



February 9, 2021

Dear RCHA tenants and Healthy Home participants,

The **Healthy Home** program has resumed home visits by request. Visits require staff and participants to wear masks and can be arranged to be held in community rooms or in participants' residences at their choosing. To arrange a home visit contact **Rosanna Williams** at **304-642-5423** or **Josh Wanstreet** at **304-940-4096**. Let us know if you would like to receive **free** gloves or masks. If you or someone else in your household are sick please stay home and contact your doctor for medical advice.

DEBT & CREDIT PROBLEMS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE AT ANY TIME...

Luckily, the HomeOwnership Center's credit counseling program can help you regain your financial footing by helping you manage your monthly expenses. Get free credit counseling and budgeting services from certified counselors at the HomeOwnership Center. We will cover setting your monthly budget, tips on how to live within your means, and information on how to improve or maintain good credit and what affects your score. Services are free after the credit report fee of \$20 per applicant. Call us or visit our website to get started! HomeOwnership Center, Inc – **304-636-9115** – www.hocwv.org

The RCHA is offering income-based assistance to receive a laptop computer, desktop computer, or cell phone for **free** or at a discounted price. Assistance for Internet service is also available. For more information contact, **Haley Gordon** at **304-642-1414** or **Trecie Coleman** at **304-940-3966** or **Josh Wanstreet** **304-940-4096**.

Free tax preparation is available for qualified individuals through the **WV VITA** program. The VITA program offers free tax preparation to low-moderate income taxpayers. IRS-certified volunteers help eligible taxpayers in local communities e-file their returns. To schedule an appointment or information contact **Sharell Harmon** at **304-940-6776**.

The waiting list for **HUD** vouchers opened on **Monday, February 8th**. The procedure is quite different than it was in the past. There are two ways to get started:

One is to call in to the office **304-636-6495 (ext. 10 only)** at any time during the week. When someone calls in – they will be asked a few questions and an application will be sent to them. The second is to go to our website. www.rchawv.org. There will be a link to a "pre-application" that asks the same questions that will be asked over the phone. Once the pre-application is completed and submitted, they will be sent an application to complete and return. The application must be returned in person to our office at **2280 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241** or by mail by the due date on the application. Faxed and email copies of the application

will not be accepted— we must have the original. If the application is incomplete or not legible, applicants will not be placed on the waiting list.

Protect and Connect is a new program for **Healthy Home** participants designed to provide use of equipment for those needing access to the Internet for Telemedicine appointments or to stay connected to family as well as training for the use of equipment. Access to devices is available through property managers at **First Ward School Apartments** and **Elkins Manor**. **Healthy Home** participants at other locations can make arrangements to use equipment and receive training by contacting Josh Wanstreet. For more details call **304-940-4096** or email jwanstreet@rchawv.org.

The **RCHA** has launched the **Randolph WORC** program. The program offers training opportunities to unemployed and under-employed residents of Randolph County. It is focused on three high-growth industries in the region: Health Care Services, Wood Product Manufacturing and Construction. For more information call **Trecie Coleman** at **304-940-4596** or visit the site online at <https://www.randolphworc.com/>

The RCHA is pleased to announce a collaboration with multi-instrumentalist and singer **Ben Townsend** who will be live streaming free hour-long monthly music performances of traditional, bluegrass, and more at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1n65qXXpkSK-J1Tzt4XB4w> or by searching for **Vandalia Creative** on **Youtube** and look for the **Live Now** link. Performances will air every third Tuesday, **February through May at 8pm on February 16th, March 16th, April 20th, and May 18th**. For more information about the performances contact Josh Wanstreet at **304-940-4096**.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources has made online registration to receive the Covid-19 vaccine available at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID19/Pages/Vaccine.aspx> Those who need assistance with registration for any reason should call the **COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line** for help at **1-833-734-0965**. The call center is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Catholic Charities 1513 Harrison Ave Suite C-10, Elkins (The Elkins Cinema 8 Plaza) Food Pantry hours are Monday 1-3pm, Tuesday – Thursday 9am – noon, Closed on Friday. To request food assistance knock on the office door and a box of groceries will be prepared and then set outside. For more information call **304-636-4875** M-F 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Valley Health Care Inc. offers COVID-19 testing to the public at its Elkins and Mill Creek locations Monday through Friday 8am – 4pm. Call **304-636-0133** for more information.

Davis Medical Center offers drive-thru COVID-19 testing to the public Monday through Friday 8am – 4pm and Saturday 8am – noon. Call **304-636-3300** for more information.

HELP4WV offers a free 24/7 call, text, and chat line that provides help for any West Virginian struggling with an addiction or mental health issue. Call or text **844-435-7498** for help or visit <https://www.help4wv.com/>.