New Horizons

These are exciting times for MHP as we celebrate 30 years of housing people, empowering families and strengthening neighborhoods. We also are celebrating two projects that reflect a more regional approach to addressing our community’s affordable housing needs, while at the same time we continue to preserve our deep roots and commitment in Montgomery County.

With the acquisition of Worthington Woods Apartments in the District of Columbia, MHP now is providing more than 2,100 quality, affordable homes. At the celebration of the acquisition, MHP President Robert Goldman said, “For MHP, this acquisition represents a huge milestone for our organization…. But the work we do is about more than units. It’s about creating a place to call home, a place to relax after a hard day’s work, a place to feel safe, a place for kids to create memories.”

He added, “Without the Mayor’s Preservation Fund, this property could have ended up in the hands of someone who would have looked to redevelop the property or increase rents and ultimately displace many longtime residents.” The project was supported by the DC Department of Housing and Community Development, Capital Impact Partners, Worthington Woods Tenants Organization and the Anacostia Economic Development Corporation.

MHP President Robert Goldman and Prince George’s County Councilmember Deni Taveras

Long-time resident Ronnie Jamison said, “This is our home, and we take pride in that. We are keeping the neighborhood together through preservation, and that is a very good thing for not just this community, but the entire city.”

MHP also celebrated the completion of a major renovation of Parkview Manor Apartments in Hyattsville. The apartment complex is MHP’s first property in Prince George’s County.

A ribbon-cutting celebration included Secretary Kenneth Holt of the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development, as well as representatives of Prince George’s County, City of Hyattsville and Enterprise Community Partners. MHP will be offering community-building programs at Parkview Manor, potentially including financial literacy classes and enrichment programs.

Maryland Del. Alonzo Washington praised the project and the planned community programming, citing his own upbringing in public housing. “I wouldn’t be here today” without similar opportunities offered in his neighborhood growing up. “Investing in communities like this helps people like me be successful.”

Celebrating Worthington Woods acquisition with DC Mayor Bowser

MHP is celebrating 30 years as a leader in housing people, empowering families, and strengthening neighborhoods. We will be commemorating our anniversary all year.

To learn more about MHP and how to get involved, visit us at www.MHPartners.org  Follow us:
MHP accomplishes its mission by housing people, empowering families, and strengthening neighborhoods. Chartered in 1989 as a 501(c)(3) organization, it is the largest nonprofit housing developer in Montgomery County, MD, and provides more than 2,100 affordable homes in the metropolitan Washington area. MHP is a chartered member of NeighborWorks® America. For more information, visit www.MHPartners.org.

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Welcome New Staff

MHP is happy to welcome new staff members: Taylor Buchness, AmeriCorps VISTA; Raquelle Contreras, Development Associate; Jason Dalle, AmeriCorps; Caroline Dennehy, AmeriCorps VISTA; David Jorge, AmeriCorps; Jenny Mendez-Guerrero, Parent/Child Coordinator; and Naudia Porter, Apartment Assistance Program Specialist.

HAND Recognizes Cleydi Pacheco, Student Artist

MHP’s Cleydi Pacheco is the 2019 Emerging Leader of the Year. She was selected by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) and was honored at the HAND annual meeting.

Cleydi joined MHP as a part-time computer lab assistant, working with Spanish-speaking students in MHP’s afterschool enrichment programs. She created lesson plans for 24 students who spoke Spanish just like her, and her success was immediate. Cleydi’s natural connection with residents grew daily and prompted MHP to recruit her as an AmeriCorps intern, and eventually hire her as a staff member. Today, 19 years after she started, Cleydi is a Senior Programs Manager, working at the properties where she started, overseeing programs that serve 120 students and supervising 12 employees.

Cleydi was instrumental in creating and growing MHP’s Community Life preschool programs. She said that several of her former students reached out to her when they saw on Facebook that she was going to be honored, including a young woman who Cleydi taught as a preschooler years ago. Now, that little girl is grown up and will be heading off to college in the fall. Cleydi says she believes her role is to help young people -- and sometimes their parents -- find the doors to opportunity and open them.

Congratulations to student Esmeralda Amaya, a runner-up in the annual HAND art competition. She is a resident of MHP’s residences in Wheaton. The theme of the contest was “Working Together As One.”
Celebrating Our Neighborhoods

MHP’s commitment extends beyond providing quality affordable housing. We are strengthening neighborhoods through community-building events.

These include National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. MHP celebrated National Night Out at Dring’s Reach, Hillbrooke Towers, and Beall’s Grant properties.

We are grateful to Montgomery County Police Department for providing a chance for our residents to socialize with law enforcement representatives and check out police cruisers and motorcycles. Special thanks to property managers Residential One and Humphrey Management for throwing fun parties complete with face-painting, and barbecue dinner.

MHP’s Great Hope Homes neighborhood in Silver Spring celebrated the summer with a block party attended by more than 70 residents. The celebration was about having fun and building a sense of community. Activities included a moon bounce, arts and crafts, food, sidewalk chalk drawing, bubble-blowing and jump rope.

Thank you to NeighborWorks America for providing support for this community-building event, which celebrated national NeighborWorks Week.

BRINGING JOY: Thanks to a generous grant from the City of Takoma Park, middle school students in MHP’s Future Leaders of the World (FLOW) summer program created a mural for the Sligo View community center. The project was guided by artist Arturo Ho in partnership with Carpe Diem Arts. The goals were to provide an opportunity for self-expression and to help shape the space where the students meet. One of the young artists was asked how the mural made him feel. “It brings me joy,” he said.
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The holiday season is around the corner. If you are looking for ways to give back, consider being a part of MHP’s 21st Annual Angels for Children Toy Drive in partnership with the Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce and the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad.

You can support the program through a donation of toys, financial support, or volunteering. We will need volunteers to help wrap and sort the gifts, and deliver the toys with Santa on Christmas Eve.

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ADVOCACY

Successes in Housing, Transportation

MHP is celebrating recent advocacy successes that will help expand access to affordable housing and contribute to quality of life for our residents. We are grateful for your support in these efforts.

**FUNDING:** The Montgomery County Council agreed to increase funding of the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF), which supports the preservation and creation of affordable housing in Montgomery County, by $5 million.

**ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS:** The Montgomery County Council approved new regulations that will make it easier to develop accessory dwelling units (ADUs), small apartments that are in or on the same property as a home and can be used as an independent living space. MHP supported the effort to ease restrictions because it is clear that in our expensive region, we must embrace an “all-of-the-above” approach to address the significant affordable housing needs of those living in our community, especially for seniors.

**METRO TURNBACKS:** Residents who rely on Metro in the Wheaton, Glenmont and Forest Glen communities will have shorter commutes thanks to a successful push to end Metro’s “turnback” policy. The policy limited the number of trains that traveled to Metro stops that go beyond the Silver Spring Metro station. MHP joined in efforts led by Councilmember Tom Hucker, other elected leaders, and community groups to end the policy.

MHP President Robert Goldman said, “Nearly all our residents are low income. Many rely on Metro to get to work or take advantage of educational opportunities. The turnback policy significantly extended their commutes, with a negative impact on their quality of life.”

Backpacks

Thanks to your support of our annual Backpack Drive, we were able to fill the backpacks with school supplies and provide them to the youth in our programs and properties. Thank you to our supporters:

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2019 TOUR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
Greenwood Terrace Community Center
8502 Greenwood Avenue
Silver Spring
Time: 12:30pm

CONTACT
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We are glad to customize a tour for a small group or come to your office.