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ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY IS COMMITTED AS WE MOVE INTO 2022 TOGETHER

As the year 2021 has come to a close, it is a time for new beginnings and great anticipation. Together in the New Year, we will increase the well-being of our community and our residents through your support and your understanding of our mission.

Over the past 70 years, Rockford Housing Authority has been committed to the needs of our residents. As we move into the New Year, we will continue to be dedicated to addressing housing-related needs in our community while treating each person with personalized service and dignity.

We will procure opportunities, develop resources, and collaborate with other partners, community programs, organizations, and businesses to alleviate deprivation and joblessness in our area.

In 2022, we will strive for effective stewardship of resources to provide successful job opportunities and Family Self Sufficiency assistance programs for our residents. We believe and know that home for a family is the foundation of our society and community. Homelife provides hope and the pathway to our goals. We envision a time when all Rockford neighborhoods contribute to the appeal of our city – neighborhoods enriched by pride, hard work, and investment. We will continue our support in settings where respect, excellence, and a sense of community ownership are evident.

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Over the course of the new year, Rockford Housing Authority will be working to reach those in our population most at risk, our children, and seniors. Some of our strategic RHA directives include expanding and developing affordable housing procurement of scattered sites in our neighborhoods, providing and educating families on digital access, providing empowerment through our Life Force Development Institute, and creating new opportunities through our Jobs Plus Initiative for RHA residents.

Rockford Housing Authority in 2022 will further the mission and purpose of affordable housing by providing housing and services to members of our community who might otherwise be homeless. In addition, we will continue to realign our organization to become a better provider of housing and have a more positive influence on the economy, social fabric, and livability of our city.

Through dedication, commitment, and transparency the Rockford Housing will continue its mission that states, “RHA partners with the community and responsible residents to transform houses into homes while guiding families to self-sufficiency.”

May the gift of Love, the gift of peace, and the gift of happiness all be yours in 2022.

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

National Blood Donor Month is observed in January every year. The observance started more than 50 years ago, on December 31st, 1969, after the president signed a proclamation designating January as Blood Donor Month. The month of January is significant because it is usually a period of critical blood shortages. In addition, people stop donating during the holiday months, and while people are more prone to get sick during flu season and blood drives get snowed out.

There are many different places you can donate blood in the Rockford area, such as; Rock River Valley Blood Center and the American Red Cross of Northwest Illinois. Both offer blood drives around Rockford at churches and hospitals. American Red Cross is taking precautions for COVID-19 as they are teasing all blood, platelet, and plasma donations for antibodies.

National Blood Awareness Month has been recognized since 1970. According to Health Prep, there are benefits of donating blood, including:

- **FREE BLOOD TESTS** – contributed blood is tested, and the donor can ask to be informed if any irregularities are found.
- **CALORIE BURN** – The blood donation process burns 650 calories, comparable to an average spin class!
- **REDUCED RISK OF HEART DISEASE** – helps eliminate the excess buildup of iron in the blood
- **REDUCED RISK OF CANCER** – also due to the reduction of excess iron buildup in the blood

To find a local blood drive or donation center, please visit: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=61107> and: <https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/zip>

LOCATIONS:
Red Cross and Rock River Valley Blood Center.

JOBS PLUS INITIATIVE LAUNCH

The Rockford Housing Authority was granted the Jobs Plus Initiative Grant in April 2021. The Jobs Plus Team working in conjunction with community partners and HUD, has been hard at work preparing for the program’s launch. The program comprises of three steps: Employment-Related Services. First, the Jobs Plus team will work with partners to find job opportunities for RHA residents. The next part of the program is the rental incentive. Once the resident is in the program, the rent will not increase with their earned income for the four years that they are in the Jobs Plus Initiative.

The final component is the ‘community supports for work,’ aiming to create a culture of work within the RHA developments with the help of on-site residents spreading the word of the program. The program will officially commence in January of 2022. the Jobs Plus Team will hold a community launch for residents, media, and others in the community to learn about the program and what will be in store of the Jobs Plus Initiative over the next four years.



The launch is also an excellent way for individuals to understand the substantial impact on the RHA residents and the greater Rockford community. If you are an RHA resident who would like more information on Jobs Plus and how to get started, please reach out to the Jobs Plus Program Manager, Mr. Alex Keedi at akeedi@rockfordha.org.

RHA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR FIRST RESIDENT PARTICIPANT IN THE JOBS PLUS INITIATIVE, MS. TERRY MILTON!

Terry Milton is a resident and an employee of RHA. Terry also is currently enrolled in the Jobs Plus Initiative. Terry enlisted in the program because a typical full-time job would raise her rent as she increased her income.

However, as a mother of five young children and a student at Rock Valley College, Terry saw the importance of saving money. Through the Jobs Plus Initiative, she can save money and provide for her children. “Upon enrolling in this program, it just made everything in my life easier,” states Terry Milton. We are so proud of Terry and look forward to seeing what the future holds for her and the Jobs Plus Initiative.

DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Mr. Vince Tarara!

Mr. Vince Tarara has been a respected team member with RHA for nearly four years. Vince is an essential part of our agency, currently serving as the Maintenance Supervisor, overseeing the day-to-day maintenance operations and preventative maintenance procedures throughout the RHA portfolio. Since joining the RHA team, Vince has hit the ground running. He initially began his career at the RHA as a Maintenance Trainee and was selected by RHA Maintenance Leadership and management for accelerated advancement within his first year in service.

Mr. Tarara assisted our Procurement and Human Services teams throughout November. Taking the lead to ensure that all equipment and workforce were on hand to properly install the Employment and Empowerment Raydiant screens providing programmatic information and job/career attainment information to our residents and guests throughout our agency.

Mr. Tarara was nominated for the Director’s Spotlight by Ms. Linda Dorsey-Tillman for his dedication to our agency’s vision, mission, and core values. As stated in the nomination, “the core values he [Vince] displays daily are leadership, integrity, respectful, consistent, caring, and professional, which makes him a worthy recipient of the Director’s Spotlight. Vince’s dedication and guidance have demonstrated outstanding character. His motivation and diligence are qualities that make him deserving of the Director’s Spotlight Award for November 2021.



MORE THAN 855,843 AMERICANS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES — MORE THAN DIED IN WWI, WWII, VIETNAM, KOREA AND THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ WARS COMBINED.

Public health officials reported on January 6th, 2022 a total of 751,512 daily new cases of the coronavirus in the United States. The total amount of deaths in the United States has reached a toll of 855,843 due to COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the virus. CDC expects that anyone with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.

Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, said other countries had seen omicron's fast growth, but the U.S. data showed "a remarkable jump in such a short time." Topol also said it's unclear how much milder omicron really is compared with other variants. "That's the big uncertainty now," Topol said. "We have to count on it being a lot of hospitalizations and a lot severe disease from omicron."

Daily new cases fell to a low of just over 100 in mid-June, and rose again in the early fall before falling back to around 1,500 daily cases in late October. Since then, they have spiked dramatically. Officials worry the new, more transmissible omicron variant of the virus could overwhelm hospitals this winter.

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES THIS WINTER

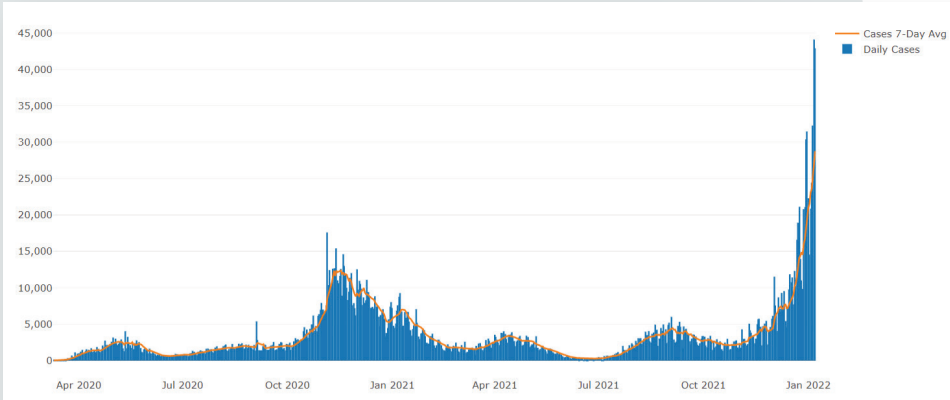
As we continue to see new variants arise and the winter season is before us, making sure our loved ones stay healthy should be everyone's top priority. There are still ways you can get together with your friends and family while staying safe. First thing as you are aware would be getting fully vaccinated. Other ways to keep safe if you are not vaccinated or fully vaccinated are at home test kits. These kits, sold at pharmacies and other retailers like Walmart and grocery stores, can be broken down into two groups: at-home collection kits, and at-home testing kits.

Collection kits allow people to collect a sample, such as saliva or a nasal swab, at home, but you must send that sample to a predetermined lab in order to get results.

At-home testing kits let you swab your nose and then smear the swab on a pre-treated card to which you add a provided solution. The results, like those of a pregnancy test, appear in a few minutes.

With more opportunities for people to interact in public settings where the virus can spread, it's never been more important to know who is infected and potentially seeding new COVID-19 infections, and who is not. Call your local pharmacy and check if they carry the at home tests or where you can find one.

For more COVID updates please visit: <https://www.rockfordha.org/calendar/covid-19-resources/>



DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT 2021 WINNERS

A Year in Review of Outstanding Team Endeavors

The RHA Director's Spotlight was established on the Ten Principles of our Core Values. Together they constitute and represent the human energy of our organization. The goal is to recognize the work environment where everyone feels valued. Each month from a peer-to-peer private, online input, a staff member can nominate a staff member they see went well beyond the function of their job. And how they have demonstrated one or more of the Ten Core Values of the Agency. As you already might know, understanding, caring, and trust are the backbones of all successful relationships. Director's Spotlight translates these core values of employment partnerships and recognizes the intrinsic value provided by individuals within our group.

Knowing what our residents need and meeting organizational expectations has provided a way to build a successful agency and construct long-lasting team relationships. In addition, it helped our employees see that the whole agency values them and their contributions to the entire team's success. These principles and ideals touch everything we do on a daily work basis. For our agency to continuously excel, we will always encourage creative thinking. Members of the RHA team provided the input to recognize those actions of their team members during the past year. Each month staff took the time to recognize innovative solutions by team members who collaborate, care, and 'go the extra mile.' Once all submissions were finalized for the month, a time and place were set for the nominated team member to come together with our staff, either remotely or when possible, together to be recognized for the outstanding work and contributions this individual has made.

Ms. Stephanie Penix

We are excited to announce that Ms. Stephanie Penix was the year's most-nominated employee in 2021. Stephanie's teamwork, enthusiasm, and support of fellow employees on various projects in addition to her regularly assigned duties makes Ms. Stephanie Penix an asset to the RHA. All see Stephanie; she visits each site daily, is often in service to our residents, and is always there to lend a hand and brighten your day with her smile. "She takes great care in her work, and it shows! I've not been afraid of coming into the office anytime because I know that Stephanie treats our workplace like it's her own home. It's well maintained, safe and sanitary," said Diane Rosin, Accountant.



Stephanie's daily duties came front and center during the pandemic. She worked tirelessly to ensure that all common areas and touchpoints at the COCC were sanitized regularly. The appropriate sanitizing equipment and PPE were made available and accessible. Such actions required Stephanie to be highly adaptable to the ever-changing conditions. The words of Ms. Linda Dorsey-Tillman sum it up best, "Stephanie Penix is an all-around friendly individual that absolutely loves RHA and the staff here at RHA. She always goes over and above her job duties, and she likes to see things done right away, not waiting until the last minute. She is a great example of a dedicated, devoted, and committed employee."

Ms. Linda Dorsey-Tillman

Director's Spotlight is genuinely an opportunity to recognize our fellow team members and appreciates individuals on a higher level. In 2021 Linda submitted the most nominations of her fellow employees. She is unbiased in her recognition, recognizing our folks in all departments, including maintenance, finance, and property management. In addition, Linda inspires those around her, always pointing out others' accomplishments. "When the COVID-19 directive by Gov. Pritzker announced in 2020, Linda, in 48 hours, deployed laptops for use by RHA staff members to work from home. She loaded all necessary software, enabling the computers to allow staff to continue their daily duties while staying home. She also configured work-related cell phones, many with hotspots, those who did not have internet service at home," stated Laura Snyder, CEO. Therefore, it is no surprise that Ms. Linda Dorsey-Tillman was the first recipient of the Director's Spotlight award in 2020.

Our goal for 2022 is to continue empowering and engaging our staff by recognizing the dedication and demanding work that make our agency great. A dedicated landing website page for all RHA Spotlight Winners is available for you to learn more. <https://www.rockfordha.org/about-us/resident-services/the-directors-spotlight/>

INFOCUS 2021

The following highlights of the InFocus Newsletter are a recap of milestones and accomplishments that RHA has achieved this past year through the hard work of our employees.

From Strong Families to the deconstruction of Brewington Oaks, RHA has made great strides to serve our residents and the community.

HUD AWARDS \$2,300,000 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY’S PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS SECURE EMPLOYMENT AND HIGHER-PAYING JOBS

“It was with great pleasure that we were able to announced in June of 2021 that the Jobs Plus Grant Awarded \$2,300,000 to the Rockford Housing Authority,” reflected, Laura Snyder, CEO, of the Rockford Housing Authority. The comprehensive nature of the Rockford Housing Authority’s Jobs Plus Grant program has established partnerships with key social service agencies within the Rockford community. With over fifty-three strategic community partnerships, RHA will strengthen program planning and implementation and streamline access to services for RHA resident participants. RHA plays a unique and pivotal role in supporting, developing, and expanding opportunities for workforce education, and employment opportunities, through the Lifeforce Development Institute. “Through the Jobs Plus grant, we will create an equitable future for our residents that will allow employers and our community to thrive,” continues, Ms. Snyder.

The new RHA Jobs Plus Program will develop locally-based, job-driven approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes through work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement, skills development, and financial literacy for our public housing residents. “This place-based program supports economic resilience for our residents by incentivizing and enabling employment through ‘income disregards’ for working families, benefitting the entire community, and supporting a culture of work,” observes Odessa Walker, Director of Human Services.

Over 71 % of RHA residents have earned incomes that qualify as very low income. The Rockford Housing Authority RHA Jobs Plus Program will incorporate strategies to develop a locally-based culture of work for the residents living in the targeted public housing community. “The grant, along with our vital partners, which has specific assignments, creates the stage to attack poverty on so many levels and change the quality of life for families. This is the hand-up approach RHA embraces for all families we serve. Empowerment is our middle name.” states Odessa Walker. Collaborating with the Workforce Development Board, The Rockford Workforce Connection, and other key strategic partners will help to overcome several barriers to gainful employment for our residents. Currently, over 50% of the RHA residents at the target sites have no earned income. “Providing resources so that public housing residents can achieve economic and housing stability is an important part of HUD’s mission,” said HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. “HUD is committed to empowering and working with our local partners to help residents reach their goals and uplift their families.” Additional services that will be provided by the RHA Jobs Plus Program will include childcare services, transportation assistance, financial literacy workshops, and Life Skills. The program is expected to support a culture of work that leads to a sustainable career ladder of employment, at a living wage for all work-able eligible residents. “I am excited not only for the residents of RHA and our team but also for the city of Rockford. With this grant and through our partnerships, we have built a collective impact approach that will bring education, job readiness programming, and job training to individuals who are eager to join the workforce or enhance their current employment,” concludes Laura Snyder.



THE ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY HUD STRONG FAMILIES INITIATIVE PRESENTED: RHA COMMUNITY RESOURCE & JOB FAIR.

The Rockford Housing Authority held an RHA Resident event on July 31st at BLACKHAWK COURTS. The RHA Community Resource and Job Fair was an opportunity to inform RHA residents and the community of the many services and jobs available to them!

The Rockford Housing Authority is so grateful that we could put this event on for the people in our community that may not have had the oppertunity to speak with the community partners in attendance. We would like to thank everyone who came out to the event, our community partner agencies, and the RHA staff for making this day possible.



Here are some of the activities and events that took place on the day of the event and what community partners who joined us!

Activities and events:

- Bouncy houses
- Free food
- Giveaways
- Music
- Vax Bus/ Health Department COVID-19 vaccines
- Discovery Center Kits for children ages 2-5

Our Community Partner agencies and Job Fair Opportunities at the event: Crusader Community Clinic

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| • Renewal Turning Point | • Rosecrance |
| • Geostar | • Habitat for Humanity |
| • Legal Shield Business Solutions | • Prairie State Legal |
| • MRA Janitorial | • 100 Strong |
| • Boys & Girls Club | • The Workforce Connection |
| | • Milestone Inc |

RHA was so pleased by the turn out and hope the people that joined us for some food, fun, and life changing opportunities had a great day!

FAIRGROUNDS SECTION 18

The Rockford Housing Authority submitted a Section 18 application that would allow HUD to provide 164 Tenant Protection Vouchers meaning families residing in units that receive Section 18 approval would be protected with comparable housing resources (Tenant Protection Vouchers.) TPVs are Section 8 assistance that is authorized and funded annually by Congress, public housing authorities are generally eligible to receive replacement TPVs for all units approved under Section 18 that have been occupied within the previous 24-months of HUD approval. Section 18 refers to Section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. This section authorizes a PHA to demolish and/ or dispose of public housing with HUD approval if the units meet the criteria of current guidance.

RHA will keep updating the status of the application as time goes on. For more information about Section 18 please visit: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/repositioning/section_18_key_takeaways



THE ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY IS PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHAIRMAN, VICE
CHAIRMAN, AND THE INDUCTION OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER

JEFF DIBENEDENTO is the Chairman of The Board of Commissioners. Jeffrey DiBenedetto has lived in Rockford all his life. He is a graduate of Boylan Catholic High School and Northern Illinois University. At NIU he studied at the College of Business and earned a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

Jeff is Executive Vice President of DiBenedetto & Associates, Ltd., a boutique wealth management firm in Loves Park IL. He currently serves on the Rosecrance Health Network board of directors, where he is most recently past Chairman. Jeff also serves on the Rosecrance Foundation board of directors, the Rockford Country Club board of directors, the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford board of directors, and as Chairman of the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford Foundation.



JESSICA WILSON is the Vice Chairman of The Board of Commissioners. Jessica Wilson is a born and raised Rockford native who also has strong family ties from Greenville, MS. Jessica is a graduate of Jefferson High School in 2005 and Rock Valley College in 2015. While attending Rock Valley College, she studied Criminal Justice and earned an Associate's in Applied Science Degree. She also obtained a Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate in 2009 at RVC and has served her community as a CNA for 10 years.

In July of 2017, Jessica moved on to become an employee for FurstStaffing Employment Agency. She worked as an Onboarding Specialist where her job title was The Drug Test Administrator. She has worked for this company for the last 3 years learning many new skills.



NEANGELA DIXON is the newest RHA Board Member. She is an attorney with a passion for women's and children's advocacy and criminal justice reform. She has previously worked as a program director with a Chicagoland domestic violence agency and prosecutor specializing in criminal appeals and domestic violence cases. Currently she serves as general counsel for a state agency.

NeAngela is a graduate of North Central College and the Northern Illinois University College of Law. She was born and raised in Rockford and returned to the area in 2015. She enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family. RHA is pleased to have NeAngela Dixon join the Board of Directors.



RHA AWARDED THREE NAHRO AWARDS OF MERIT IN THE
RESIDENT AND CLIENT SERVICES CATEGORY & HAS BEEN
NOMINATED FOR THE 2021 NAHRO AWARD OF EXCELLENCE!

The Rockford Housing Authority announced that our Resident Awareness for Section 3 and The Lifeforce Development Institute had won the NAHRO 2021 Award of Merit in the Resident and Client Services Category and was nominated for the 2021 NAHRO Award of Excellence! The awards were presented at the board meeting on October 24th, 2021.

RHA'S SECTION 3 PROMOTION AND RESIDENT AWARENESS is a robust training program focusing within the RHA agency. RHA trains Section 3 qualified individuals in the day-to-day operations of RHA, including all departments such as; finance, maintenance, human services, housing choice voucher, and property management.

RHA'S LIFEFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE program partners with employers to ensure that the academic preparation, soft skills training, and other services are relevant to local industries and employment opportunities. Over twelve weeks, the students learn such things as positive attitude, adaptability, personal ethics, self-esteem, taking direction, critical thinking, and accepting feedback.

THE RHA DIGITAL TV CHANNEL is a new approach to RHA communication was designed to provide residents, guests, and staff viewers with relevant and essential up-to-date and timely RHA news content. Effectively communicating health and safety protocols has proven lifesaving during this pandemic. Nothing is more important than keeping people safe. In this case, keeping safe means staying informed.



THE ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION TRADES CONVENTION: WOMEN AT WORK

This year was the first year of the Annual Construction Trades Convention: Women at Work. Rockford Housing Authority and Project First Rate are pleased with the number of attendees and local businesses participating in such a fantastic resource. Here is a highlight of some of the topics that were covered in the convention:

- Discussed how the attendees can become financially independent through rewarding careers in the union construction industry, including how to join registered apprenticeship programs.
- The participants heard stories and experiences from women in the trades as well as entrepreneurs from the construction industry
- In addition, the convention attendees learned about the local programs and resources available to help them prepare to apply for apprenticeship programs.
- Attendees gained insight about the national movement of tradeswomen gaining ground in the industry

THE CONSTRUCTION TRADE CONVENTION: Women at Work was an opportunity to learn from women in the trades such as construction, painting, and electricians. This was an opportunity to explore the Apprentice Trainee Positions available. The trades industry is a male-dominated career, but many women still work and love these jobs. Rockford Housing Authority and Project First Rate are excited for our convention next year.

If you were unable to attend the 2021 Construction Trades Convention: Women at Work, it's not too late. Please follow the link here to see a recorded playback of the Convention: <https://www.rockfordha.org/annual-construction-trades-convention-women-at-work/>



WOMEN OF INFLUENCE: BECOMING A LEADER IN THEIR INDUSTRY

Rockford Housing Authority hosted the Women of Influence Event! The event was a live webinar/Facebook live with panelists of influential women in our community. The event was held on March 31st.

PANELISTS

CEO: Laura Snyder – CEO of the Rockford Housing Authority

BUSINESS OWNER: Debbie Walter – President of Lawncare by Walter

NON-FOR-PROFIT: Dee Lacny – Executive Director of Rock House Kids

UNION TRADES: Dixie Perko - Journeyman Wireman of IBEW Local 364

POLITICAL LEADER: Karen Hoffman – 8th Ward Alderman for Rockford

PASTOR: Apostle Evelyn Ramos Anderson – Hopar Adonai International Ministries

AUTHOR & HAIR STYLIST BUSINESS: Chandra Williamson – Chan W Braids (business) – “The Curse is Broken/Overcoming (book)

LEAD MODERATOR- Michaela Harris- Section 3 Compliance Manager

MODERATOR- Odessa Walker- RHA Director of Human Services

MODERATOR- Laura Martinez- FSS Specialist

Women can not only do well in any industry; they can lead that Industry. They can be the CEO, the Job Foreman, or a Business Owner. In 2020 HUD estimates that 74% of Public Housing households have a woman as the head of the home, in 2020, women had to work an extra 24 days to make the same money as men, and women only make \$.82 on every dollar a man makes. To overcome these statistics, we must create awareness about the barriers women face in the workforce and encourage Industry Leaders to challenge these barriers. To incite change, we must create conversations about these issues, inspire women, and give them the tools to succeed. The event’s roundtable discussion included stories from Women Leaders in our community with opportunities to learn their rules for success and apply them to your life. We took an in-depth look at these barriers and challenges and discussed how women can succeed in any industry.

Michaela Harris, Section 3 Compliance Manager and creator of the Women of Influence Event stated she wanted to do the event to bring awareness to our women in the community and “open their eyes to bigger and better opportunities.” The event inspiration came to fruition when Harris saw all the statistics of women in different industries and knew she had to shed light on the issues. Michaela said that the event went above her expectations saying “we knew when we assembled the panelists, they were quality panelists, but the vibrancy of their answers, the wealth of information, and their personal experiences they shared, was a huge takeaway.” This was the first Women of Influence Event and Michela hopes to make it an annual event, hopefully next year in person. In the summer Michaela plans to have another event exploring more about women in the Trades industry.

BREWINGTON OAKS DECONSTRUCTION COMPLETE

In April of 2021, RHA commissioners received HUD approval to begin the deconstruction of the vacant Brewington Oaks Development. Approximately 90 of the 418 apartments were declared uninhabitable in 2018, and RHA determined that the units were beyond cost-effective repair.

Brewington is now fully deconstructed and work will continue on the ground infrastructure. We hope to see the site completely cleared out by late winter.

Brewington Oaks opened in 1969 to provide housing for senior citizens and the disabled. The buildings were initially called Campus Towers because they were located close to the former site of Rockford University. The towers were renamed Brewington Oaks after Al Brewington, a man who worked his way from maintenance to the second in charge in his 21 years with the organization.

Commissioners awarded a \$1,544,400 demolition contract to N-TRAK Group of Loves Park to raze the twin 14-story towers at 505 and 515 Seminary Street. Since the vote to start the deconstruction, the construction crew has been busy at work, and the former Brewington Oaks. has been razed. The future of the lot that once supported the two towers is unknown for now, yet leadership and the Board are in discussions and exploring options.





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DID YOU KNOW?

OUR RHA TEAM MISSION

For the past seventy years, The Rockford Housing Authority Team's mission has been to provide the highest level of resident services attainable utilizing methods of support to best serve our constituents, organization, and community.

To continuously create and add value by providing objective and innovative resident services that evaluate levels of support, governance processes and to make a difference everywhere we engage.

