



Community Update

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MPHA's **Strategic Vision** presentation and draft 2019 MTW **Annual Plan** are available!

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Project Lookout celebrates another year of partnership for safer highrise homes

Every summer, volunteers from Project Lookout gather for barbeque and bingo, and to honor their important role in keeping MPHA highrise communities safe and strong. For 31 years, hundreds of residents volunteering for Project Lookout have **monitored their buildings to keep them secure and welcoming for residents and visitors**. This year's "Lookout Cookout" included a stop from Police Chief Medaria Arradondo—a reminder of the essential partnership between the police, residents, and MPHA.

Faces of MPHA: Meet Cassandra Block

MPHA is proud to congratulate Cassandra Block on winning the Mary Lou **Manzie Memorial Scholarship** from the National Leased Housing Association! The scholarship helps non-traditional students receiving rental assistance to go back to school. Cassandra was already the first in her family to attend college. She will use the scholarship to further her education to become a pediatric nurse, starting in the fall. Cassandra, a mother of two, participates in **MPHA's Mobility Voucher Program**, which helps willing families find Section 8 housing in low-poverty neighborhoods and pursue career goals.



MPHA named STEP-UP "Employer of the Year!"

Every summer since 2005, MPHA has hosted high-school interns from the **STEP-UP Youth Employment Program**—probably more than 200 interns, by our count. This year we had 13 interns learning valuable job skills across MPHA—in the field and in our central office. Summer highlights included Lunch-and-Learns, detailed professional development plans, and a challenging scavenger hunt to learn more about the agency and the people we serve. This year, **MPHA is honored to be named STEP-UP's Employer of the Year!**

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