

## Community Update

May 2019

## Area housing agencies set to open Section 8 Housing Choice **Voucher waiting lists in June**

The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA), the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, and the St. Paul Public Housing Agency will be accepting online applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Online applications will be available: 8:00am Wednesday, June 12, 2019 through 12:00pm (Noon) Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Applicants must apply to each waiting list separately. MPHA will place 2,000 applicants on the waiting list through a random drawing from all applications received. Learn more about the lottery, eligibility, and how to apply.









Section 8 HCV Waiting Lists Opening Soon

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## Public housing residents unite for Homes for All - MN at State Capitol rally

Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council (MHRC) members and staff, along with MPHA staff, joined many others at the State Capitol on May 6 for the Homes for All Rally to make a big push for state bonding for public and other affordable housing. Advocates gathered to ask Minnesota state legislators to make essential decisions on the budget that preserve and create the homes we need to serve our lowest-income families. MHRC president Mary McGovern shared her story on the steps of the Capitol and several other residents attended in support of the Homes for All – MN legislative agenda. Watch the video and view the photo gallery.

## **#FacesofMPHA: A friendly face** provides comfort in the Northeast

Senior Service Maintenance Specialist Alemu Lola (right, with Property Manager Cynthia Bergeron) is just the person residents and staff are always looking for. Alemu, who has been with MPHA since 2012, serves at four highrise buildings in the Northeast and has recently been lending an extra hand to family housing. Alemu enjoys connecting with and helping residents, especially seniors and those from different cultures. He knows his experience of emigrating from Ethiopia and his ability to speak three languages can be a comfort to tenants who don't speak English or struggle to communicate problems clearly. Recognizing those difficulties can then be compounded by mobility, anxiety, or other issues, Alemu strives to be that helpful face residents can rely on.



