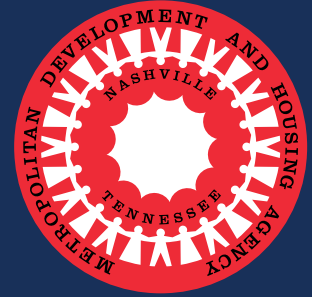


RESIDENT Connection

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025



A message from MDHA's President and CEO

As we reach the two-year anniversary of the establishment of MDHA's Resident Services Department, we continue to look for new ways to best serve you. If you haven't visited the newly revitalized MDHA VOICE Center in South Nashville, please check it out. In addition to programs and resources led by MDHA staff, the service center houses several partner agencies and organizations that can help you achieve your goals. In this newsletter, you'll learn about a few of the services available and see how fellow MDHA residents are already making the most of these opportunities.

Walk-ins are welcome at the VOICE Center. You may also call the Resident Services Information Line at 615-252-8527 to begin your path to success.

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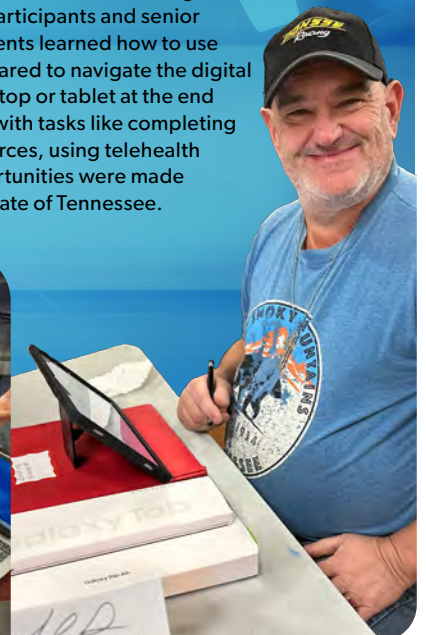
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Improving Digital Skills

MDHA is dedicated to bridging the digital divide by providing educational opportunities for residents of all ages. From coding academies for middle and high school students to digital skills workshops for GED/HiSET participants and senior tech academies for MDHA's older adults and seniors, residents learned how to use technology safely and effectively, ensuring they are prepared to navigate the digital world. In addition, each participant received a free laptop or tablet at the end of the workshop. The skills acquired help residents with tasks like completing homework, accessing career development resources, using telehealth services and much more. These valuable opportunities were made possible through a grant contract with the State of Tennessee.



MDHA Celebrates Revitalized Service Center

MDHA is thrilled to announce the revitalization of its service center in South Nashville, now known as the Valuing Opportunities, Inclusion and Connectivity for Everyone (VOICE) Center. This transformation brings many resources under one roof, making it a one-stop shop for residents of Napier Place, Sudekum Apartments and the greater Nashville community. Whether you're seeking support from MDHA's Resident Services Department staff or services offered by our nonprofit partners and other agencies in the building, the VOICE Center is here to serve you. MDHA recently celebrated the center's new direction with an open house attended by Mayor Freddie O'Connell, local officials, partners, residents and other community members. Explore the many valuable opportunities available to you at the MDHA VOICE Center at 78 Lafayette St.

ON-SITE PARTNERS:

- Dominion Financial Services
- Meharry Medical College, School of Global Health
- Metro Public Health Department, Nashville Strong Babies
- Oasis Center
- Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Urban League of Middle Tennessee



Need a Lift?

Did you know MDHA has a free shuttle service to get residents where they need to go?

The shuttle takes residents to local pharmacies, grocery stores and some retail stores. It also includes transportation to special events like job fairs or training and cultural enrichment opportunities like field trips to museums for residents of all ages.

Call the Resident Services Information Line at 615-252-8527 or check with your leasing office to find out when the shuttle will be at your property.



Supporting New Parents

MDHA Community Health Workers (CHW) hosted baby showers at Edgehill Apartments and Cayce Place where mothers received baby essentials and connected with support services. If you are an expecting parent looking for support during your pregnancy, MDHA CHWs provide prenatal services to residents with babies up to 10 months old.

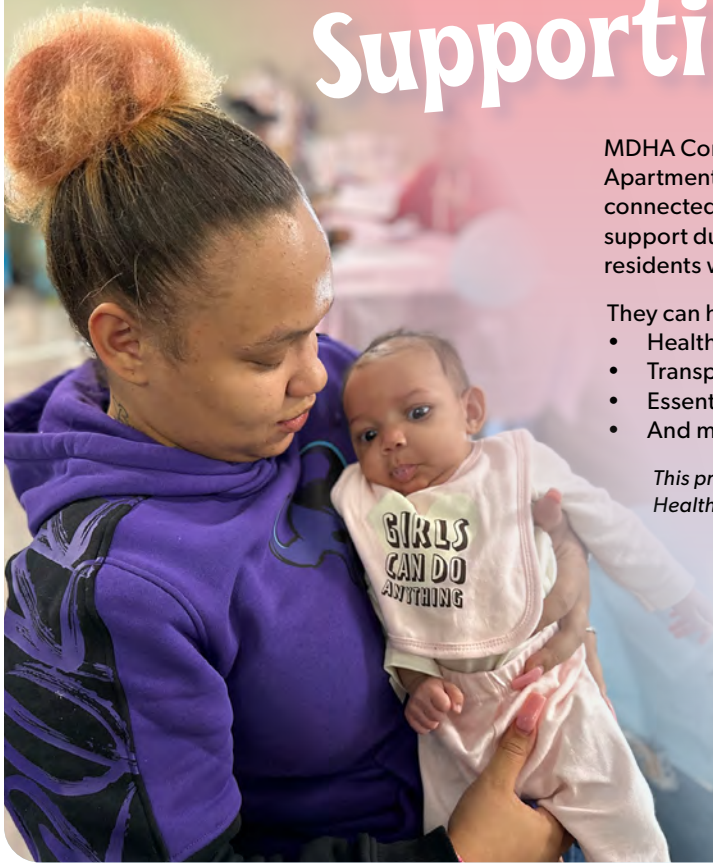
They can help with:

- Healthcare resources
- Transportation to doctor appointments
- Essential baby items like diapers, clothes and bassinets
- And more!



This program is funded by a grant from the Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For more info, scan this QR code.



NEW PLACE TO PLAY



Thanks to the generosity of the Nashville Predators Foundation and the leadership of KABOOM!, the nearly 150 children who live at Cheatham Place now have a state-of-the-art playground. Residents of all ages played a key role in the design process, sharing their ideas for the space and ensuring it met the community's needs. More than 100 volunteers, including many from the Predators Foundation, built the playground in just three days. The Cheatham Place Resident Association was also instrumental in planning, engagement and funding.



MORE THAN 100 VOLUNTEERS!



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BUILT FOR FEARLESSNESS

SHINIQUE



Shinique is a former MDHA resident and voucher program participant who transformed her life by conquering fear. With support from MDHA staff and resources, she navigated life's challenges and opened the door to a new chapter as a first-time homebuyer. Watch to hear Shinique tell the story of her journey to success.

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FACES OF MDHA

JAMES



Art has the power to tell stories, preserve history and inspire change. Meet James, an MDHA resident and painter who brings the legacies of Black trailblazers to life through his stunning original pieces. Watch the video to hear how James' childhood living in Memphis inspired the artwork he has still hanging in his apartment today.

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BUILT FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

TAMARA



Tamara is a dedicated employee, a 4.0 GPA college student and a mother of four, all while actively participating in MDHA's Family Self-Sufficiency program. As she works towards her ultimate goal of homeownership, she's achieved another lifelong dream of becoming a published author.

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