

Community Update

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MPHA and Minneapolis Launch City's **Largest-ever Public Housing Renovation**

This month, MPHA closed on financing and begins a complete renovation of the Elliot Twins. At nearly 60 years old, the two towers in the Elliot Park neighborhood are among the oldest high-rise public housing buildings in Minneapolis. The \$25 million Elliot Twins renovation will bring comfort, safety, energy-efficiency, 10 new disabilityaccessible units, and 6,200 new square-feet of common space for residents. All current residents can continue to live at the Elliots during and after construction, and will pay the same affordable, income-based rents. The project

features multiple guarantees that lock in long-term affordability for extremely low-income Minneapolis households. A \$2.3 million investment by the City of Minneapolis, first proposed by Mayor Jacob Frey, will help reduce overall energy use by up to 35%, even while adding much more common space and central air conditioning.

Donated Masks Keep MPHA Residents and Staff Safe

As we continue to try and protect our front-line staff and our public housing residents, MPHA has received thousands of masks made by

MPHA has distributed over 15,000 donated masks!

churches, community and business groups, and a vocational college.

Because these generous donations,

MPHA has been able to keep front-line staff protected while they continue to serve public housing families

throughout the duration of the coronavirus pandemic. Over the past few weeks, MPHA has handed out over thousands of masks to residents in our highrises and Glendale Townhomes (above). THANK YOU to our community for your craftsmanship and generosity.



Volunteers Offer Support to Horn Towers During Unprecedented Times

In the midst of some of our community's hardest moments, many came together to make sure public housing residents were safe and supported. Following the loss of nearby shopping options, volunteers descended on Horn Towers (above) and went door-to-door distributing food and household essentials to MPHA residents. Among the many partners were Lyndale Neighborhood Association, Conservation Corps, Volunteers of America, Building Blocks of Islam, Muslim American Society of Minnesota, and MPHA staff. Your efforts are making a difference in the lives of many MPHA residents.

