



Community steps up to feed MPHA seniors “sheltering in place.”

Nearly 70 percent of MPHA high-rise residents are seniors, and many have underlying health conditions that make it essential to stay home and stay safe. Many groups have answered the need to deliver food, masks, and other resources to residents, including **Building Blocks of Islam** (who delivered meals to 1,000 MPHA seniors), **Afro Deli** (seen at left, with regular meal service at two properties), and the tireless social workers of **Volunteers of America—Minnesota**, who even shouldered a batch of donated mattresses when the donor company could not take them into the building. We are so grateful for these and other wonderful partners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

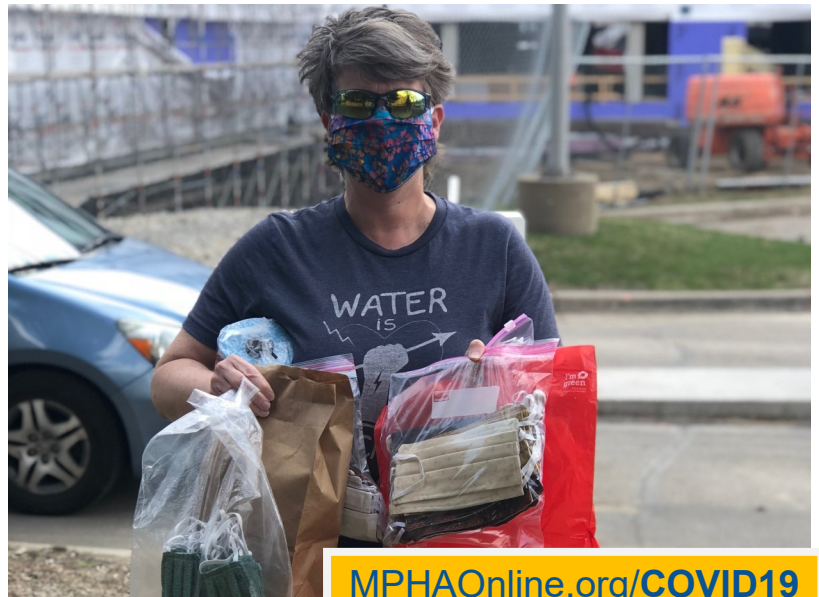
New leadership at MPHA

MPHA recently welcomed **Abdi Warsame** as its next Executive Director/CEO. Prior to joining MPHA, Warsame represented Minneapolis’s 6th Ward in the City Council since 2014, where he



became the first Somali-American elected to municipal office in the US. “I’m very passionate about public housing,” said Warsame at his confirmation. “I grew up in public housing. My lived experience is my greatest attribute.”

Shortly after, **Jennifer Keogh** joined MPHA as Deputy Executive Director. Keogh brings more than 20 years of affordable housing industry experience, most recently as manager of the state’s largest voucher program at the Met Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority.



1000s of masks “Keep MPHA Covered!”

Striving to protect our front-line staff and our public housing residents, MPHA put out a call to the community for masks. Since then, **we have received hundreds of masks** made by churches, community and business groups, and a vocational college. We also received a donation of 3,000 masks from the city, intended for low-income public housing residents. THANK YOU for your caring and craftsmanship.