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Shaundra Clark, SERC-NAHRO President

## Greetings SERC-NAHRO Members!

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- Cybersecurity
- Fraud in Public Housing
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- VAWA
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**Tell your stories!! Our federal, state, and local Representatives want to hear from their constituents. Remember, the squeaky wheel gets the grease!**

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Lastly, let's talk about **self-care**.

What is it? According to the Oxford Online Dictionary, **self-care** is the practice of taking

an active role in protecting one's own well-being and happiness, in particular during periods of stress.

Categories of **self-care** include:

- Physical
- Mental
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- Emotional and social activities.

Simple acts of **self-care** are encouraging yourself, trying something new, rewarding yourself, performing a random act of kindness for someone else, taking a long walk and my personal favorite – listening to music!

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– Hans Christian Anderson

Self-care is vital so we can continue to care for others, as we do.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Workshop in Savannah -- see the promo info below!!

Your Service,  
Shaundra Clark,  
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# SERC-NAHRO Legislative Network



by Yvonda A. Bean, Legislative Committee Chair - CEO, Columbia Housing, SC

Greetings SERC Nation!

## August Advocacy Month

Affordable Housing Advocacy Month officially concluded on Friday, September 9, 2022, and I want to personally extend a warm appreciation to NAHRO's Legislative Team, **Tess Hembree** and **Jenna Hampton**. Thank you for doing an amazing job preparing our letters, scheduling our Virtual Hill Day visits, emailing us the Friday Night Wrap-Ups, emailing us periodic updates, sharing sample materials for social media posts, for implementing our suggestion to create the Goal Tracker, and much more! Your efforts and commitment to

affordable housing advocacy are unmatched! We are **#NAHROProud**.

SERC Nation, job well done! We lead in (2) out of (3) of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' Advocacy Goals during August Advocacy Month. The details of each goal are provided below.

## Upcoming Elections

Lastly, elections are swiftly approaching, and voting is a vital part of our democracy. If you aren't already doing so, I encourage you to work closely with the families you serve to ensure they are aware of impending elections, plan to vote, and exercise their right to vote in

local, state, and national elections. It is their civic duty.

**NOTE:** Election dates and deadlines vary across the country and at different levels of government. For a list of upcoming elections in your state, check out [https://ballotpedia.org/Elections\\_calendar](https://ballotpedia.org/Elections_calendar).

## 2022 SERC-NAHRO Fall Workshop

Please join us on November 6-8, 2022, in Savannah, GA for the SERC-NAHRO Fall Workshop.

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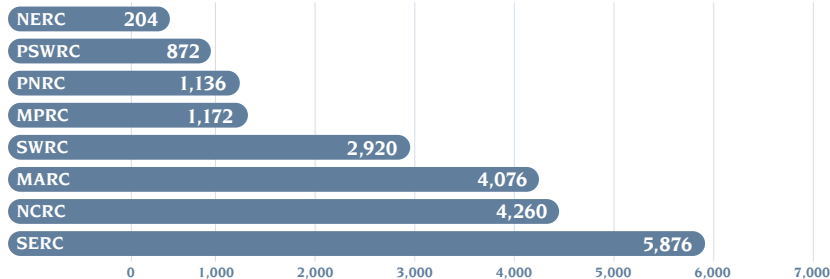
Please feel free to share your thoughts, ideas, and any feedback with me at [ybean@ColumbiaHousingSC.org](mailto:ybean@ColumbiaHousingSC.org).

## NAHRO Advocacy Goals

### Goal 1

Send **50,000** letters to Congress and the White House.

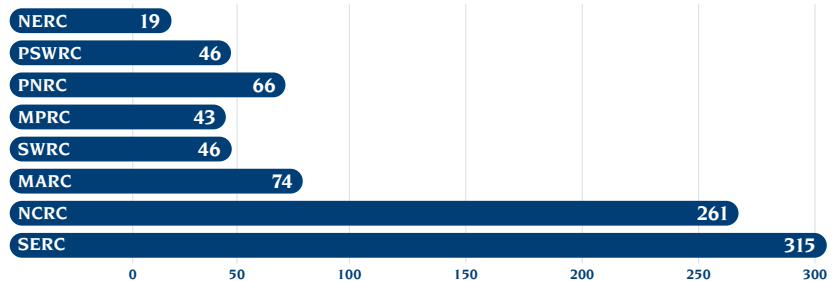
- There were **20,516** letters submitted, as of September 2, 2022.
- SERC letter submissions were 5,876; **29% of NAHRO's goal** and **24% of SERC's goal**.



### Goal 2

Engage strong base of **1,000** grassroots **advocates**.

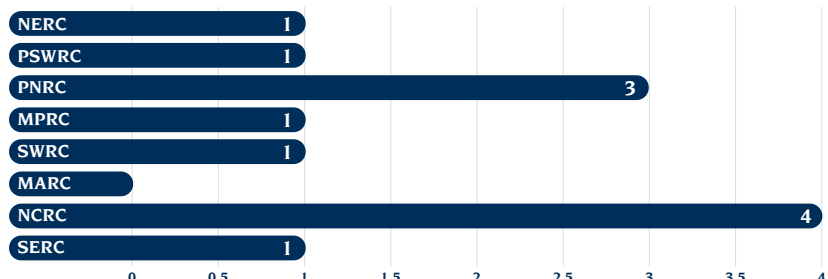
- A total of 1,007 different people advocated as of September 2, 2022.
- SERC advocates totaled 315; **32% of NAHRO's goal**.



### Goal 3

Make a personal connection with your legislators, by hosting **50 site visits**.

- A total of 12 site visits were completed, as of September 2, 2022.
- SERC completed one (1) site visit; **2% of NAHRO's goal**.



# WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME WINNERS

## 2022 SERC-NAHRO Winners

Since 2008, the NAHRO What Home Means to Me Poster Contest has recognized the amazing art of children who live in affordable housing communities across the country. Each piece of art visually shares the child's thoughts on what their home means to them.

Every year, hundreds of children, ages 5-18, participate in the poster contest. Their heartfelt messages about what their homes mean to them underscore the importance of the work that Housers and community development professionals do.

Each state association within the SERC-NAHRO region has the opportunity to provide submissions from their member agencies to be considered during the SERC-NAHRO Annual Conference.

NAHRO Fellows review all submissions and select a first, second, and third place for each age category to be forwarded on to National NAHRO for consideration.

The final contest, conducted in Washington, D.C., is the culmination of numerous poster contests held by agencies across the United States.

Three judges choose 13 winners from hundreds of entries to be featured in NAHRO's "What Home Means to Me" 2023 calendar.

All winners receive cash prizes. The grand prize winner, whose art is featured on the calendar cover, will also receive a trip to NAHRO's Washington Conference to meet our membership and their Congressional representatives.

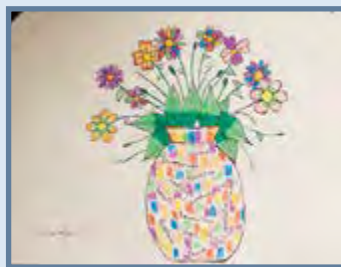
**SERC-NAHRO Selections that will be forwarded on for national consideration are featured below:**

### High School Winners:

- **1st Place - Jaylen Bullard,**  
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- **2nd Place - Kamajee Adams,**  
Bessemer Housing Authority,  
Bessemer, AL
- **3rd Place - Kiara Simmons,**  
Beckley Housing Authority,  
Beckley, WV



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

### Middle School Winners:

- **1st Place - Jamira Carter,**  
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- **2nd Place - Kendon Lester,**  
Bristol Development & HA,  
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- **3rd Place - Jeremiah Thompson,**  
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1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

### Elementary School Winners:

- **1st Place - Jada Leonard,**  
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- **2nd Place - Asher Fields,**  
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- **3rd Place - Aden Casiano,**  
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1st Place



2nd Place

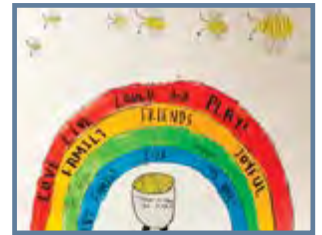
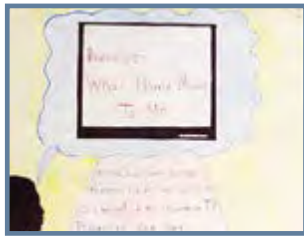


3rd Place



# WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME POSTER CONTEST

## Additional SERC-NAHRO What Home Means to Me Poster Contest Submissions





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provided additional housing

Throughout his career, Ken was also a dedicated Rotarian, serving as President of the Trussville Daybreak Rotary Club and as a Paul Harris Fellow.

A HUGE Auburn University fan, Ken in retirement will now be able to attend more games in person. Ken and his wife Becky will also be enjoying RV life on Lake Martin, with Ken fishing (catch and release) from their pontoon boat. Their two sons and four grandchildren will be seeing a lot more of Ken!

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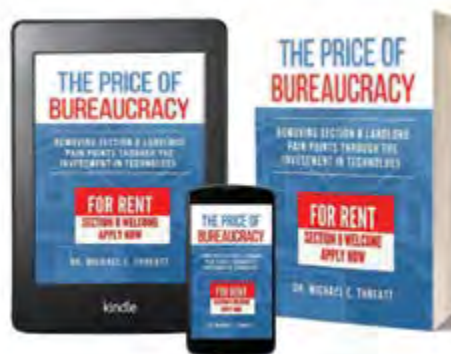
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## Partners Come Together for a Day of Community Fun

- Opelika Housing Authority (OHA)

On June 25th Opelika Housing Authority partnered with numerous community organizations to host a Community Fun Day for their Camp Hill residents.



Activities took place from 10 am to 2 pm at Camp Hill Bear Park with a Community-Wide yard sale kicking off the day's festivities from 9 am to 10 am.

During the event, community members were able to enjoy games, food, toy giveaways, and more.

The event was sponsored in collaboration with Alabama Arise, Auburn University Health Resources,



Councilperson Heard, Opelika Housing Authority, and Women in Non-Profit.

Immediately following the event, OHA held a listening session to receive input and feedback from Camp Hill Residents.

The event gave OHA Staff and residents the chance to come together and interact in a fun casual setting, strengthening trust and building lasting collaboration.

Learn more about Opelika Housing Authority on their website, OpelikaHA.org.

## AAHRA Annual Conference Recap

- AAHRA

Thank You for joining us at the 2022 AAHRA Annual Conference in beautiful Gulf Shores.

We are excited to share our 2022 Award Winners :

### Best Newsletter:

- Small: Brewton HA
- Medium: Opelika HA

**Best Publication:** Dothan Housing

### AAHRA Best Practices:

- Small: Roanoke HA
- Medium: Auburn HA
- Large: Selma HA

### Website of the Year:

- Small: Florala HA, FloralaHousing.com
- Medium: Opelika HA, OpelikaHA.org
- Large: Dothan Housing, DothanHousing.org



### Maintenance Employee of the Year:

- Annie Doris Thomas, Dothan Housing
- Kay Carrol, Greater Gadsden HA

### Commissioner of the Year:

John Grayson, Selma HA

### Administrative Employee of the Year:

Agatha "Gay" Guy, Sylacauga HA

### Resident Volunteer of the Year:

Valerie Dudley, Greater Gadsden HA

### Executive Director of the Year:

Samuel P. Crawford, CEO, Dothan Housing

### C.R. (Bob) Neill Lifetime Achievement Award:

Beverly Barber, Opp HA

**To keep up to date about our Spring Workshop, please visit AAHRA.org.**

## The Wiregrass Landlord Tour With MTW Agency

- Dothan Housing (DH)

As a continuation of the agency's success in recruiting landlords for Dothan Housing, the agency's Wiregrass Regional Voucher Program (WRVP) launched The Wiregrass Landlord Tour with Landlord Liaison Jordon Bonner and HQS Inspector Maurice Weems. DH hosted a series of landlord information sessions across the Wiregrass area in partnership with local public libraries. This impactful tour was a call to current, former, and potential landlords as well as investors to leverage a partnership with DH to receive guaranteed rent, market their properties, gain certified Ready to Rent tenants, hear from an actual HQS Inspector, and inquire about the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, formerly known as Section 8, landlord application process.



A few of the chosen locations for The Wiregrass Landlord Tour included the cities and towns of Abbeville, Elba, Headland, Enterprise, and Dothan! Participants were able to not only view an engaging presentation, but also engage in meaningful dialogue with industry professionals. As a member of the Moving To Work (MTW) Landlord Incentives Cohort #4, DH understands the importance of creating innovative strategies to reach landlords and create housing opportunities for HCV participants. The agency looks forward to continuing the Wiregrass Landlord Tour for years to come!

Learn more about Dothan Housing Authority on their website, DothanHousing.org.



# Redevelopment, Rebranding, & Recognition - St. Petersburg Housing Authority



New  
Branding

Previous  
Branding



The St. Petersburg Housing Authority was recently rebranded, including logos and website.

The rebranded logos include both the SPHA and RISE logos. Colors were brightened and elements were added for a more friendly, inviting design. Both logos include their slogan to help identify the values of the Housing Authority.

Founded in 2016 as SPHA's nonprofit arm, RISE Development Corporation's purpose is to create more affordable rental housing options in the Greater St. Petersburg region through new construction or the renovation of existing multi-family properties.

Currently, Rise Development Corp is facilitating their Jordan Park Redevelopment Project.

To improve the resident experience, the rebranded, "responsive" website, includes the new logos, branding and colors, and the content of the website was reorganized to help website visitors more easily find the information they are looking for.

Website administrators will be able to publish to the subscriber list important information including upcoming events, news and more. The new site will be updated continually, often weekly, with new information that will benefit all residents, landlords and the public at large.

SPHA continued their partnership with Brooks Jeffrey for their rebranding and website upgrade.

August of 2022, SPHA was notified that they had received a "High Performer" rating from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its federally subsidized Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, commonly known as "Section 8".

## Some of the features/functions on the newly updated website include:

- Main buttons for Apply Online, Check Waitlist, Pay Rent, and Maintenance Requests.
- "How Do I?" section to address the most frequently asked questions including questions about affordable housing, resources, Section 8, veterans, and schools.
- Housing, Landlords, Business Opportunities, and Careers pages are also included.
- Publishing to subscribers via text/email - a great way to stay informed about things happening at the Housing Authority.
- Calendar feeds five events on the home page with quick links to the complete interactive calendar.
- Latest News feeds on the home page for a quick review of the three latest news articles posted on the website.

Chairperson James Dates, said, "This achievement is a testament to the leadership of Mr. Lundy as CEO, the dedication of SPHA staff, and the technical assistance from the local HUD field office. We are proud of the work this agency has done to get to this point, and we are committed to doing all we can to create more housing opportunities in the future."

SPHA's CEO/President Michael Lundy said, "Earning the highest rating that HUD has to offer is a great accomplishment, and I am proud of the progress that we have made. The sound guidance of our Board of Commissioners and the hard work of our staff have taken us here, and we are continuing to move forward in our mission of service."

For more information about the new SPHA branding or website features; please visit their new website at [StPeteHa.org](http://StPeteHa.org).



### St. Petersburg Housing Authority

St. Petersburg, FL

PH: 371

HCV: 3,813

Michael Lundy, President/CEO  
[StPeteHA.org](http://StPeteHA.org)





## New Branding Created & Responsive Website Launched

- North Central Florida Regional Housing Authority (NCFRHA)

The North Central Florida Regional Housing Authority now has an award-winning new responsive website, NCFRHA.com.

Their new responsive website allows site visitors to easily navigate the website no matter what device is used for viewing (desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone).

### Some of the features/functions on their new site include:

- Housing Properties Map - Check out Affordable Housing properties available through the Voucher program on the interactive embedded Google map
- News Module with Homepage Feed and News Achieve
- Links to their Online application and landlord portal.

In June 2022, their new website won the 2022 SERC-NAHRO Website of the Year for a Small Housing Authority.

Additionally, they launched their new logo and branding. The new logo features a stylized house with an oak tree and a rising sun.

The new image brand captures North Central Florida Regional Housing Authority's spirit and will be used internally and externally to identify their housing.

Learn more about North Central Florida Regional HA at their new website, NCFRHA.com.



## Vanessa Dunn Joins Jacksonville Housing as COO

- Jacksonville Housing (JHA)

Vanessa Dunn has joined Jacksonville Housing as their new COO. In her new role as COO, Ms. Dunn oversees all operations for the agency.

Keep up with Jacksonville Housing Authority by visiting their website, JaxHA.org.



## A Summer of S.T.E.A.M. In Arcadia

- Arcadia Housing Authority (AHA)

Arcadia Housing Authority partnered to provide their residents with enriching S.T.E.A.M. activities throughout their summer break.

On April 29th they held the S.T.E.A.M. with the Circus Arts Conservatory.

The Circus, a beautiful art form of movement and skill, also provides great lessons in physical science and engineering. Parents and children were involved in activities designed to provide interactive, hands-on experiences to reinforce basic concepts in physical science for the elementary student. Engaging students directly and immediately, circus artists demonstrated principles of science, engineering, art, math, technology, communication, and theater.



On May 3rd they hosted an All Ages hands-on marine Exploration experience with Mote Marine Laboratory.

The first station was Fin-tastic Friends where attendees could learn the truth about the often-misunderstood sharks and rays and about Mote's current research to discover more about these amazing animals.

The second was Turtley Turtles, where residents could learn more about sea turtles, feel a turtle skull and shell, and even take a peek inside a replica sea turtle nest.

To keep up with future Arcadia Housing Authority events, please visit their website at HousingArcadia.com.



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## A New Look for Brunswick Housing Authority

- Brunswick Housing Authority (BHA)

Brunswick Housing Authority now has a new responsive website that addresses ADA Accessibility, BrunswickPHA.org.

Inspired by their beautiful beach-side community, their new logo, and branding feature light beachy colors that complement their properties and surroundings.

Their new website is designed to provide transparency for our families, commissioners, business partners, community stakeholders, and the general public.



### Some of the features/functions on their new site include:

- Latest News
- Calendar of Events
- Custom Form Builder - Allows for Brunswick Housing Authority to create Custom Forms for Residents, Community Partners, and Staff that can be completed and submitted online.
- Communities Map
- Publishing to subscribers via text/email

To keep up with Brunswick Housing Authority, please visit their new website, BrunswickPHA.org.

## Albany Housing Authority Renames Community Center after Civil Rights Activist

- Albany Housing Authority (AHA)

The Albany Housing Authority has renamed their Holley Homes community center after a civil rights activist, Miss Mimi Jones. The new Mamie Ford Jones Community Center will serve residents in her honor for years to come.

Jones grew up in Albany and was involved in the integration of a swimming pool in St. Augustine, FL. The event made national headlines after a man poured acid in the pool filled with young black children, including Mimi.

"She never had any idea that her going down to St. Augustine would propel her globally," said Altomease Latting, Mimi Jones' sister.

Jones dedicated her life to civil rights and is featured in the documentary 'The Passage at St. Augustine', which presented the impact of the attack on the passing of the civil rights act of 1924.

The creator of the film, Clennon King, spent a significant amount of time with Johns throughout production.



"She helped raise money for the March on Washington, she traveled the country, she was a great speaker, she educated older black people in how to read so that they could register to vote," said King

Mimi and her family were AHA Residents, specifically in within their Holley Homes community.

"This is something that we can show. That we can display to our kids and the people growing up in this neighborhood.



## CHA Attends GAHRA's Youth Leadership Conference

- Camilla Housing Authority

Camilla HA and their Youth Leadership showed off their D.R.I.P. at the GAHRA Youth Leadership Conference.

The 2022 Conference took place July 8-10th on Saint Simmons Island and was themed D.R.I.P. (Develop, Responsible, Individual, Peers).

Each Year GAHRA hosts its Youth Leadership Conference, which provides Leadership Training for Youth aged 13-18. The training encourages the development of strategies for a successful future.

To stay up to date on information and registration for the 2023 conference, please visit GAHRA.org.

That your address and your zip code, where you live or where you come from doesn't determine where you're going," said CEO William Myles.

The community center will serve as the center of learning. The Community center will feature computer labs, mentorship programs, recreational activities and more for the neighborhood's youth.

Learn more about Albany Housing Authority on their website, AlbanyHA.com.



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## Breaking Ground on “Living the Dream”

- Housing Authority of the City of Bowling Green (HABG)

Through the HABG's Live the Dream Development arm, Housing Authority of Bowling Green took another step toward their goal of boosting home ownership!

The Warren County magistrates voted in February 2022 to allocate \$1 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to finance infrastructure on a 23-acre site abutting the Housing Authority's Garvin House property.

On July 12th HABG broke ground on the first 10 acres and initial 40 houses. In total HABG hopes to see 80 individual units upon the project's completion.



*Abraham Williams, Executive Director*

“My daddy used to tell me that you need to know a blessing when you see it,” Williams said. “I see it. The \$1 million will cover most of the infrastructure. We'll bid that out in the next two weeks.”

HABG will work with local homebuilders to put up homes of 1,200 to 1,400 square feet that will be priced in the \$160,000 to \$180,000 range.

“This is tremendously needed in our community,” said Brad Howard, chairman of the Live the Dream BOD. “We already had a shortage of affordable housing, and now we're seeing a lot of families affected by the (December) tornadoes.”

Live the Dream began more than 20 years ago and built the first five houses on land donated by the city of Bowling Green. Since then 145 houses have been purchased by low-to moderate-income individuals and families.

To learn more about their “Living the Dream” development, please visit their website at HABG.org.



*Brad Howard, Board Chairman*

## Thank You for Joining Us in Louisville!

- KHA

We had such a great time at the 2022 KHA/TAHRA Conference! We look forward to sharing a full recap of the conference in the upcoming January 2023 edition.

For more information about future KHA events please visit our website, KYHousingAssn.com.



## New Programs & Renewed Inspiration!

- Housing Authority of Paducah (HAP)

The Housing Authority of Paducah is excited to expand its resident services program through the award of its new ROSS-SC grant!

Trish Dry, their new ROSS Services Coordinator, is excited to hit the ground running this new impactful program - “I see the need for these services throughout our community. Facilitating access to these services will have a profound impact on the lives of our residents.”

Throughout the summer, HAP has held numerous interest meetings for residents to learn more about the program and meet with Trish!

In preparation for their new ROSS grant, Trish has worked to expand their portfolio of community partners.

In celebration of back to school, Mr. Terry Jones, owner of Jonestown Barber & Style Shop, offered to provide Back to School Haircut vouchers for their residents!

Currently, HAP is busy preparing for their largest resident event of the year, their Annual Community Day. Partnering with several other community organizations, HAP residents can enjoy an afternoon of free family fun!

To keep up with HAP please visit their website, PaducahHousing.com.



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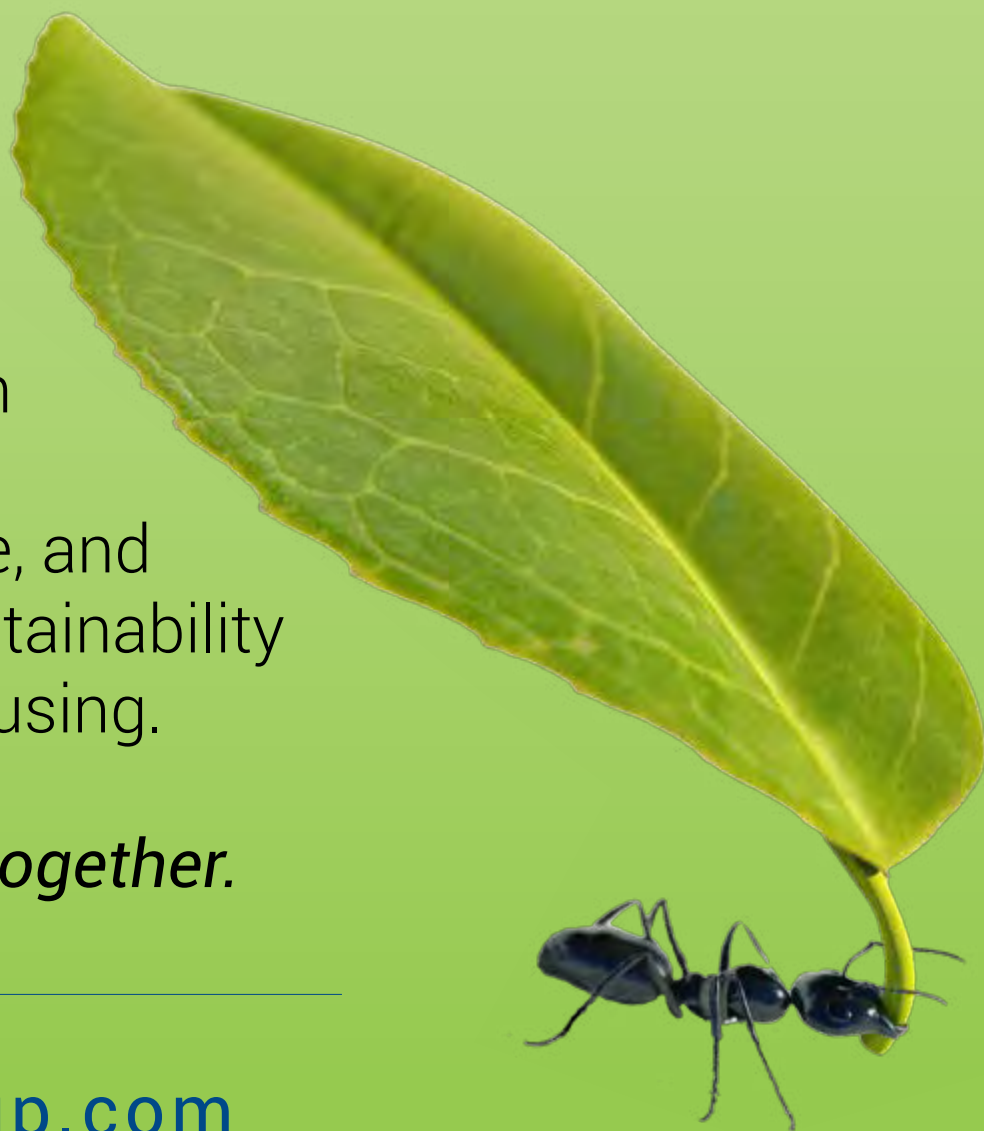
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## Community Partnership Celebrated on a National Level

- Winona Housing Authority (WHA)

While attending the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Annual Education Conference in Mobile, AL, members of the Junior Auxiliary of Winona were recognized for their partnership with Winona Housing Authority.

They were awarded the Louise Eskridge Crump Award for their GEMS Program with WHA.

Louise Eskridge Crump Child Welfare Award is Presented to Chapters, in recognition of new or old project which is judged to be outstanding in its contributions to the well-being of a child, children or family.

The GEMS (Growing, Empowering, Mentoring, Supporting) meets monthly at WHA and is open to children 4th-6th grade that live within a WHA Community.

These meetings focus on teaching life skills and

cultivating a positive attitude. GEMS participants have completed art projects, played sports, and shared meals together.

Both WHA and the Junior Auxiliary of Winona are excited for the continued impact of this program.



*Pictured above: GEMS volunteers assist volunteering with WHA Residents*

## A New Look for Vicksburg HA

- Vicksburg Housing Authority

Vicksburg Housing Authority is proud to debut its new logo and branding.

Their new logo and branding feature the iconic Mississippi River Bridge, which is emblematic within their community.

Their new branding features brighter exciting colors, which bring the sunset featured in the logo to life!

Vicksburg HA will be deploying its new logo and branding throughout its agency. They are developing new business cards and digital stationery to provide a consistent new look throughout their communications with

residents, community partners, and government officials.

In addition to their written communications, they are also developing new decals for their agency vehicles so residents can easily identify HA maintenance staff and feel comfortable when they see their vehicles within the community.



## Little Library, Big Gift

- Corinth Housing Authority (CHA)

Residents of the Robbins Apartments and of the Pace Terrace Apartments were gifted a "little library" filled with books.

Keller Roach, a 14-year-old scout, designed, built, and installed the "little library" book boxes as his service project to earn the title of Eagle Scout.

Residents will now have access to new reading material without needing to secure transportation to the library and can visit the little library whenever is convenient for their schedules. It will be an excellent resource for all members of the community.

To learn more CHA on their website [CorinthHousingAuthority.org](http://CorinthHousingAuthority.org).

## SERC-NAHRO Annual Conference

- Picayune Housing Authority (PHA)



*SERC-NAHRO Conference: Ruby Stentz, Executive Director, Picayune, MS*

## CCHRCO 2022 Award Winners

### Newsletter of the Year Winners

#### • North Carolina:

- **Small - 1st Place:**  
Roxboro HA
- **Medium - 1st Place:**  
Rocky Mount HA
- **Medium - 2nd Place:**  
Burlington HA
- **Large - 1st Place:**  
Elizabeth City HA
- **Large - 2nd Place:**  
Wilson HA
- **X-Large - 1st Place:**  
Kinston HA
- **X-Large - 2nd Place:**  
High Point HA

#### • South Carolina:

- **Large - 1st Place:**  
Sumter HA
- **Large - 2nd Place:**  
Spartanburg Housing
- **Large - 3rd Place:**  
Florence HA



Large HA Newsletter of the Year NC 1st Place presented to Elizabeth City HA. Accepted by Sandra Perry, ED.



X-Large HA Newsletter of the Year NC 1st Place presented to Kinston HA. Accepted by Rhonda Abbott, ED.



Small HA Newsletter of the Year NC 1st Place presented to Roxboro HA. Accepted by Felts Lewis, ED.



Large HA Newsletter of the Year SC 1st Place presented to Sumter HA. Accepted by Donna Lamer, ED.

### Website Winners

#### • North Carolina:

- **Medium - 1st Place:**  
Rockingham HA  
RHANC.com
- **Medium - 2nd Place:**  
Monroe HA  
MonroeHousing-NC.com

#### • Large - 1st Place:

Goldsboro HA  
HACG.org

#### • Large - 2nd Place:

Wilson HA  
WilsonHA.org

#### • X-Large - 1st Place:

Kinston HA  
KHANC.org

#### • X-Large - 2nd Place:

High Point HA  
HPHA.net

#### • South Carolina:

#### • Medium - 1st Place:

Fort Mill HA  
FortMillHousing.com

#### • Large - 1st Place:

Spartanburg Housing  
SpartanburgHousing.org





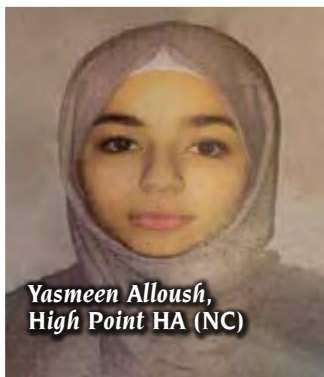
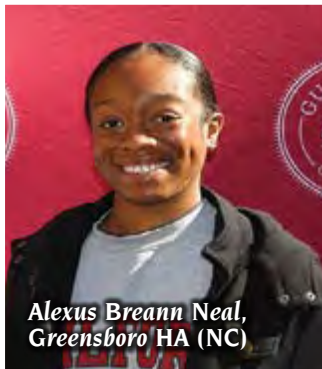
## CCHRCO 2022 Scholarship Winners

- **\*\*\*Aayliah Slack** - \$1,000.00  
Columbia Housing (SC)
- **\*\*Alexus Breann Neal** - \$1,000.00  
Greensboro HA (NC)
- **\*\*Darelsalam Karama** - \$1,000.00  
High Point HA (NC)
- **\*\*Delilah Ann Battle** - \$1,000.00  
Greensboro HA (NC)
- **\*\*E'Mari J. Walker** - \$1,000.00  
Inlivian Housing Redefined (NC)
- **\*Isaiah Smith** - \$1,000.00  
Fort Mill HA (SC)
- **\*\*Maria Lopez** - \$1,000.00  
Nu-Dimensions Inc. (NC)
- **\*Nyviar Devyon Davis** - \$1,500.00  
Kinston HA (NC)
- **\*\*\*Princess Washington** - \$1,000.00  
Columbia Housing (SC)
- **\*Sabrina Ibrahim** - \$1,000.00  
High Point HA (NC)
- **\*\*Sulaf Ali** - \$1,000.00  
High Point HA (NC)
- **\*Tanasia Alexis Goodwin** - \$1,500.00  
S.C. Regional HA No. 3 (SC)
- **\*\*Yasmeen Alloush** - \$1,000.00  
High Point HA (NC)
- **\*\*ZiYonna Nyri Brown** - \$1,000.00  
Charlotte HA (NC)

**\*SERC Scholarship**

**\*\*Triangle Community Foundation Endowment Fund**

**\*\*\*CCHRCO Scholarship**







## Nyviar Davis Wins Beyond Scholarship

- Kinston Housing Authority (KHA)

Nyviar Davis, a KHA Resident, won the 2022 Beyond Scholarship.

Nyviar described himself as a creative visionary who is passionate about music, entrepreneurship, and skateboarding. Next fall, he will attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, majoring in Business Management.

After graduation, Nyviar hopes to start his own business. He is currently in the process of developing his own streetwear brand. He has already produced t-shirts and is in the process of opening his own online storefront.

When describing his future career Nyviar remarked "I genuinely believe I will succeed if I continue to follow my intuition. The difference for me is if I am working on something that I love, it never feels like work."

The Beyond Scholarship is available to current high school seniors who plan to enroll in a post-secondary



institution. Applicants must be residents of a housing authority who is a member of CCHRCO or TAHRA. An eligible recipient must be an immediate family member who has resided in publicly assisted housing for a minimum of one, uninterrupted year.

For more information, please visit [BJMweb.com/beyond](http://BJMweb.com/beyond).



## Narrowing the Digital Divide

- Roxboro Housing Authority (RHA)

RHA is on a mission to narrow the digital divide among low and very-low-income families. Free Wi-Fi is now available at all four of RHA's properties.



The agency leveraged its \$135,000 in CARES Act funds. Additional operating subsidy funds and retaining services from its current IT consultant helped make Wi-Fi at RHA properties a reality.

Wirecentric, a woman- and black-owned IT firm, helped secure a three-year contract from Charter



Communications to install fiber-optic cable network and provide service at each of RHA's four sites.

The vendor installed unit cabling and secured an agreement with another key partner, Enitech IT Solutions of Raleigh, N.C. Its owner grew up in public housing in Fayetteville, N.C. Enitech installed networking equipment and provided end-user support.

From 2019-2020, RHA purchased and distributed over 100 computers to families. Training and user-friendly how-to documents also were provided.

To keep up with RHA please visit their website, [RoxboroHA.com](http://RoxboroHA.com)



## Trees for the Future

- Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA)

In honor of their centennial year of operations, the United Way of Greater Greensboro donated 100 trees to GHA to be planted among their communities. In celebration of Earth Day, 25 trees were planted at GHA's Smith Homes community.

After a brief presentation, team members from each organization, community volunteers, and children from the Boys and Girls Club, mostly Smith Homes children, teamed up to plant each of the 25 trees.

The supplies, such as shovels and gloves, were provided by Greensboro Beautiful, a local nonprofit with a mission to conserve and enhance the beauty and ecology of the Greensboro community.

The remaining 75 trees will be planted throughout the year among the rest of GHA's 21 communities. Twenty-five trees are reserved for new landscaping for the upcoming phased redevelopment of Smith Homes.

To learn more about this initiative and GHA, please visit their website [GHA-NC.org](http://GHA-NC.org).



*The GHA Team stops to pose for a photo while planting trees.*







## A Life of Service Remembered

- Darlington Housing Authority (DHA)

David F. Vaughan passed away  
Saturday, July 23, 2022.

Mr. Vaughan was born and raised  
in Darlington and spent his life in  
dedication to this beloved city.

He served as the Executive Director of  
the Darlington Downtown Revitalization  
Association and Chairman of the BOC  
of the Darlington Housing Authority.

His years of dedication and service  
to the residents and staff of the  
Darlington Housing Authority will  
long be remembered.



## Changing of the Guard in Mullins

- Mullins Housing Authority (MHA)

Changes are happening at the Mullins  
Housing Authority. After over forty-six  
years with MHA, Beverly Gasque has  
retired as Executive Director, effective  
June 30th. She will be remaining for  
a period of time in a limited advisory  
and transition role to insure a smooth  
transition to the new Executive  
Director.

Throughout her service as Executive  
Director, Beverly was a dedicated  
member of CCHRCO, serving in a  
variety of capacities. Most recently  
as Historian for South Carolina.

Kathy Cribbs has been selected by  
the BOC as the new Executive Director.

Originally from Georgetown, SC, Cribbs  
relocated to the Mullins area in 2008.  
With a background in finance, Cribbs  
brings 34 years of financial experience

to the agency. Prior to joining Mullins  
Housing, Cribbs served as Marketing  
Data Specialist for Anderson Brothers  
Bank. Throughout her career, she has  
held several positions such as IT,  
lending, accounting, and  
administration.

Cribbs is a member of the Board  
of Directors at Pee Dee Academy,  
President of the Booster Club at Pee  
Dee Academy, and assists the PTSO  
at Pee Dee Academy.

Cribbs has a son, Keeton, 15, with her  
husband, Shane. During her free time,  
Cribbs enjoys watching her son  
compete in golf and football and  
spending time with friends and family.

For more information on Mullins  
Housing Authority, please visit their  
website, MullinsHousing.org.



Kathy Cribbs, ED (Mullins, SC) and Beverly Gasque,  
Retired ED (Mullins, SC)



## Jordyn Robinson Wins Beyond Scholarship

- Florence Housing Authority (FHA)

Jordyn Robinson, a Florence Housing  
Authority Resident, won the 2022 SC  
Beyond Scholarship.

Jordyn will be attending the Coastal  
Carolina University in Conway, majoring  
in Psychology.

In addition to maintaining her high GPA,  
Jordyn was involved her high school's  
Yearbook Club.

Jordyn is described as "willing to work  
hard to achieve her goals...she is not  
afraid to ask questions and most  
importantly she knows how to learn.  
Jordyn stands out amongst her peers  
for her eagerness to engage in the  
process of learning and discovery".

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# Chapel Circle Gets a Fresh New Look

- Ripley Housing

Animated Renderings



Ripley Housing was recently awarded the 2022 National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) grant totaling \$1,499,945.00.

The National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) Program Description allocated approximately \$9.8 million available for award. The program and received seven (7) applications requesting over \$8.5 million in NHTF Program funds.

Only three (3) applications passed the points threshold. THDA staff recommended the award and funding of the three (3) eligible applications for \$4,136,395 in program funds to help create 65 new affordable housing units in Tennessee.

#### The following HAs received awards:

- Knoxville Leadership Foundation
- The Greater Kingsport Alliance for Development
- Ripley Housing Authority

Ripley Housing will be using these funds to assist in the complete exterior remodeling of their Chapel Circle property.

**Ripley Housing was recently awarded the 2022 National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) grant totaling \$1,499,945.00**

Chapel Circle was originally constructed in 1962 and is composed of 35 units with 1-4 bedrooms. 27 of the total units fall into the NHTF classification for extremely low- and very low-income households

Ripley Housing's renovation will focus primarily on the exterior of the units, giving them an updated and more modern look.

The new exteriors will more closely match the updated look of the recently renovated Ripley Housing Office.

Their exterior renovation plan will not

only improve the physical conditions of the property, but will provide residents with a beautiful place to call home.

For more information on the Renovation project, please visit the Ripley Housing website, [RipleyHousing.org](http://RipleyHousing.org).

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**Ripley Housing**

Ripley, TN

Affordable Housing: 265

Justin Jones, Executive Director  
[RipleyHousing.org](http://RipleyHousing.org)





## Springing into Resident Services

- McMinnville Housing Authority

MHA kicked off their spring events with their annual David Stalcup Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Ida Davenport led this year's hunt and was assisted by Corner Stone Church.

The children were divided into three age groups, with each group having the opportunity to hunt about 1,000 eggs. Within each age group, there were prizes for the child that found the most eggs and the one that found the least.

As spring blossomed, MHA's Resident Activity Centers presented the Ballerinas of Hamilton Street Spring Recital. 28 dancers performed accompanied by a violinist, a hip-hop group, and musical talents from the children. Steve Harvey's band played as well. Costumes and food were provided through a neighborhood Church and other donations.

A special grant funded four dance instructors who provided lessons for



8 months for all interested children. Transportation was provided to the Center for the lessons, and lessons were given at no cost to the dancers.

Center Director Lisa Harvey managed the entire program, and it would not have been possible without her hard work and dedication.

For more information, please visit the MHA website at MMHATN.org.



## New Leadership in Johnson City

- Johnson City Housing Authority (JCHA)

Sam Edwards has been named the new Executive Director at JCHA.

Prior to joining JCHA, Edwards spent the last 14 years with Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority, most recently as the deputy director.

JCHA Board Chair Colin Johnson is excited to have Edwards on board. "What I loved about Sam is he started from the ground up...and to me that shows grit and integrity", said Johnson.

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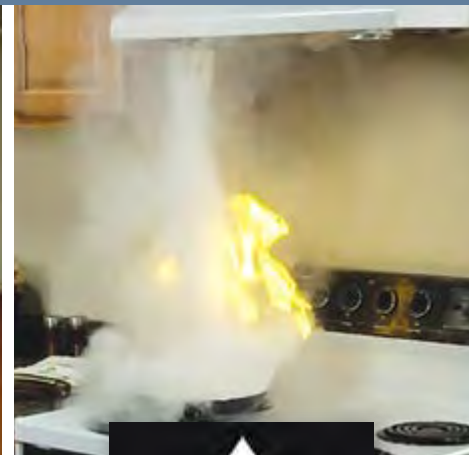
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## Redeveloping and Re-Envisioning Gilpin Court

- Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA)

RRHA, the City of Richmond, and the Richmond City Health District have all joined together to make an impactful change in their community. They are already 6 months into the two-year partnership to create a community-driven plan to redevelop Gilpin Court.

In addition to the physical redevelopment at Gilpin Court, the community will play a role in planning for the neighborhood, housing, and other demonstrated

needs. Community members were invited to join a hands-on workshop.

This meeting was a milestone in the comprehensive community engagement plan to ultimately create a community-informed vision for the future of the neighborhood.

To keep up with the redevelopment project please visit RRHA's website at [RRHA.com/Redevelopment/Jackson-Ward](http://RRHA.com/Redevelopment/Jackson-Ward).

## REACH-ing to New Heights

- Virginia Housing (VH)

Virginia Housing has allocated a percentage of its annual REACH resources to support public housing revitalization. REACH is a multifaceted resource that Virginia Housing uses to support vital housing initiatives through its Homeownership, Rental, and Community Outreach programs.

\$46 million will be awarded to 25 housing agencies across the state in the form of a one-time Public Housing Revitalization (PHR) grant with the purpose of facilitating and accelerating 38 projects to transform, rehabilitate, or improve Redevelopment and Housing Authorities' (RHA) existing public housing stock.

To learn more about the REACH grant please visit the Virginia Housing website, [VirginiaHousing.com](http://VirginiaHousing.com).



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## New Grant Award Funding Training Healthcare Heroes



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- Randolph County Housing Authority (RCHA)

The Health Resources and Services Administration awarded RCHA \$1,544,884 through its new Targeted Health Instruction of North Central West Virginia educational program to provide short-term workforce training.

"Without the support from our partner network in North Central WV, this grant award would not have been possible. This workforce training is focused on providing short-term training, allowing a participant to enter the workforce quickly." Said RCHA Supportive Services Program Manager Jennifer Griggs

New classes that will be available through the program include Clinical Medical Assistant, Community Health Worker, Behavioral Health Technician,

Billing and Coding, and Electronic Health Records.

"We are developing new classes to expand our offerings that we have had with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College," Griggs said. "We will also be developing a curriculum with Davis and Elkins College for the Behavioral Health Technician and Community Health Worker classes."

During a three-year grant period, more than 250 individuals will have the opportunity to access this training. The THINC program will also focus on training at least 80 individuals already working in the medical field with the desire to obtain new skills and a non-entry level position.

Davis Health Systems, Youth Health Services, Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, Workforce West Virginia and the Human Resources Development Fund are among the community organizations that are helping facilitate these classes by joining with RCHA.

Since the summer of 2021, the RCHA has been offering classes as part of its WORC program. Twenty-seven students have received medical certifications or other accreditations. This new grant will make it possible for many new students to access the program and begin their healthcare career journeys.

To learn more about this initiative, please visit their website, [RCHAVV.org](http://RCHAVV.org).



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## A Summer of Fun

- Mt. Hope Housing Authority (MHHA)

It has been a summer of fun at the Mt. Hope Housing Authority. Each week MHHA has provided residents with an exciting activity to beat the heat and flex their creativity. Residents were able to do everything from creating their own slime to having a water balloon battle!

Many of their activities have been craft projects that the children can take home and enjoy long after the summer has ended.

These events have allowed the MHHA team to connect with residents in fun and stress-free environments, helping build trust and form relationships. It's been an impactful way to break down some barriers and, most importantly, some community-wide summer fun.



MHHA youth residents line up in excitement to play a game of limbo!



Pulling from her background in social work, MHHA Executive Director Stormy Parsons, understands the importance of meeting residents where they are and engaging in fun activities to take the pressure off and build trust.

Though most of their program participants were children, the activities were open for parents and guardians to participate as well.

In the coming months, MHHA hopes to expand their resident service offerings to include opportunities geared specifically toward their senior residents.

To keep up with Mt. Hope Housing Authority, be on the lookout for the launch of their new website.



MHHA youth residents were able to participate in making slime to take home!



## A Familiar Face Named Executive Director

- Bluefield Housing Authority (BHA)

Gwendolyn Dowell has been named as the new Executive Director of the Bluefield Housing Authority.

Dowell has built extensive tenure with BHA in her 37 years of service. She has excelled in a variety of roles, most recently as Director of Finance.

Dowell's expertise in the affordable housing sphere, paired with her personal experience within the Bluefield community, made her the perfect candidate for this role.

To learn more about Bluefield Housing Authority, please visit their website at [BluefieldHousing.com](http://BluefieldHousing.com).



MHHA youth residents were able to participate in many different crafts, including rock painting!



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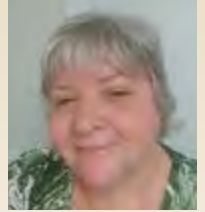


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