



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

YOUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY

Learn more about THA's monthly events here.

APRIL 2021

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

### Police Non-Emergency

609-989-4170

### Emergency

911

### Fire and Emergency Services

609-989-4038

### THA Security

609-278-5040

### THA Work Orders

609-278-5027

## THA MANAGEMENT OFFICES:

### Abbott/Josephson Apartments

609-278-5035

### Donnelly Homes

609-278-5008

### French Towers

609-278-5030

### Lincoln Homes

609-278-5023

### Prospect Village/ Frazier Courts

609-278-5020

### Turner Pointe

609-427-8715

### Wilson/Haverstick Homes

609-278-5036

## Thank You to our Community Partners

Over the past three months, THA has continued to provide food, diapers, hats, gloves, and much more for our residents through our strong community partnerships. Our partners go above and beyond to assist us throughout the year, but during the past Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, they've really proven to be a blessing to our community.

During the pandemic of 2020, many residents have lost jobs, have become overwhelmed with children who are home doing virtual learning, and have become sick themselves. We are grateful for the many turkeys, chickens, boxes



of food, Grab and Go Grocery Bags and Grab and Go Hot Meals you delivered to our residents.



## Our Valued Partners:

- The City of Trenton
- Members and volunteers from Change Church
- Pastor David Cox and members of The Safe Haven
- Members of Greater Faith Worship Center
- Commissioner Darlene Weldon-Gordon along with several volunteers
- Members of Bethel United Holy Church
- The Mercer Region Pan Hellenic Council



## Hats and Gloves Given Away

Trenton Partners for Development and members of Greater Faith Worship Center graciously gave free brand-new hats and gloves in December to residents of Wilson and Haverstick Homes. This event was spearheaded by Darlene Weldon-Gordon, President of the Trenton Partners for Development!

**About THA:** Trenton Housing Authority (THA) offers safe and affordable housing for Trenton residents. For more than 80 years, we've provided thousands of families with homes and the tools to help them improve their lives. THA's communities serve 1,700 households and 3,200 residents.

## Looking to apply for housing? Need to start a work order?

For more information, including paying your rent, call 609-278-5000 or visit [THA-NJ.org](http://THA-NJ.org).



Like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TrentonHousing](https://www.facebook.com/TrentonHousing).



## Christmas Toy Giveaway

When COVID forced THA to cancel the annual Christmas Party in December, PBA 105 Women in Blue and the NJDOC Central Medical Unit stepped up for the annual Christmas Toy Give Away and selected several families to receive Christmas gifts and clothing for their young children. We appreciate your willingness to lighten the load for others.



## Christmas Goodies for the Children

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Upsilon Omega Chapter and Trenton African American Firefighters Association partnered with THA to provide Christmas gifts including books, stuffed animals and other fun toys to our young residents.

The Trenton Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. surprised a THA family and showed up with Christmas gifts for the entire family of five.

**Thank you all for your time, generosity and for putting smiles on the faces of our youth!**



## Partner Update: LIFE St. Francis

LIFE St. Francis keeps seniors active and engaged, even and especially through the pandemic, supports seniors with services that keep them socially connected, healthy and independent in their home. Some of these services include:

- Primary medical and nursing care
- Recreational therapy
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Prescribed medications
- Social services
- Meals and dietician consults

**For more information contact Anjuli Melo at 609.400.6287.**

## More Amazing Community Partners to Thank!

We are pleased to work with some amazing new partners and thank them for their commitment to provide food for our residents at THA.

- **T.A.S.K. and the Muslim Center of Greater Princeton** have been providing *Hot Healthy Meals* three times a week since December 24, 2020 to our residents at Prospect Village and Frazier Courts.
- **UPI, Inc.** is dedicated to distributing bags of groceries filled with non-perishable foods and meats on a weekly basis at Lincoln Homes and Wilson/Haverstick Homes.
- **The Greater Mount Zion Church** distributes Grab and Go Grocery Bags at our Donnelly Homes, Josephson and Abbott Apartments twice a week!
- **The Safe Haven and Arm in Arm** have continued their mission to provide their ongoing food pantry and Grab and Go Grocery Bags.
- **The Capital Area YMCA** is the MVP for the season! Their commitment to provide Grab and Go Meals five days a week since last June is amazing. Their staff show up every weekday, Monday through Friday, rain or shine.



## Maker's Place Distributes Free Diapers Monthly

The Maker's Place is a diaper bank and resource center in Trenton, NJ distributing free disposable diapers for families with children, and working with families and institutional partners to promote the strengths found in a diverse and inclusive community. Together, we envision a community where every baby has adequate diapers; every child reaches their first birthday; every parent is connected to a network of mutual support; and every person is a maker in their own life and community.

The Maker's Place is a faith-based, nonprofit organization sponsored by United Methodists of Greater New Jersey and are members of the National Diaper Bank Association. THA residents are eligible to receive diapers and wipes for babies and toddlers, free of charge on a monthly basis.

**For more information about diaper distribution, contact Tonya Grant-Brown at 609-278-5025.**

## THA Scholarship Recipient is Now a College Grad!



Ms. Ramona Riley is a vibrant young lady who has been a resident at the Trenton Housing Authority since 2016. Ramona was born in Jamaica and moved to the U.S. where she graduated from Trenton Central High School. Ramona lives with her mother and younger brother and she loves children and helping others. She recently completed her undergraduate degree in Public Health at Montclair State University with a 3.6 GPA and will receive her diploma in May 2021!

Ramona is exploring several Master's programs in the nursing field as an MSN, MPH or perhaps an MBA. Her future goals include becoming a Registered Nurse, a Nurse Practitioner or Public Health Nurse.

Ramona's message for youth is, "In order to succeed, first believe that you can, and never give up!"

Congratulations, Ramona, on completing your college degree! We wish you much success as you work hard to reach your future educational and career goals.

## The Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Save money when you increase your income! The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) works with THA Residents to promote independence, self-sufficiency and goal setting. The program includes one-on-one case management and referrals to supportive service providers to set and achieve short- and long-term goals like obtaining stable employment, budgeting and saving, achieving homeownership, pursuing vocational training or higher education, and much more.

**For more information call our FSS Coordinator Lineuri Placencia at 609-278-7783 or email [lplacencia@tha-nj.org](mailto:lplacencia@tha-nj.org).**

## Trenton Choice: What's Happening?

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop us from making progress on the North Trenton-Battle Monument Choice Neighborhood Plan! Before the holidays, we completed our survey of Donnelly Homes residents, held 10 virtual Task Force and Committee Meetings, and hosted National Night Out. We received valuable feedback from residents to use as we develop preliminary goals and strategies for the Neighborhood Plan.

**Visit us online for the outline and updates on the plan. Keep an eye out for meeting and event announcements. Your help is integral to completing the plan.**

## Neighborhood Leadership Series

When you look around the neighborhood, are there things you want to change? Do you want to be more active in the Choice planning process? Would you like to be more involved with the future of North Trenton?

If so, please join us for an exciting Neighborhood Leadership Series for Donnelly Homes residents and residents of the North Trenton Battle Monument neighborhood. Develop your communication and leadership skills, meet neighbors with similar interests, learn how to take an active part in the Choice and other community development efforts, and have some fun!

**All sessions will be virtual via Zoom and in person at the Donnelly Homes Gymnasium**  
*(Masks and social distancing required)*

**All Sessions will run from 5:30 – 7:00 PM on Wednesdays thru May 5th**

## Staying Safe



**Join the meeting online on your own computer or mobile device:**

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96773364163](https://zoom.us/j/96773364163)



**Or participate in person at a safe distance in the gymnasium at Donnelly Homes**

(875 New Willow Street, Trenton, NJ)



**Come early for dinner and conversation at 5:00 pm. The presentation/workshop will begin at 5:30 pm**





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## Coronavirus: Know the Symptoms and Stop the Spread!

People who have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus have symptoms that may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus including: fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing and loss of taste and/or smell.



## Register Today for the COVID-19 Vaccine

- Pre-register at <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov>
- Call the Trenton Department of Health and Human Services at **609-989-3242** or email [covidvac@trentonnj.org](mailto:covidvac@trentonnj.org)

### For more information:

- Contact the COVID-19 Resource Center at [www.trentonnj.org/COVID19](http://www.trentonnj.org/COVID19)
- General COVID-19 Questions, dial **2-1-1** (seven days a week, 24 hours a day)
- Medical COVID-19 Questions, dial **1-800-962-1253** (seven days a week, 24 hours a day)
- To Receive Text Alerts, dial **NJCOVID to 898-211**
- In case of an emergency, dial **911**

## THA Tackles COVID-19 with CVS

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, THA partnered with CVS to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to residents and staff. 206 people received the vaccination! THA had the opportunity to provide transportation to the seniors who wanted to be vaccinated. The second dose was received by 256 people on March 16th, 2021. Read more about this on our website at [THA-NJ.org](http://THA-NJ.org).