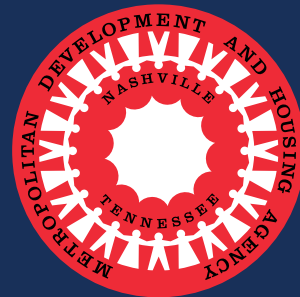


RESIDENT Connection

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2025



A message from MDHA's President and CEO

Service is at the heart of what we do at MDHA, and I wanted to make sure residents felt the impact of that work in a big way in 2025. To do that, we offered a variety of programs for all ages. That included programs to help residents reach educational and professional goals, as well as opportunities for our youth to learn valuable skills they can use now and in the future. Each activity strengthened us as a community, and I'm proud of what was accomplished. Congratulations on your hard work and achievements.

If you would like to participate in these programs in 2026, I encourage you to visit the Resident Services page on the MDHA website or call the Resident Services Information Line at 615-252-8527 to learn more.

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MDHA President and CEO

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Start Your Journey to Financial Freedom

Have you ever had questions about your finances and did not know who to ask? If so, the MDHA Financial Freedom Workshop is for you!

Hosted by the MDHA Resident Services Department in partnership with Dominion Financial Management Inc., these free, virtual classes are held every other Tuesday evening for about three months. You will learn how to improve your credit, increase your savings, manage your money and create budgets. Participants who graduate from the Financial Freedom Workshop are then invited to enroll in the next step in the journey – **MDHA's Homebuyers Club.**

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Sign up today to join the next cohort, which will begin in January 2026.



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Celebrating the Young Ladies and Gentlemen of MDHA

Fifteen young ladies were celebrated this summer at MDHA's seventh LYDIA Society Trumpet Ball. The unforgettable night ended with the crowning of Miss LYDIA Society 2025, Melinda. She is a senior in high school and hopes to attend Tuskegee University and pursue a career as a veterinarian. Key'Asia was named first runner up while Trinity came in second.

The 2025 LYDIA Society Assembly of Girls, most of whom are MDHA

residents, spent their summer leading up to the ball learning and growing with the support and guidance of many mentors and volunteers. Thank you to the many partners who helped these young ladies through this journey!

New this year, MDHA's Resident Services Department also established **Abraham's Window**, a development program for pre-teen and teenage boys living in MDHA housing. The program taught the



inaugural cohort of 11 young men the value of merit, responsibility and community service. The youth performed community service, received educational and mentoring support and adhered to a promise of personal, family and community responsibility. Their lessons ended with a graduation ceremony this fall, where the gentlemen selected Michael, an MDHA resident, to serve as president of the group.



PLANTING SEEDS FOR SUCCESS



The MDHA Resident Services Department held its inaugural Seeds for Success Banquet in November. It was a special evening dedicated to recognizing and celebrating residents participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. With this program, residents can set goals and receive assistance with services such as homeownership counseling, education, job training, financial literacy courses and more. In all, 15 graduates received certificates of completion, while six current participants were recognized for achieving important milestones on their ongoing journey. If you're interested in taking part in the FSS Program, please reach out to:

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615-252-8400, ext. 8604

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NEED HELP PAYING YOUR BILLS?



The Metropolitan Action Commission (MAC) is now accepting applications for its household assistance program. Eligible families can get help paying rent and utility bills, like water and electricity. To learn more or apply, scan the QR code or call MAC's service center between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 615-862-8860.



MDHA VOICE Center SPOTLIGHT

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YOUTH. COMMUNITY. ACTION.

The MDHA VOICE Center features several in-house partners who offer services to residents. This includes the **Oasis Center's micro drop-in space for youth ages 10-17**. It provides afterschool education assistance, school truancy prevention, arts and cultural enrichment activities, mentoring and additional wraparound support resource referrals for youth and their families. The drop-in center is open weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. It is closed on Tuesdays. The MDHA VOICE Center is located at 78 Lafayette St. in South Nashville.



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MDHA STORIES

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ANGEL



Sudekum Apartments resident Angel was one of seven graduates from the Adult HiSET/GED Program through the MDHA VOICE Center this summer. After nearly five years and three separate attempts to complete the program, Angel proved to herself – and her six children – that perseverance pays off.



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JUDGE MARCUS FLOYD



From Edgehill Apartments to the bench, Davidson County General Sessions Court Judge Marcus Floyd never forgets his roots. Watch as he reflects on his teenage years living in MDHA housing to hear how those experiences helped shape not only his career, but also the way he treats each person who walks into his courtroom with empathy, fairness and respect.



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TYRONE AND SONICA



For anyone chasing their dreams, former Napier Place resident Tyrone hopes to be an example that it doesn't matter where you start; what matters is taking that first step. Through hard work, sacrifice and support from MDHA's Financial Freedom Workshop and Homebuyers' Club, Tyrone and his fiancée made their dream of owning a home a reality this summer.



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