



MHA TODAY

Quarterly Newsletter



Message from **Dexter** **Washington,** CEO of MHA

From the pre-application opening for our Housing Choice Voucher waitlist to the RAD Conversion groundbreaking in Uptown and College Park, it's been a busy, yet exciting, few months here at Memphis Housing Authority. As I take a step back and observe all the moving parts, I feel a sense of pride for the work MHA and our partners have accomplished for those who call Memphis and Shelby County home.

When I look at my team, I see an invigorated community focused on the future and the success of our residents, and I'm excited about the direction we're headed, as this continues to be a time of growth and opportunity for MHA.



Below, you'll read more about the advances that contribute to this growth. As we move forward, every decision we make will be done with great care and in keeping the priorities of our residents and our community top of mind. Thank you for your commitment to helping us develop, support and maintain affordable housing options for those in our community who need it most.

Dexter Washington
Chief Executive Officer
Memphis Housing Authority



RAD Project Groundbreaking

This past March, our team, in partnership with BGC Advantage, hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking to commemorate the start of our \$70 million Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion, which will rehabilitate 472 units to address the need for more modern, efficient and affordable rental opportunities in the Uptown and College Park neighborhoods. It was gratifying to see such visible progress on an endeavor we have been working toward since 2018!



HCV Waitlist Opening

Thank you to everyone who helped make the pre-application opening for our Housing Choice Voucher Program waitlist a success. Our team is now in the midst of the post-review and validation process, where we're reviewing applications for critical data points and removing potential duplicates. From there, families will be notified of their lottery selection status.



On-Site Medical Clinics for Seniors

When seniors return to their homes at our College Park residences, they will find new on-site medical clinics. In addition to primary care, clinics will offer urgent care and mental health services. We're thrilled to offer this improvement to address residents' concerns about mobility issues and transportation



Family Reunification

We're excited to share that the Family Unification Program (FUP) awarded approximately \$490,137 to Memphis Housing Authority for 72 housing vouchers. This program serves as a conduit for assisting families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the family's children being placed in foster care or will create a delay in their discharge from foster care.



Introducing our new board member – Dorothy Cleaves

We're thrilled to share that Dorothy Cleaves has joined MHA's board of commissioners. Dorothy brings a wealth of experience that will strengthen our organization.

Dorothy currently serves as senior vice president and director of partnerships and services for the Southeast markets at Truist, where she oversees a team of community development managers across six states. With more than 30 years of experience in the financial industry, her background and expertise will serve as a tremendous asset for MHA's board and our organization as a whole.

Our team at MHA thanks Dorothy for dedicating her time to providing strategic guidance and oversight as we work toward developing, supporting and maintaining affordable housing options for Memphis residents. Welcome aboard!