to the original facility for the residents to have access to all the common area spaces, including the TV room and community room. A new outdoor courtyard was also constructed for all of the residents to enjoy. Additional amenities include outdoor seating and tables, raised vegetable and flower gardens, lighting and landscaped areas. Pictured, a gazebo, fountain and paved walkway grace the entry to Washington County's Century Plaza Apartments expansion.

### Learning From Our Deepest Valleys

Kimberly Puryear served our country as a C130 Jet Mechanic and Administrative Specialist for the United States Air Force. After her military service, Kimberly worked her way up from a fast food services operator to become a day care worker and then a counselor. She earned two associate arts degrees, one in child psychology and another in education. Her life was busy, but very manageable. Then in July 2010, Kimberly's life took a dramatic turn. Less than one mile away from her home as she rode her bicycle to work, Kimberly was hit head-on by a motorist driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Her devastating injuries—eye sockets shattered, hands crushed, a broken hip and multiple other breaks and fractures—left Kimberly's life in a state of disarray. Hospitalized for three months, she was then moved to a nursing home for another month. She was unable to work, and ultimately faced homelessness.



The Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA (VLP) stepped in—and offered Kimberly assistance through their HUD Supportive Housing Program they call Valor. This HUD-funded program is designed for homeless veterans who are challenged with a physical or mental disability. With much gratitude to VLP and others who rallied to her side, Kimberly states her theme song could be “I believe I can fly.” She relays how in our darkest hours we learn the most about ourselves and others—we learn about compassion, loyalty, acceptance and an inner strength we never knew we had before. With assistance from Oreo, her trusted service animal companion (pictured with her at right), and Helen her aide, Kimberly feels capable of approaching new opportunities head on. She is now contemplating a professional writing career. In 2013, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association awarded Ms. Puryear the [“Come Back Award”](#) for her courage and tenacity. She promptly took the monetary award she received from the Association and donated it to VLP and her church.

### Events & Announcements

- **June 5, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. – Free Job Skills Workshops for Pittsburgh Area Veterans** offered by Deloitte Pittsburgh in partnership with the United Way, Millvale Community Center. WANTED men and women who have served our country and are looking to improve their job search skills or advance in their careers. A Deloitte Consultant will conduct customized one-on-one or small group sessions based on: Resume Review and Rebuild (bring a hard copy of your resume), Cover Letters, Behavioral Interview Techniques and Prep, Effective Online Job Searches and Microsoft Office Skills Brush-up. Deloitte will also offer classroom sessions including Social Media and Job Search (using LinkedIn effectively and awareness of how employers use social media to research job candidates) and Handling Difficult Work Situations. Stay all day or register for specific classes. Breakfast and lunch provided. Registration is required. [Visit Eventbrite to complete your registration today.](#)
- **June 10 to 12, 8 a.m. through Noon on Friday – Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Statewide Housing Services Conference: Building Bridges** at the Historic Omni William Penn Hotel, 530 William Penn Place in Pittsburgh, Pa. Register at [www.phfa.org/hsc](http://www.phfa.org/hsc).
- **July 24, 8:30 a.m. to Noon – Annual Meeting Notice: Community Homelessness Assessment Learning Education Networking Group**, VA Pittsburgh, Learning Exchange Room, Building 71, First Floor on the H.J. Heinz Campus at 1010 Delafied Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215. To RSVP, please call Mary Frances at (412) 822-1272.

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## HUD Leaders Tour With the Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority

On April 29, HUD Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent and Director Carrie Schmidt toured ongoing initiatives of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The tour included a site visit to Cottage Bridge, the nation's newest apartment community; a 47-unit Earth Craft certified building serving persons with disabilities. Additional stops on the tour include the ongoing transformation of the Grandy Village waterfront community, including sixteen (16) new residential units, all constructed with green building methods and energy efficiency appliances. One unit is fully handicap accessible and all units meet HUD "visitability" standards with at grade near access as well as universal design to accommodate disabled residents. Educational and workforce development initiatives involving NRHA youth were the topics of discussion including the STEM educational partnership with U.S. Military Academy at West Point, wooden boat engineering and design program, the potential collaboration with the Ocean Discovery Institute in San Diego for marine science career preparation and the tour's first stop, the Sail Quest summer camp, the first sailing program in the nation for youth



residents. Above left, Sail Nauticus' Youth Programs Manager Peter Leighton leads the tour through the Elizabeth River facility while describing the student experience. Workforce development programs for NRHA residents including the Resident Home Build program, the award-winning program designed to train residents in the construction and facilities maintenance fields, and other creative strategies for Section 3 requirements were topics of discussion during the half-day tour. Employment opportunities for low-income residents with projects like Grandy Village, pictured at right, will be expanded in the future.



## Nation's Newest Apartment Community Cottage Bridge Officially Opens

Representatives from the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) Board of Commissioners joined Virginia State Senator Kenneth Alexander, HUD and other officials for a May 7 ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the NRHA's Cottage Bridge Midrise, an apartment complex for individuals living with disabilities located in Norfolk. HUD's Bonita Booker, pictured left and at center, represented the agency at the long-awaited event. The new 41,713 square foot,

three-story mid-rise facility features 43 one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units. All units are designed to meet American Disability Act accessibility standards for residents with disabilities, and are Type A wheelchair accessible. The units also meet VHDA Universal Design standards. Riddick Fiedler Stern pc, the Architect of Record, designed the facility to achieve EarthCraft Multifamily Certification for energy savings and sustainable design and includes Energy Star windows, advance lighting package with occupancy sensors, appliances and fans. Low-flow and WaterSense labeled fixtures include sub-metered apartment units. Richmond-based Developer, KBS, noted the building plan was designed to conform to tight site limitations due to required wetlands setbacks. Due to the proximity to the I-64 highway, additional testing and envelope design were required to meet HUD Noise Attenuation standards.



### HUD Hustles to Relieve Hunger

Beginning in October 2014 as part of the Richmond Field Office commemoration of HUD's 50th Anniversary, Office of Public Housing Director Catherine Lamberg and her staff led the way for local HUD employees to donate approximately 500 cans of food to the OLL Food Pantry at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Glen Allen, Va. With the help of members of St. Michael Catholic Church's Knights of Columbus, the cans were bagged, boxed, loaded and delivered to OLL Food Pantry. HUD's Bill Schlotzhauer, Jim Peluso and Catherine

Lamberg, pictured above, pack up the food items for pick-up while St. Michael's Steve Scanlon, Our Lady of Lourdes' J.P. Callen and St. Benedict's Jean Peaco load up the truck. According to the Central Virginia Food Bank, one in seven persons is food-insecure and nearly 83,000 pounds of food are distributed throughout the Richmond community every day.



### Congratulations

To [Community Housing Partners](#) (CHP) on the **completion of renovations to the Bettie S. Davis Village Apartments in Suffolk**. The property upgrades, which were performed by CHP's in-house development, design, and construction teams, included new water lines, gutters, and downspouts; as well as all new windows, exterior doors, fiber-cement board siding, kitchen appliances and cabinetry, water heaters, HVAC systems, and carpeting. Funded in part with Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds, the design and construction work were performed to meet EARTHCRRAFT standards in order to improve the efficiency and sustainability of the complex. The 60-apartment Section 8 community is home to elderly and/or disabled residents earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income. It was named after Bettie S. Davis, Virginia's first African American public health nurse who served the Suffolk area for nearly four decades, beginning in 1926.

The **City of Charlottesville was awarded a free sustainable development code audit by Smart Growth America, through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Five Year Building Block for Sustainable Communities – Project for Public Spaces" program**. Smart Growth America delivered a technical assistance workshop to Charlottesville on April 28 and 29, which included a public input meeting and a code audit workshop with City staff and some members of the Planning Commission. The key issues discussed were: outdoor lighting, green infrastructure, and community health, and the next steps will involve identifying desirable code changes and an implementation plan. Charlottesville Sustainable Development Code Audit Workshop delivered under EPA Five-Year Building Block for Sustainable Communities.

To the **City of Petersburg, one of 20 localities nationwide to receive a "Roadmaps to Health" Action Award** from the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#). The [Roadmaps to Health Action Award](#) is geared toward improving health outcomes and disparities. Award recipients were given a health consultant, \$10,000 to spend on health initiatives and may participate in a series of learning activities. Community engagement and policy planning are core components of the program.

To the [Virginia Association of Housing Counselors](#) **2015 Housing Counseling Award recipients!** New River Community Action's Gabriel "Gabe" Martin was recognized as Rising Star Counselor of the Year. New River's Jeanne Curtis and Jill Simmons, Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, received Housing Specialist of the Year awards. Other winners included Erica Holmes, Housing Families First as Community Service of the Year, Shelley Murphy, Piedmont Housing Alliance as Mountain Mover of the Year and Commonwealth Catholic Charities received the Agency of the Year award.

On May 13, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe announced the recipients of the Governor's Public Service Awards recognizing state employees who have demonstrated exemplary service and dedication to the Commonwealth of Virginia. The awards were presented during Virginia Public Service Week, which celebrates the contributions of public sector employees to the Commonwealth. **Recognized with the Teamwork Award, the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Veterans Homelessness Team embodies the spirit of teamwork, cooperation, leadership and engagement. The work of this team has enabled Virginia to make significant progress toward achieving Governor McAuliffe's goal of ending veteran homelessness by the end of 2015.** Its multi-disciplinary approach to ending veteran homelessness brings together all of the agency's service delivery sections to address the broad range of challenges faced by homeless veterans. In addition, the team

has partnered with the Homeless Veterans Committee, part of the Governor's Homeless Outcomes Coordinating Council, which includes representatives of DVS, five state agencies, two federal agencies, including HUD, the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH), and others. Over the past year, its efforts have led to the first Summit on Ending Veteran Homelessness in Virginia; the Governor's support for the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2015; and the nation's first Homeless Veteran Boot Camp to streamline the housing of homeless veterans. The team was instrumental in Virginia's achievement in which it exceeded by more than 25 percent Governor McAuliffe's goal for communities to house 360 homeless veterans in 100 days. [Read profiles of the winners of the 2015 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards.](#)

### Events & Announcements

- **DUE June 1** – Workshop Proposals for the [2015 Virginia Volunteerism and Service Conference](#), to be held in Roanoke September 30 and October 1. Learn more about [submitting a proposal](#).
- **June 19** – [Housing Virginia](#) and the [Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University](#) will bring leaders from both the housing and education fields together to discuss the challenges that Virginia schools face with changing demographics. This will be the second symposium in a series about "The Intersection of Housing and Education Policy" sponsored by Housing Virginia. For more information and registration, visit their [website](#).
- **July 15** – [Main Street Essentials Workshop](#) in Lynchburg.
- **August 7 through 9** – [Virginia Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday](#).
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Registration is now open for the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference, to be held in Hampton November 18 through 20. For more information and to register, visit the [VGHC website](#).

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### Zero: 2016 Action Camp comes to the West Virginia Balance of State Continuum of Care

Members of the West Virginia Balance of State Continuum of Care staff and providers throughout the state met for two days for a Zero: 2016 "Action Camp." Attendees of the Action Camp received two days of technical assistance, coaching, planning, and system refinement from Linda Kaufman, National Movement Manager and Adam Gibbs, Communication Manager of the Zero: 2016 Campaign. Work was centered on brainstorming, defining, and coming up with actionable plans

throughout the WV Balance of State Continuum of Care in order to end veteran homelessness by the Dec. 31, 2015 goal. Pictured are (L to R): Zach Brown, Executive Director of the WV Coalition to End Homelessness; Melinda Bibbee, VASH Coordinator Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center; Keri DeMasi, Executive Director, Bartlett House; Tennille Limer, Housing Director, Raleigh County Community Action; Katie Wolfe, Permanent Housing Specialist, CHRHA; Linda Kaufman, Zero:2016; Kasie Ray, Training and Communication Coordinator, WVCAP; Robin Kees, Executive Director, Telemon Corporation; Marina Kelley, HCHV Outreach Social Worker, Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center; and Rachael Coen, Project Specialist, WVCEH.

### Events & Announcements

- **June 5, 8 a.m. START** – WV RAVE Ridge and Valley Excursion Bike Tour, Camp Caesar, Cowen, W. Va. Habitat for Humanity of Nicholas and Webster Counties hosts our 2nd annual Bike tour along the Scenic Williams River and through the Monongahela National Forest with breathtaking views and astounding climbs! Four routes are offered, so everyone from the beginner to the most avid cyclist will be challenged. For more information, please [go to our web site](#).
- **July 14 & 15** – West Virginia Annual Multifamily Rental Housing Conference, Charleston Civic Center. Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Affordable Housing Management Association in affiliation with HUD's Charleston Field Office and the West Virginia Development Fund. This year's event features a back-to-the basics focus on best practices and compliance issues.

Mingle with peers, exchange ideas with Fund partners, and learn from local and national experts on topics ranging from bed bugs and crime to Income/Assets/Expenses and Enterprise Income Verification. For more [information](#) and to [register](#), visit the Mid-Atlantic AHMA [website](#).

- **Sept. 15, 16 & 17** – SAVE THE DATE! 2015 West Virginia Housing Conference: Housing Builds Strong Communities, Embassy Suites, 300 Court Street, Charleston, W. Va. For more information, contact Mary Skeens at [mskeens@communityworkswv.org](mailto:mskeens@communityworkswv.org).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Ongoing Opportunities

- The U.S. Department of Labor is accepting applications for "[Stand Down](#)" grants that will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the department's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program.
- The Surdna Foundation offers funding to nonprofit organizations that seek to help communities build wealth in a sustainable manner. Letters of Inquiry are accepted year around. For more information, click [here](#).
- Kresge Foundation is accepting applications for funding for its [Advancing the Effectiveness and Resilience of Multi-Service Organizations](#) grant program.
- Kresge Foundation is accepting applications for funding for its [Healthy Environments](#) grant program.
- [The Coca Cola Foundation](#) offers grants to support programs that focus on: water stewardship; healthy and active lifestyles that lead to physical activity and nutritional education programs; community recycling; and education.
- The [Macy's Foundation](#) provides grants to organizations that are focused on women's issues.

### Upcoming Deadlines

- **DUE JUNE 3** – Letter of Intent to Apply for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) funding opportunity for organizations and individuals to operate as Navigators in Federally-facilitated Marketplaces (FFMs), including State Partnership Marketplaces (SPMs). As they did have done over the past two years, and as they are doing now, Navigators will continue to assist consumers in various ways, including providing information about available coverage options through the Marketplace during open enrollment. This year applicants are encouraged to demonstrate a focus on rural, underserved, vulnerable, or special needs populations or communities, and a commitment to serve these populations or communities. HHS will award up to \$67,000,000 to recipients across all service areas of FFMs (including SPMs). Applications are due June 15 with an anticipated award date of Sept. 2. To see the FOA for the Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces go to [Grants.gov](#) and search for CFDA 93.332.
- **DUE JUNE 4** – Applications for the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Employment and Training Administration (ETA) YouthBuild, a community-based alternative education program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24. Youth learn construction skills while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their own neighborhoods. YouthBuild includes significant support systems, such as a mentoring, follow-up education, employment, and personal counseling services; and participation in community service and civic engagement. There are over 220 DOL funded YouthBuild programs in 43 states serving over 6,000 youth per year. In Fiscal Year 2015, individual grants will range from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million and require an exact 25 percent match from applicants, using sources other than federal funding. For more information on YouthBuild, please visit the [YouthBuild Information web page](#). [The YouthBuild Funding Opportunity Announcement is available here](#).
- **DUE JUNE 11** – Applications for the U.S. Department of Justice's Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors, providing grants up to \$1,000,000 to fund non-profits to provide mentors and wrap-around services such as housing, employment, and healthcare to adults who have been incarcerated to support their successful reintegration into the community.
- **DUE JUNE 15** – Applications for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's [Asset for Independence \(AFI\) Demonstration Grants](#), a new demonstration grant competition for non-profits and government agencies to help low-income participants invest in Individual Development Accounts. AFI grants also assist participants in obtaining the skills and information necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Thirty-five, five-year grants are available ranging from

\$10,000 to \$1,000,000. AFI applicants collaborating with Choice Neighborhoods and other federal place-based initiative(s) and serving populations located in those areas are eligible for bonus points in the AFI application review.

- **DUE JUNE 30** – Applications for the [Wells Fargo Homeownership](#) grant program to help local nonprofit housing organizations create sustainable homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate-income people.
- **DUE SEPT. 4** – [Applications for the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation](#), providing grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to support direct expenses associated with neighborhood planning such as planning consultants, outreach activities, community meetings, and advisory group development.

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