



Community Update

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Faces of MPHA: Meet Myeisha Kirkwood!



After years of moving from house-to-house with her older son, Myeisha Kirkwood knows the challenge of raising a family with unstable housing. That's why she joined MPHA's **Mobility Voucher Program**, which helps families with housing vouchers find homes in low-poverty neighborhoods around the metro area—along with security deposit, application fee, and moving-cost assistance. With stable housing (in Myeisha's case, in St. Paul) she has landed a job that allows her to cover almost all of her rent—which saves money MPHA can use to serve other families. Next goals for Myeisha? A bachelor's degree and homeownership!

Weatherization upgrades pick up steam at the Glendale Townhomes.

Through the winter, crews have been blowing in cellulose insulation, repairing and replacing furnaces, and upgrading ventilation across the Glendale family townhomes in Prospect Park. The investments are possible thanks to a partnership with CenterPoint Energy and Sustainable Resources Center, who led MPHA leaders on a tour of the work this month (at right). **SRC expects to complete all 184 homes by next winter**, bringing energy savings and an upgrade in comfort for residents of MPHA's oldest major property.



New "in-house" VOA social worker helps residents get settled and connected.

Incoming residents of public housing sometimes land without the basics to set up a home: furniture, linens, kitchen tools. That's where **Volunteers of America's** Nasteha Abdi comes in, meeting new residents right in our Leasing Department, hearing their needs, connecting them with services, and following up at their new homes. We're glad to have Nasteha and VOA working alongside us!

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