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Board meetings are held every 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. View the full [2024 board meeting schedule here](#).

Richmond Towers Management Offices



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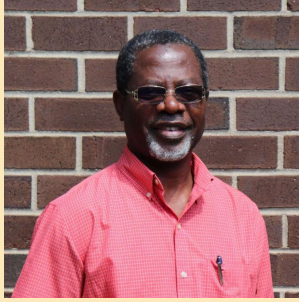
Message from the Executive Director

As we all know, March is Women's History Month. In honor of the holiday, all of us at the Housing Authority of Plainfield are celebrating the legacy of women leaders who overcame challenges and advocated for women's rights. Our country would not have advanced in a variety of fields were it not for their achievements and contributions.



Thank you to our residents, sponsors, and the community for joining us at Richmond Towers on March 1st for our annual Black History Month program. Everyone had a great time at this year's Black Resistance-themed event, where we welcomed guest speaker Pastor Mae Belin. Proceeds from the event go toward the HAP/PCDC Scholarship Fund. If you would like to contribute or learn more, please contact Joyce Clark-Cabbell at joycec@hap-nj.org or call 908-769-6335 extension 619.

In this newsletter we have several updates to share, so read on to learn about Administrative Assistant Jacqueline A. Miller, our successful Black History Month event, and our upcoming roundtable discussion on April 10th hosted by Joanne Hollis Gardens' Community Resource Center Director of Community Programs Eric Graham at Crescent Avenue



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Presbyterian Church. We hope to see you there!

As always, we at HAP are dedicated to our people, proactive in our plans, and focused on our future.

Thank you so much for being part of our community.

Randall "Randy" Wood



HAP Spotlight: Jacqueline A. Miller, PHM, Administrative Assistant

Jacqueline A. Miller, PHM has been serving HAP for over 30 years, since 1988. One of the longest-tenured employees at HAP, Ms. Miller started as a clerical. In 1997 she was promoted to secretarial assistant at Elmwood Gardens; as a result of her hard work she was transferred to HAP's largest housing site, Richmond Towers, in 2000. In 2011 she was promoted to administrative assistant.

Often behind the scenes, Jacqueline is one of the backbone supports of the housing authority, facilitating the success that executive leadership, the board of commissioners, two housing managers, and 30 other team members provide for HAP and its residents across both housing sites. Although she primarily supports the executive director, everyone knows they can rely on Jacqueline; she's the go-to person. Jacqueline is a hard-working, proactive, assertive, and fair individual who understands that her role fuels her own' and others' passion for helping residents and addressing their needs.

Her day-to-day activities include correspondence, contacting commissioners/staff, scheduling meetings, and setting up travel/accommodations for training needs. She is heavily involved in interviewing and onboarding new hires. She prepares all required documentation to the commissioners, attorney, and executive director ahead of the monthly board meetings. She orders the food for the congregate housing services program she oversees and manages a laundry attendant and two senior residents who cook and deliver meals to residents five days a week. She handles correspondence and records the minutes for HAP's non-profit, PCDC. HAP's special programming for Black History Month is also facilitated thanks to the help of Jacqueline. She provides input to the committee and assists with developing the booklet, letters, memos, and other materials.

Jacqueline spearheads initiatives at HAP.

She worked alongside Joanne Hollis Gardens' Resident Association President Avonell Bergen-Phillips to implement a summer youth employment program this past summer. She trained three young adults and ensured that all of HAP's ten participants were honored with certificates during an award ceremony.



Jacqueline notes, "I look forward to helping reestablish an Employee of the Year program as a new initiative this year at HAP. When we've been able to recognize employees in the past, it really helps with team morale and it's always nice to show our gratitude to members of our team."

Jacqueline's dedication to HAP is to be commended this Women's History Month as she has made history, or HERstory, here at the housing authority.

Thank you, Jacqueline, for all that you do!

HAP in the News: Black History Month Event Featured on ROI-NJ



We celebrated Black History Month on Friday, March 1st at Richmond Towers. This successful event was sponsored by The Plainfield Culture and Heritage Foundation, HAP, PCDC, and the Joanne Hollis Gardens & Richmond Towers Resident Associations, with guest speaker Pastor Mae Belin. The event was featured in the statewide publication ROI-NJ.

Longtime HAP resident Annie Lynn often attends the annual Black History Month event at the housing authority, "This is always a very successful, very informative event. I enjoy volunteering to put on this event and it's encouraging and



rewarding to be a part of.”

“Every February, I place great importance on taking the time to honor Black History Month. As an organization deeply connected with the Black community, all of us at the Housing Authority of Plainfield are celebrating the legacy of the incredible Black leaders who came before us. Acknowledging their accomplishments and understanding our past helps us shape the future of American history,” HAP Executive Director Randall Wood said.



Photos from the event are available [here](#). For more information about the HAP/PCDC scholarship process please contact Joyce Clark-Cabbell at joycec@hap-nj.org or call 908-769-6335 extension 619.

We hope everyone had an enriching Black History Month!

HAP Reestablishes Employee of the Year Program

Do you know someone who is worthy of recognition? HAP is now accepting feedback for the 2024 Employee of the Year Program!

HAP encourages residents and staff to share their gratitude for those who make a difference here every day. As Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



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- MAYA ANGELOU

HAP Residents are invited to share their compliments for HAP team members in several ways:

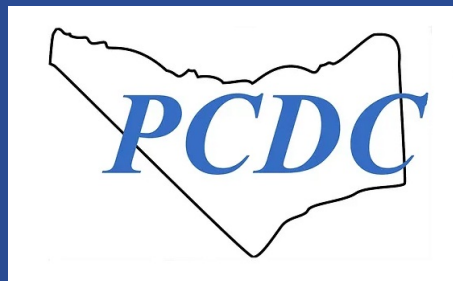
- Visit the administrative office at Richmond Towers
- Visit the Community Resource Center at Joanne Hollis Gardens
- Call us at 908-769-6335 or email info@hap-nj.org

Your submissions may also be included in future newsletters and other materials

Premier Community Development Corporation

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The Housing Authority of Plainfield offers food banks to residents at Richmond Towers

every third Thursday of the month and at Joanne Hollis Gardens every third Saturday. These food banks are made possible by HAP's 501c3 non-profit organization, Premier Community Development Corporation. PCDC works in conjunction with the City of Plainfield to improve neighborhoods for local residents and focuses on the development and rehabilitation of quality housing for the improvement of family lives in urban

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communities. Established in 2007, PCDC serves primarily Union County but also has strong ties in Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset counties in New Jersey. The food distributions offered at HAP are only one example of the social service programs PCDC provides to the community. For more information about PCDC, visit www.pcdc-nj.com.

Upcoming Events

HAP's JHG Community Resource Center "One Stop Resource Center for Sustainable Partnerships" Presents: Leveraging Community Partnership with Stakeholders Initiatives for 2024 – April 10th



JHG Community Resource Center "One Stop Resource Center for Sustainable Partnerships"
Presents

Leveraging Community Partnership with Stakeholders Initiatives for 2024

Hosted by Eric Graham

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060

Distinguished Guest: Dr. Alexis Jemal, LCSW, LCADC, MA, JD, PhD

Rev. Lynn Santulli, Pastor

Mrs. Dominique Stevens, Director of Facilities

**RSVP by April 3rd to Scotty McFarland, Deputy Director at
jhgresourcecenter@gmail.com or call 908-769-6335 ext. 607**

Please join us for a roundtable discussion with executive leaders addressing collaborative solutions on homelessness in our community. By recognizing the urgency of this situation, we believe that by uniting community stakeholders and creating a strategic plan with solution-driven actions, we can decrease the duplication of services and make a significant impact to all residents. Executive Community Leaders are asked to RSVP by April 3, 2024, to Scotty McFarland, Deputy Director at jhgresourcecenter@gmail.com or call [908-769-6335](tel:908-769-6335) ext. 607.

Exercise Class – March
7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

Exercise classes are held at Richmond Towers every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Food Banks – March 16th & 28th

Food banks are held at Richmond Towers every fourth Thursday of the month and at Joanne Hollis Gardens every third Saturday.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule

April 15

Richmond Towers

May 20

Joanne Hollis Gardens

June 17

Richmond Towers

July 15

Joanne Hollis Gardens

August 19

Richmond Towers
(Optional)

September 16

Joanne Hollis Gardens
(Annual Meeting 8:00 p.m.)

October 15

Richmond Towers

November 18

Joanne Hollis Gardens
(Optional)

December 16

Richmond Towers

*The Regular Board Meeting is held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. In the case of a holiday, the meeting is held the next day.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at alternate locations;

Richmond Towers Community Room located at 510 East Front Street and Joanne Hollis Gardens HAP Center located at 543 West 3rd Street in Plainfield, New Jersey.

About The Housing Authority of Plainfield

HAP will collaborate with residents and public, non-profit, and private entities to create viable, healthy communities and to empower residents to achieve financial independence. We will achieve the above while maintaining strong internal controls, and developing and maintaining a strong culture of mutual respect, fiscal responsibility, and ethical behavior by our employees, residents, and other key stakeholders.

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