#### **BOOTS ON THE GROUND RRHA & Partner Agencies**



Facebook Post Aug. 12, 2021

**RRHA's Property Management Staff continue to** serve our families with compassion. During the week of August 2 - 9, 2021 these dedicated staff persons literally hit the streets, taking one RRHA community per day. They went door to door to talk to families who are behind in their rent to offer solutions that included VA Rent Relief applications, repayment agreements, as well as other services such as budgeting, workforce training, and childcare options to assist those who are behind.

#### **RRHA'S SELF IMPOSED MORATORIUM**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) lease enforcement moratorium scheduled to end Oct. 3, 2021, was ruled unlawful on August 26, 2021 by the US Supreme Court. RRHA extended our lease enforcement moratorium until the end of 2021. RRHA encourages all families who are behind in their rent to use this time to "Come Current" by contacting their Property Management Office for assistance and solutions to "Come Current."



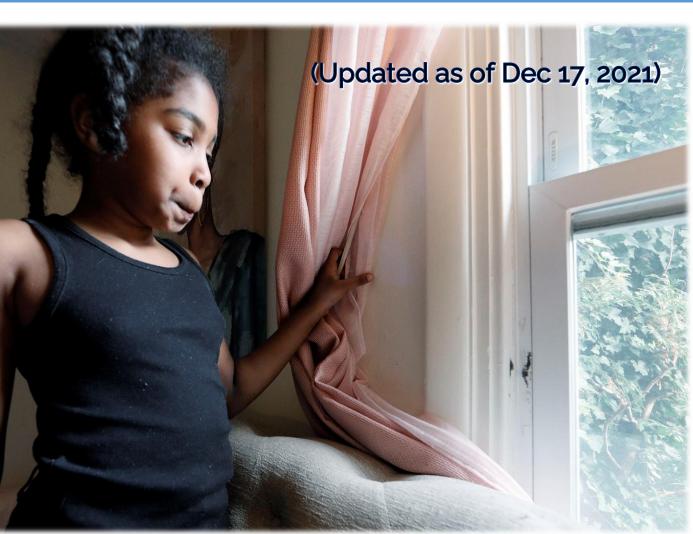
In partnership with the RRHA, City of Richmond's Community Ambassadors hit the streets of all six RRHA public housing communities for a 2-week blitz from Wed. August 25 – Wed. September 8, 2021 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Ambassadors went door to door to assist the remaining 1,066 RRHA families who were behind in their rent in completing applications for Rent Relief and Financial Assistance. Their efforts produced over **287** applications for rent relief assistance.



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RRHA is proud of our efforts to try to ensure that none of our public housing families are subject to lease enforcement actions once the lease enforcement moratorium is lifted. RRHA will resume lease enforcement action in January 2022. This brochure provides a snapshot of the overwhelming efforts undertaken by RRHA staff and partners to get the word out to our families concerning Rental Assistance and services available for them to "Come Current."







#### RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

# **RRHA** "Come Current" Campaign





Advertising #'s are current as of Dec. 17, 2021 | RRHA Family #'s are current as of Dec. 17, 2021

#### **RRHA Interim CEO** Stacey Daniels-Fayson



**Richmond Redevelopment and Housing** Authority (RRHA) is committed to doing our part to ensure that no RRHA public housing family (impacted by COVID-19) is displaced due to lease enforcement action as a result of non-payment of rent. To ensure we reach all of our families, we created the "Come Current" campaign. Designed to minimize the number of lease enforcement cases once the federal lease enforcement moratorium is

lifted, this public outreach strategy combines internal and external components. Internally, each of our Property Management offices have met our families where they are. This has included weekend hours, and door to door canvassing to make themselves easily accessible. Property Management staff continue to regularly reach out to families by calling, emailing, and going door to door to those who are behind on their rent to discuss delinquent accounts and offer needed services to bring their account current. Those impacted by COVID have the opportunity to apply for rent relief, enter into a repayment agreement, as well as take advantage of services such as budgeting, workforce training and childcare options.

To ensure our message is received, we launched an external outreach campaign utilizing television, radio, buses, digital and social media platforms to ensure that we get the word out. The resources are there. And RRHA staff stands ready to assist.

RRHA is doing our part. We need our families to do their part to make this partnership work.

Sincerely,

Stacy Daniels - Fayson

## ADDITIONAL EFFORTS April 5, 2021 - Dec 2021

Jan. 13, 2021 Press Release "RRHA Working Hard to Keep Families Housed" **Letter** Mailed to over 1,700 households who are behind in their rent to April 22, 2021 encourage them to set up a meeting with their property manager to discuss their account. **Press Release** "RRHA Announces Come Current" campaign April 28, 2021 Mass Email to 2,453 RRHA families with valid email addresses to encourage families behind to Come Current Campaign May 27, 2021 Reminder Letter Mailed to same 1700 families in arrears to encourage them to contact RRHA **Orange Cards (Round 1)** RRHA property managers door to door June 4, 2021 canvassing of Big Six communities delivering orange cards to \$1000 or more arrearages July 19, 2021 Orange Cards (Round 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> round of door to door canvassing by RRHA property managers of all Big Six communities to deliver orange cards to those owing \$500 or more Saturday **Saturday Hours** Property Management staff had weekend hours July 31, 2021 to accommodate RRHA public housing families unable to be reached during the week

during the week

August 20, 2021 Resident Newsletter "Vibrant RRHA" Summer Newsletter to all public housing residents. Posted online, distributed door to door, emailed and posted to social media

August 28, 2021 Door to door Over a 2-week period City Ambassadors and RRHA through property management staff canvassed all RRHA housing communities to provide September 8, 2021 application assistance for families still behind in their rent.

**December 16, 2021** 

**Letter** mailed to RRHA families to inform them that RRHA's lease **December 1, 2021** enforcement freeze ends Dec. 31 and if a balance is owed contact RRHA to discuss overdue balances.

**December 6, 2021** 

**Mass Email** to 1,337 RRHA families with working email addresses that are behind that RRHA's lease enforcement freeze ends Dec. 31 and offering services and that we are here to help.

Saturday Saturday Hours Property Management staff had weekend hours August 14, 2021 to accommodate RRHA public housing families unable to be reached

August 27, 2021 Press Release "RRHA Extends Lease Enforcement Moratorium Through End of 2021"

> **Text Message** sent to 603 RRHA families (of 1,353) to inform them that RRHA's lease enforcement freeze ends Dec. 31 and if a balance is owed contact RRHA to discuss overdue balances.

#### **TRANSIT** Ad Campaign on 14 GRTC buses from April 2021 - August 2021

#### MONTHLY IMPRESSIONS for Bus Ads | More than 2 million impressions (2,451.456) per month. Total impressions for all six months: 14, 708, 736



Low Income, Renters Only,

**Restricted to RRHA zip codes** 

1.17%

1,106





:30 sec "Come Current" Partnership



:15 sec "Come Current" Sets the Right Example

STATION	DATES	DATES AGES		
WWBT (NBC 12)	April – July 2021		More than 1,030,000	
	Sept – Dec 2021	Adults 18+	More than 1,540.000	
WUPV (CW Richmond)	April – July 2021	Adults 10+	More than 161,000	
	Sept. – Dec 2021		33,800	
CBS 6 (WTVR)	July 24 – Aug 29, 2021	Adults 25+	660,400	
	Sept 13 – Dec. 19, 2021		796,400	
CBS 6 VA This Morning	Aug 24, 2021	Adults 25+	15,000	
EFECTV	May - Aug 2021		510,668	
(formerly Comcast Spotlight)	Oct 20 – Dec 20, 2021	Adults 19+	811,278	
VPM Public Broadcasting	Aug 14 - 22, 2021	Adults 18 – 49, 62+ Adults 62+	248,120	
System (PBS) TV Pledge Drive & standard broadcasting	Sept – Nov 2021	Youth 2 – 17 years	207,405	
	6,014,071			

9

150,000

510,522

**CBS 6 News App** 

**TOTALS** 

July 24 – Aug 29, 2021

TELEVISION Ads on NBC12, CW Richmond, EfecTV (formerly Comcast Spotlight) CBS-6 & PBS from April 2021 - December 2021



Lease enforcement freeze on npaid rent ends December 31s

:30 sec "Come Current" Help Us. Help You.



:10 sec "Come Current" Quality of Life





:15 sec "Come Current" **Qualify for Voucher** 

#### **TELEVISION** On Camera Interviews

- NBC-12 July 9, 2021 **On Camera Interview with reporter Henry Graff re:** # of public housing units currently in arrears.
- CBS 6 August 16, 2021 On Camera Interview on "Virginia This Morning" with news reporter Jessica Noll re: RRHA's "Come Current" campaign efforts.

#### RADIO Ads and Interviews on Radio One's Power 92.1 Magic 99.3 Praise 104.7 and Virginia Public Media (NPR) April - December 2021



Radio One | Week of April 5, 2021 On air Interview on "Miss Community Clovia" regarding no-questions asked **Repayment Agreements** 

Radio One | July 20, 2021 On air Interview with "Miss Community Clovia" regarding RRHA's "Come Current" campaign

Radio One December 1. 2021 On air Interview with "Miss Community Clovia" re: RRHA is Doing All We Can Do. Lease Enforcement Freeze Ends Dec. 31, 2021

STATION	DATES	LISTENERSHIP	
Power 92.1	April 14 – 30, 2021	Adults 18 - 34	90,700
	Sept. 13 – Dec. 19, 2021		118,200
Praise 104.7	April 14 – 30, 2021	Adults 25 - 54	86,400
	Sept. 13 – Dec. 19, 2021		99,100
Kiss 99.3 & 105.7 FM	April 14 – 30, 2021	Adults 25 - 54	108,400
	Sept. 13 – Dec. 19, 2021		151,700
Virginia Public Media (NPR 88.9 FM)	August 1 – 31, 2021	Adults 18 - 49	115.400
	Sept. 1– Nov. 2021		92,800
	862,700		

#### **FULL PAGE Color Ads**

RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

### We're Doing All That We Can Do.

### Now. It's up to You.

**RRHA's** lease enforcement moratorium for non-payment of rent ends December 31, 2021.

vou live in an RRHA public housing community and are still behind on your rent,

- Apply for Rent Relief Assistance by visiting dhcd.virginia.gov
- Enter into a Repayment Agreement
- Take advantage of services to help get you back on track (budgeting, childcare, workforce training)

Call or visit your property management office TODAY.



#### **PRINT** Richmond Times Dispatch | Richmond Free Press December 2021



**Richmond Times-**Dispatch Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 (Readership 120, 280)

**Richmond Free Press** Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 (Readership 135,000)





#### SOCIAL MEDIA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Linkedin @VibrantRRHA April – December 2021

#### Website - rrha.com



**Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority** Published by Angela Fountain 2 · July 9 · 3

We are working hard to help families catch up on rent payments in anticipation of lease enforcement policies resuming on August 1st. RRHA does not intend to perform lease enforcement actions on any families who are acting in good faith to comply with their payment agreement obligations.

The first step is to contact your property manager, who can help make a plan to bring your account current and connect you to available resources.



NBC12.COM 1,545 public housing units currently behind on rent as eviction moratorium nears

171	19	↓ -2.3x Lower	
People Reached	Engagements	Distribution Score	

Boost Unavailable



Combined #'s of all **Come Current related** posts per platform

### **I** witter

(From April 28 - December 17, 2021) Impressions 2,906 Total Engagements | 86

### Facebook

(From April 28 - December 17, 2021)

People Reached 4,240 Total Engagements 391 Shares 53

### Linkedin

(From July 14 - December 17, 2021)

Impressions 765 Engagement Rate 14.45% Clicks 36 Reactions 20 Engagement Rate | 18.18%

#### Instagram

(From April 28 - December 17, 2021) Likes 14



**RRHA** Families and stakeholders who wish to assist RRHA families who are behind on their rent can find useful information on the Agency's website



View Article: rrha.info/lease-enforcement

To the extent permitted by HUD and funding resources, RRHA does not intend to perform lease enforcement of any families who are acting in good faith to comply with their payment agreement obligations.

- smaller counterparts.
- and qualifying for funding resources to assist them in complying with their payment agreements.
- repayment plan.
- unpaid as of the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- No resident owing \$50 or LESS will be evicted.
- from legal and advocacy organizations that represent public housing families.

• Over 1,000 households were still behind as of December 2021. RRHA has re-examined its public housing family records to ensure that delinquent amounts are accurate and accounted for. As the largest public housing authority in the Commonwealth, housing nearly 4,000 families, RRHA will naturally have a greater total number of lease enforcement cases than

• RRHA is not permitted by HUD to write off or forgive delinquent rent payments. Every resident who is delinquent has been given the opportunity to enter into a payment arrangement. RRHA has assisted and will continue to assist delinguent residents with locating

Unlawful Detainers | If necessary, unlawful detainers will still give families 30 days to enter a

• Effectively ending "CASCADING LATE FEES," RRHA implemented a permanent policy change that reduces late fees to \$5.00, which is only assessed when the current month's rent remains

• **Recommendations** | RRHA's lease enforcement plan of action incorporates recommendations

#### BY THE NUMBERS: Rent Relief Applications and # of Arrearages in Public Housing Communities #'s as of December 2021 #'s subject to change each month

COMMUNITY NAME	# of households behind in rent (31 days or more) This # subject to change each month	# of Interviews conducted	# of Come Current Applicants Submitted	Amount of Rent Relief submitted by Property Management Staff	# of households approved for Rent Relief	To date, Agencywide Amount of VA Rent Relief Approved	# of RRHA Families helped to date	AGENCYWIDE Amount of Rent Arrears in each community <b>This # subject to change</b> each month
MOSBY	181	124	101	\$276,610.65	76	\$219,848.02	88	
GILPIN	215	173	262	\$699.753.81	186	\$429,519.67	199	
WHITCOMB	113	204	169	\$255,105.25	135	\$110,248.16	141	
HILLSIDE	136	170	172	\$241,251.07	112	\$53.565.33	104	
CREIGHTON	22	164	203	\$218,536.61	196	\$185,791.77	186	
FAIRFIELD	133	313	243	\$356,089.70	189	\$214,421.70	221	
STONEWALL	24	58	17	\$29,261.61	10	\$13.575.75	9	
FAY	19	57	28	\$41,179.75	12	\$7,171.00	14	
TOTALS	843	1263	1195	\$2,117,788.45	916	\$1,822,355.31	962	\$1,507,044.68

### Examples of Reasons Given by Families Across All Communities Who Have Not Paid Rent:

- Job Loss
- Employment Lay-offs
- Children home due to virtual learning
- Increase in expenses and bills
- Reduced Hours at work
- Did Not Pay No Reason

- At High Risk for COVID
- Child support eliminated
- Hospitalized with COVID
- Death of family member
- Quit job because could not afford childcare

- Has special needs child
- Unable to find employment
- Gambling issues
- Helping out other family members

• Social Security stopped because of account issues