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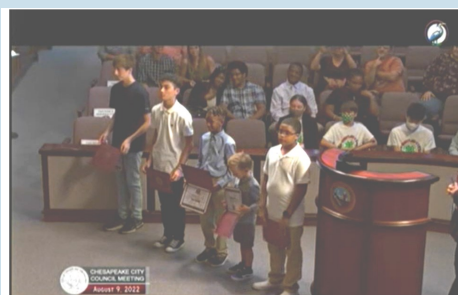
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Latest News

Kids & Pros Football Camp - Summer 2022

The third round of CRHA's Kids & Pros Football Camp kicked off on the evening of Tuesday, July 12th and commenced on Thursday, July 14th. The camp provided an opportunity for youth to interact with former NFL players **Buddy Curry, Ken Oxendine, Bobby Butler, Robert Moore and Councilman Don Carey**. Nancy Tarkenton, Assistant Executive Director, spearheaded this year's event.

Councilwoman Debbie Ritter and **Councilman Don Carey** attended the closing ceremony, which recognized participants who throughout the camp excelled in Integrity, Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Determination, and Perseverance. **Councilman Don Carey** provided closing remarks. On August 9th, the youth were honored by City Council and presented with Certificates of Recognition from **Mayor Rick West** (below).



Special thanks to **Towne Bank, Dominion Energy, Healthy Chesapeake, CHKD Sports Medicine, Chesapeake Public Schools, Oscar Smith High School** and Athletic Director **Ray Collins**, and Officers **Justin Mathews** and **Nicholas Adams** of the **Chesapeake Police Department** for donating their time, energy and resources for camp participants. A very special thanks to **CRHA Counsel, Delphine Carnes** and **Vice Chair Tara Preston** for their generous donations to this sporting event.

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John C. Kownack,
Executive Director



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- Kids & Pros - July 12th-14th
- Grant Opportunities /Awards
- New/Ongoing Programs

Fall 2022 Issue

Commissioner's Corner



Special thanks to **Board Chair, Dr. Rebecca Adams** and **Commissioner Camron Phillips** for supporting the Annual **National Night Out** event held in the Geneva Square Community on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Board of Commissioners Meeting Information

2022 Board Election Results:



During the August 24, 2022 Biennial Board meeting, Dr. Rebecca Adams was re-elected to a second term as Board Chair and Mr. Camron Phillips was elected to serve his first term as Vice Chairman.

Congratulations Board Chair & Vice Chairman!

The Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners convene on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of November. Meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. and typically take place at the Authority's Administration Office located at 1468 S. Military Highway in Chesapeake, Virginia. Special meetings may occur at any time throughout the year. Special Meeting notices will be distributed at least five (5) days in advance should this occur.



Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM *



Commissioner Training Conferences

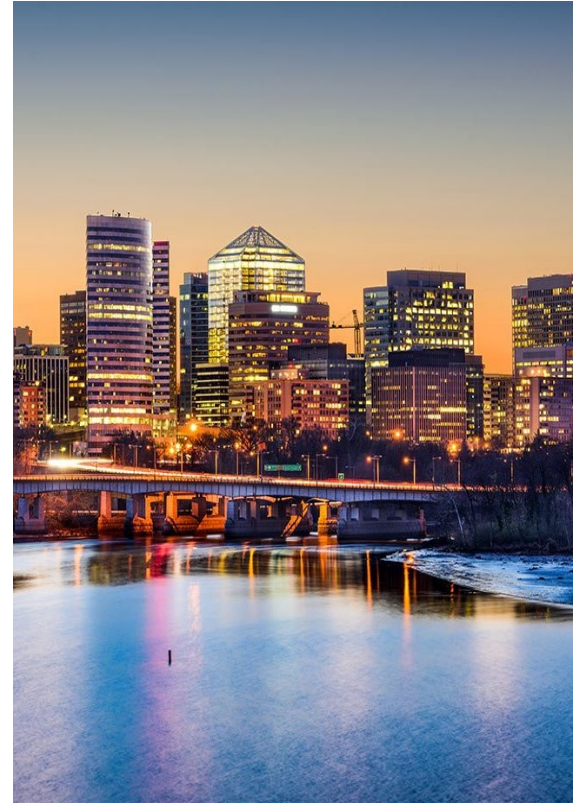
Save the Dates!

2022 Virginia Governor's Housing Conference

Hyatt Regency Crystal City

Arlington, Virginia | Nov. 16-18, 2022

The Virginia Governor's Housing Conference has a broad range of attendees from many professional sectors including nonprofit organizations, foundations and other philanthropic donors, affordable housing developers, economic developers, local government elected officials, design professionals, financial institutions, government agencies, private developers, real estate professionals, educational institutions, trade organizations, community-based and faith-based organizations, and public housing providers. The conference will feature both in-person and virtual registrations to accommodate the needs and comfort of attendees!



Save the Date

**2022 VAHCDO
Legal & Policy Seminar**

**December 1-2, 2022
Richmond, VA**



www.vahcdo.org

2022 VAHCDO Legal and Policy Seminar

Join us on **December 1st and 2nd** in Richmond, Virginia for the 2022 Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials (VAHCDO) Legal & Policy Seminar. CRHA Counsel, The Law firm of Delphine Carnes, PLC and Associates will be presenters at the event.

To register or arrange hotel accommodations, please contact Board Liaison, Angie Brickhouse at (757) 233-6425.

Partner Appreciation Spotlight



NEIGHBORHOOD



Summer MEALS



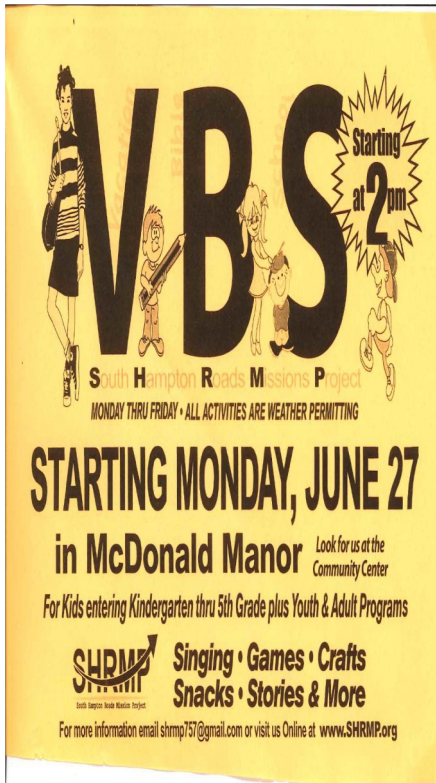
Children's Hospital
of The King's Daughters



To support more events like this, please contact us at serve@crhava.org

Vacation Bible School - Summer 2022

During the week of June 27th - July 1st, **South Norfolk Baptist Church** hosted the South Hampton Roads Mission Project (SHRMP) Vacation Bible School at MacDonald Manor. The five-day experience focused on transforming socially and economically disadvantaged youth and communities through the love and power of Jesus Christ. The eager participants learned bible stories, verses, sang songs, engaged in arts and crafts, and enjoyed snacks provided. Seventy-six (76) youth registered for the event. Special thanks to **Pastor David Slayton** for coordinating this annual event.



FSS Coordinator, Ms. Hunter
and Pastor Slayton

Kids & Pros Football Camp 2022

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Chesapeake Youth Football Camp

Oscar Smith High School
July 12 - July 14, 2022
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Ages 7-13



A GAME CHANGING EXPERIENCE!
Kids & Pros will be at Oscar Smith HS for a FREE football camp! NFL alumni will teach safe tackling techniques and position fundamentals training while incorporating life skill lessons into a 3-day non contact skills clinic for athletes ages 7-13.



PRE-REGISTERED CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT!



PARENTS:

JULY 12 - A Game Changing Parent Information Session by Certified Master Trainer Buddy Curry will be held at 7:00pm and will cover Youth Football Safety and Sports Parenting 101.

Sign up today!
Space is limited, registration is required, no equipment is necessary.
TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIDSandPROS.COM
WALK UP REGISTRATIONS ARE WELCOME BUT RECEIVING A CAMP T-SHIRT IS NOT GUARANTEED

Developing Character and Skills Through Athletics

KIDSandPROS.COM @KIDSandPROS



New Partner Spotlight:

Shark City Drum and Dance Corp



Shark City Drum and Dance Corp
2022 Band Camp
July 25 - July 29, 2022

Shark City Drum and Dance Corp hosted a Band Camp during the week of July 25-29th. The purpose of the camp was to recruit new students for the upcoming parade and competition season as most of the program's veterans recently graduated from high school. The camp was held at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School and the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center, both located on Border Road in Chesapeake, VA.

Brand new drum sets were purchased for the students who learned to physically carry them in preparation for the competition. A professional Physical Trainer was onsite to work with the students the first four (4) days of the camp. Music Reading Classes were included in the curriculum, taught by various music teachers from across Hampton Roads. A Virginia State University (VSU) percussion instructor provided a clinic on different techniques that colleges seek most when recruiting band students.

Following a week of training exercises, the camp concluded with a cookout on July 30th and a live performance at **Bethany Baptist Church** on July 31st, for the church's Youth Day. CRHA is extremely proud of the youth who participated and for the opportunity to sponsor ten youth (eight young men and two young ladies) from the Peaceful Village community. Ms. Romaunda Mitnaul, Resident Services/Jobs Plus Manager also joined in on the fun by playing the cymbals alongside the youth.

Special thanks to **Frederick Dixon, Executive Director** of Shark City Drum & Dance Corp and his staff for presenting the opportunity to CRHA youth. **CRHA's Vice Chair, Tara Preston** personally sponsored four (4) youth. It is our hope to send youth from each CRHA community to the Drumline and Cheer Camp in 2023 and beyond.







Resident Services Events - Summer 2022

CRHA hosted its Annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Geneva Square/Owens Village Community Center.

CRHA was honored to have the honorable **Mayor Rick West, Councilman Dwight Parker, Board Chair Dr. Rebecca Adams, Commissioner Camron Phillips,** the **Chesapeake Police Department** and **McGruff the Crime Dog** in attendance.

Special thanks to **Lady J Mobile DJ Service, Hey Ice Cream Man** (a crowd favorite), **Bounce House** and **Frederick Dixon, Executive Director of Shark City Drum & Dance Corp** and associates for providing a live percussion demonstration onsite.





Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority presents

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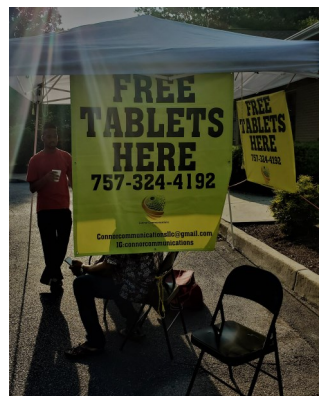
Let's Get to Know Your Neighbors

Fun Event to Celebrate the Special Day

DISPLAYS BY FIRST RESPONDERS

Scan QR Code to Register or Type Link below in the url: <https://forms.office.com/r/zarhF3am2S>

Tuesday, August 2nd
 Geneva Square Community Center
 700 Geneva Avenue
 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Music - Games & Fun



Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority presents

NACIONAL NOCHE DE SALIDA

Tutuume oma naabritega

Evento divertido para celebrar el Día Especial

Martes, 2 de agosto

Genet valjaku hõlmavõistlus 7:00 - 10:00 Muusika Mängud ja lõbu

ESMAREAGEERIJATE VALLAJANAKUD

NNO

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY AUGUST 2 2022

7:00-10:00 PM

CELL: 252.489.5858
 HEYDJLADYJ@GMAIL.COM
 FACEBOOK.COM/LADYJMOBILE

Community News/Funding Opportunities



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 6, 2022

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Virginia Housing Awards \$46 Million to 25 Redevelopment and Housing Authorities in the Commonwealth

Richmond, Va. – 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.

The grant will help fill funding gaps in public housing transformation projects that are under development or in the planning stages, ultimately providing much needed financial resources to aid in the financing of new public housing transformation projects and funding of capital improvements that will enhance and extend the useful life of traditional public housing units.

There are currently 25 RHAs in the Commonwealth which have public housing portfolios supported by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Capital Fund Program (CFP). While this funding is available annually, a significant gap has existed for decades between the HUD funding for public housing capital needs and the actual needs of these RHAs. Because public housing serves such an important solution

when it comes to housing many residents across the Commonwealth, Virginia Housing developed this new resource to provide a one-time match to the HUD CFP.

"Virginia Housing has long worked side-by-side with the Public Housing Authority network to help these organizations maintain and create housing options for many of Virginia's residents. This new resource will be a catalyst for the continued revitalization and transformation of these vital communities," says Chris Thompson, Director of Strategic Housing at Virginia Housing.

The RHAs who will receive the allocated funds from Virginia Housing and the amounts can be found in the chart below.

Organization	
Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$ 75,075.00
Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$ 1,938,000.00
Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$ 912,000.00
Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$ 1,025,764.00
Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$ 1,327,337.00

[Virginia Housing Press Release](#)



FY22 Public Housing Revitalization Grant Award

Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) was one of twenty-five Public Housing Authorities to receive notice we were awarded the FY22 Public Housing Revitalization Grant for Capital Improvements from the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

The **award of \$1,327,337.00** will provide much-needed funding to renovate public housing units in the Peaceful Village Apartments community over the next four (4) years.

HUD Awards (30) New Mainstream Non-Competitive Vouchers to CRHA totaling \$ 266,670.03

Mainstream Vouchers are tenant-based vouchers that serve households that include a non-elderly person(s) with disabilities, who is at least 18 years old and not yet 62 years old.

[HUD Mainstream Voucher Award](#)



CRHA was awarded **\$675.00** on August 9th by the Virginia Risk Sharing Association (VRSA) to install rubber speed bumps in parking areas and near building entrances. This grant will be used to help reduce the probability of claims and enhance risk management efforts by increasing the safe traffic flow for personnel and the general public.

New Chesapeake Men for Progress 2022 Scholarship Award and Sponsors Reception



On the evening of Friday, August 19, 2022, Executive Director, John Kownack and Resident Services Liaison, Angie Brickhouse attended the 2022 New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.'s Scholarship Award and Sponsors Reception at the Chesapeake Conference Center. The event recognized sponsors, special guests and corporate leaders in Hampton Roads before presenting awards to scholarship recipients. Mr. Dyahmi Hardin (recently featured in the Summer edition of the newsletter alongside fellow recipient, Sir Thaddeus McElrath) and his mother were in attendance to receive his award. Mr. Kownack also accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of CRHA for its Bronze Sponsorship. We extend our sincerest gratitude to the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation for again recognizing these exemplary young men and for creating a category specifically designed to honor the academic achievements of those in our communities. CRHA would like to personally thank Dr. George Reed, Mr. Clifton Randolph, Councilwoman Dr. Ella Ward, Mr. Al Alexander, Delegate Lionell Spruill and others for the honor & recognition.



Special thanks to **Ms. Genevieve Guadalupe** (right) and the entire Resident Services team for ensuring the candidates were kept abreast of the application requirements, critical submission deadlines and following through to ensure candidates did not miss this scholarship opportunity. All the hard work certainly paid off!

Congratulations again, Mr. Hardin and Mr. McElrath!



ROSS Services Coordinator, Ms. Guadalupe and CRHA Youth

Empowerment Opportunities

Aspire360 Jobs Plus Initiative Program



Jobs Plus services are tailored to residents' individual needs and are drawn from a menu of on-site and referral services. For unemployed residents, case managers will help identify short and long-term employment goals and create plans to accomplish them. Employed individuals can work with case managers to take the necessary steps to advance in the labor market. Staff will continue to canvass all public housing communities to encourage enrollment and opportunities.

In July 2022, two (2) Jobs Plus Community Coaches secured full-time employment, leaving two positions open. Our goal is to emulate their success stories across the entire Jobs Plus program platform. It is our hope the former Coaches will return as spokespersons to explain the full benefit of seeking employment while enrolled in the program and encourage others to do the same.

In August, enrollment numbers steadily increased towards the annual program participant goal. Ten (10) participants are awaiting completion of assessments, with a total of 27 enrolled. The Authority is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill vacancies for the Community Coaches. The 2nd Jobs Plus quarterly report was submitted on July 29, 2022.

Throughout the summer months, the Jobs Plus team and community coaches participated in training sessions and supported the Resident Services team in the many summer programs and activities across several communities. For additional information, please call (757) 233-6900.

Women's Empowerment

PURPOSE HER Women's Conference

Location - [The Mount](#)

215 Las Gaviotas Boulevard
Chesapeake, VA, 23322

purposeher.com

On Site Attendee - \$125.00

Ticket for In-Person Attendee's attending the PH22 Conference On Site
(Available Until Oct 1, 2022)

Virtual Attendee - \$115.00

Ticket for Virtual Attendee's attending the PH22 Conference **NOT** On Site
(Available Until Event)

Contact Info [\(757\) 547-3388](tel:7575473388)

A promotional poster for the Purpose Her Women's Conference. The poster features a large image of Dr. Keshia Brown, the conference host, in a black jacket and gold chain. Below her is a group photo of the special guests. The text on the poster includes: "PURPOSE HER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OCTOBER 7 - 8, 2022", "CONFERENCE THEME: 'I WISH A demon WOULD'", "SPECIAL GUESTS: BISHOP KIM BROWN, PASTOR KEION HENDERSON, NONA JONES, PASTOR CEDRIC ROUSON, MIRANDA CURTIS, TIM BOWMAN AND MORE!", "IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL", "SPONSORS: TOWNE INSURANCE, Dominion Energy", and "REGISTER AT WWW.PURPOSEHER.COM" with the PH logo.

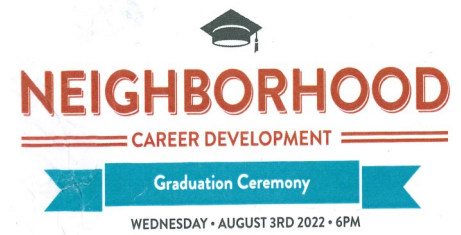
Neighborhood Program Graduation 2022

In partnership with **The Neighborhood**, Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority offers residents an opportunity to seek career advancement and work-Force development skills for both the Jobs Plus and FSS Self-Sufficiency programs.

“Our goal at **Neighborhood** is to empower motivated individuals to work in a full-time career. Graduation from our program requires that students are either working or hired to be working full-time.”

In July 2022, four (4) residents completed their goals and participated in the Neighborhood Graduation commencement ceremony on August 3rd. Two (2) graduates were happy to provide an overview of their experience in the program.

Congratulations Graduates on all your hard work!



Processional
Welcome & Commencement
Presentation of Graduates
Valedictorian
Ally Acknowledgement
Leader Award
Recessional
Reception



Devona Hardin

“My life before the Neighborhood was very robotic. I was used to doing a certain routine every day, but then Neighborhood came along, and I had to adjust to school life again. Before Neighborhood, I didn't care or like people too much. I loved children, but just not adults. Since joining Neighborhood, I've learned how to open up a little more, and accept people for what or who they are in this world. I joined Neighborhood to provide a better life for my kids and me, and to show them that they are never too old to go back to school and to keep learning and growing as you get older. Life is all about the lessons you learn day to day. Listening to the other Leaders' stories and seeing how as people, we can persevere through whatever obstacle that gets thrown our way was very impactful. So many great and life-transforming things happened to me while being here at Neighborhood; there's no way I can name just one. While I am not with a company yet, I have completed my office administration certificate and am certified in Quickbooks software. I know one day soon that I will find the right job. My dream for the future is to keep pushing forward to my dream of being a first-time home buyer. I can see it in the near future, and I am claiming it.”

~Devona Hardin~



Kiara Hill

“Life was very rough before I found Neighborhood because I couldn't find steady work. I was getting behind in bills and wanted to give up. These events are what drove me to apply. Ultimately, I joined because I wanted to be able to provide for my family better. I didn't want to keep living paycheck to paycheck. I chose to pursue a career as a Medical Administrative Assistant. I worked extremely hard to complete my certification course as quickly as possible and began pursuing any job opportunity. It was a life-changing moment when all that work paid off, and I finally started working my new job. I currently work at Urology of Virginia as a Patient Care Representative. My dream is to finally move to Charlotte, NC, keep excelling in my career, and provide a better life for my family.”

~Kiara Hill~

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD

WE ARE HIRING!



**NNSY JOB FAIR SCHEDULE 9AM - 3PM AT THE CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
18 APRIL - 10 MAY - 11 JUNE - 23 JULY - 17 AUGUST - 21 SEPTEMBER - 12 OCTOBER**

UP TO \$5,000 SIGN ON BONUS

You may be eligible for a signing bonus up to \$5,000 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard for the below WG positions to support UIC Duty Station Locations: Portsmouth, VA; Charleston, SC; Kings Bay, GA; Philadelphia, PA.

TRADES HIRING

- Marine Machinery Mechanic, Helper and Trainee
- Machinist, Helper and Trainee
- Machine Tool Operator, Helper and Trainee
- Welder, Helper and Trainee
- Pipefitter, Helper and Trainee
- Electrician, Helper and Trainee
- High Voltage Electrical, Helper and Trainee
- A/C Equipment Mechanic, Helper and Trainee
- Shipfitter, Helper and Trainee
- Shipwright, Helper and Trainee
- Sheet Metal, Helper and Trainee
- Rigger, Helper and Trainee
- Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic, Helper and Trainee
- Material Handler

OUR MISSION

We repair, modernize, and inactivate our Navy's warships and training platforms.

OUR VISION

We strive to achieve our ultimate goal-deliver on time, every time, everywhere to protect America.

BENEFITS

Norfolk Naval Shipyard is an equal opportunity employer and has full time job opportunities for production skill trades and more. All applicants must be a U.S. citizen and able to pass government pre-employment screening process in order to be eligible for Federal Employees Health Benefits; Dental and Vision Insurance; Annual and Sick Leave 4 hours EACH per pay period, (26 pay periods per year); Life Insurance; and Thrift Savings Plan coverage with government matching up to 3%.

Community/Housing Resources

ForKids

The ForKids **Housing Crisis Hotline** is the central point of contact for all persons experiencing a **housing crisis** throughout Southeastern Virginia. Through the Hotline, individuals in crisis are connected to the community's extended network of resources for assistance and to prevent them from falling into homelessness whenever possible. The Hotline also allows collection of an enormous amount of data about the homeless population in our region; armed with more knowledge about their specific needs, we are now better equipped to help move these families towards stability. For housing assistance, you may call (757) 587-4202.

[Our Solutions](#) | [Family Homelessness](#) | [Norfolk, VA](#) | [ForKids](#)

HomeOwnership (HOP) Program

HOP will work individually with families in both the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV-HOP) and Public Housing (HOP-PH) programs to assess the current level of homebuying readiness, determine steps required to reach readiness, provide, or refer the family to training, classes, and/or resources upon completion of preparedness. The family will then be directed to local lenders and realtors to purchase their own home.

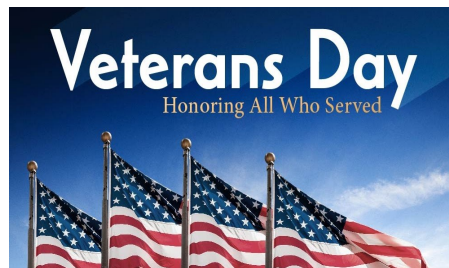


For additional information, please contact **Ms. Nellie Sanchez, Housing and Community Development Specialist** at (757) 233-6403.

Holiday Office Closures



CRHA Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in observance of Election Day.



CRHA Offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of Veteran's Day.



CRHA Offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 and remain closed on November 24th and 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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