

Metro Housing, Beacon Communities Assist Residents With Rental Assistance Applications



Staff from Metro Housing and Beacon Communities assisted more than fifty-five residents of Georgetowne Homes in Hyde Park recently in completing applications for rental assistance. Georgetowne Homes is managed by Beacon Communities.

“I had two hip replacements and fell behind in my rent,” said Georgetowne Homes resident Kinnie Jones. The help from Georgetowne Homes and Metro Housing is really going to help me catch up. I am truly grateful for the help.”

Emergency rental assistance programs such as RAFT (Residential Assistance for Families in Transition) provide financial help to families that are experiencing housing instability and facing eviction. The funds can be used for housing-related expenses such as rental arrearages, security deposits, first and last month’s rent, utility arrearages, and moving expenses.

Since July 1, 2021, Metro Housing has distributed \$127 million to 14,532 families in Greater Boston. The average amount distributed to each household was \$8,739.

Families in need of emergency rental assistance may apply by completing an online application at bit.ly/MARentRelief.



Pictured (L – R): Gregg Cothias, Colocation Manager, Metro Housing; Lyza Laurent, Resident Services Coordinator, Beacon Communities; Michael Kane, Executive Director of the National Alliance of HUD Tenants; Chris Norris, Executive Director, Metro Housing; Renee Suchy, Resident Services Coordinator, Beacon Communities; State Representative Rob Consalvo (14th Suffolk).