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Connecticut Housing Partners Emergency Response to COVID-19

April 17, 2020 – Trumbull, CT - During this COVID-19 crisis, CHP is pulling together community resources to help residents navigate these challenging times. “Our major priorities are twofold during this crisis: to keep our residents in safe and stable housing to avoid eviction and to keep food on their tables,” says Renée Dobos, CEO of Connecticut Housing Partners.

To Keep CHP Households Fed:

In partnership with The Bridgeport Rescue Mission, full bags of food were dropped off at the doors of every resident and our dedicated CHP maintenance team assisted with the deliveries.

“This week alone, we delivered 50 pounds of food to a total of 148 CHP units in Bridgeport, Trumbull and Fairfield. This equates to 7,400 pounds of food delivered to our households impacted by job losses due to COVID-19,” remarks Dobos. “These food deliveries are critical to our residents who desperately need food. We are grateful to our community partners for making this happen!” CHP’s Resident Coordinator is also working with community partners who will deliver bags of food to their elderly population of 124 seniors who are unable to go out and get food otherwise.

To Keep Our Residents Housed

CHP is aware that today and the months that lie ahead will be extremely difficult for their residents to pay their rent. Most of their residents were living paycheck to paycheck already and have now lost their jobs. They have no income coming in.

Connecticut Housing Partners has a RENT BANK rental assistance program for residents. Residents in good standing can apply for the Rent Bank funds, and their rent will be covered for at least 3 months. This time can be extended if necessary and if the funds are available. CHP understands that if their residents get behind in their rent, it may be impossible for them to ever catch up. It is critical for them to keep their households stable and CHP resident services is also providing budgeting basics coaching to help families make good financial choices.

The Development Team at CHP has ramped up fundraising efforts to fund the RENT BANK during this crisis. \$80,000 has been raised so far to sustain the Rent Bank and funding requests are going out daily. The program was designed to help residents through a hardship such as the death of a wage earner, a dire medical condition, or a job loss. During the COVID-19 crisis, the number one hardship is job loss, since “non-essential” businesses were closed in March.



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