

TGHA NEWS



THE GREENVILLE
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A MOVING TO WORK NEWSLETTER

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Mission: To provide quality
affordable housing that serves
as a foundation to improve
lives.

Vision: Vibrant, mixed-income
communities of opportunity
that maximize individual
potential.

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Learn more about MTW

- **opportunity to give your input & make an impact in your community**
- **voice your comments, questions and concerns about MTW**
- **learn how to connect to various community resources.**

- ✓ **Participants**
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We want YOU to become a part of our MTW committee.
To express interest please send an email with the
subject: MTW Committee to mtw@tgha.net

Congratulations, Graduate!



On May 1, 2024, Ms. Khalisha Wofford received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Lander University.

"I have been working on my degree since 2018 but I ended up getting pregnant in 2020 with my now 3 year old. I have been working full time at Prisma Health. My mom had cancer and I ended up having to leave Francis Marion University and switching to Lander University to be closer to home. I also received my CPR certification and unit secretary verification. I have been on the housing program since 2022."

Ms. Lula Mae Jenkins recently celebrated her 91st birthday! Just two short weeks after having to move for the first time in 20 years. Ms. Jenkins is outgoing and is known for keeping a beautiful garden wherever she calls "home." Ms. Jenkins' family, friends, and her new landlords, John & Beate Vandermark rallied around her to ensure a seamless move. She has been a participant of the HCV program since 1995.



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Originally from Greenville, Ms. Jenkins was the second oldest of 8 siblings. Ms. Jenkins learned to sew and iron clothes like a professional by age 14 and used those skills as a means to earn extra money to buy RC colas for herself and her baby sister. Once married, she and her husband moved to Washington DC to raise their 8 children. After the passing of her husband, she stayed in D.C. for another 19 years before deciding to move back to Greenville. Ms. Jenkins worked in a local dry cleaners on Haywood Rd as a presser, well into her 60's. Since retirement, she has taken up crochet, quilting and gardening. She enjoys shopping trips with her younger sister, talking to her 22 grandchildren on the phone and telling them stories when they visit. She also enjoys drives to the local Goodwill, Home Depot and Lowe's, where she is known by name. Ms. Jenkins admits that she likes to visit even when she's fully stocked on supplies just to look at the plants and visit with the employees in the garden section.

Property Owner Spotlight

John & Beate Vandermark

Ms. Jenkins was in a dire situation as she needed to move fairly quickly. TGHA issued a voucher for her to move and helped her navigate the search process. John & Beate Vandermark own a duplex that had just been inspected. TGHA staff accompanied Ms. Jenkins to view the unit and she was immediately excited about the property. Ms. Jenkins feared she would have to give up her garden and the cozy atmosphere she had created; which made her anxious about having to move. The Vandermarks offered reassurance to Ms. Jenkins throughout the process.

While the John & Beate traveled, their daughter, Angela stepped up to help with all the logistics of getting Ms. Jenkins settled into her new home.



Pictured along with their daughter,
Angela Skwarek.

We are grateful that this rental property has been able to provide a blessing to someone seeking housing through The Greenville Housing Authority. We believe that being a good witness and a blessing to others is essential. Our family has faced hardship in the past, which makes us appreciate the opportunity to give back now. Working with TGHA allows us to reach out to the community and make a difference in a way that we can see and feel!

RECOGNIZING AN FSS GRADUATE



Ms. Gerika Clay entered the Family Self Sufficiency program in February 2019. At the time, she struggled working a part-time job due to childcare issues. Through her own persistence and with support from the FSS program, Ms. Clay was connected to community resources that helped her secure a full-time position with Prisma Health. After some time, she attended financial coaching and devised a plan to create a “rainy-day” fund. To date, Ms. Clay has maintained employment at Prisma, achieved all her established FSS goals, and successfully graduated from the FSS program

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!

MTW Landlord Incentives

The Greenville Housing Authority provides a number of incentive payments to landlords.

- New landlords that have not previously participated in the Housing Choice Voucher Program are eligible for an incentive payment that is equal to one month's contract rent and is paid upon execution of a Housing Assistance Payment Contract.
- Payments to landlords for tenant caused damages when the landlord leases to a new voucher tenant following the move out of a previous voucher tenant. The security deposit paid by the tenant shall first be applied to the amount of the cost of damages. The total amount of damages to be paid by TGHA will be the lesser of the actual costs to repair the damages less the tenant security deposit not otherwise applied to other charges or two months contract rent. Payment is made to the landlord at the time of the first payment under the new HAP contract.
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For Information contact: landlord@tgha.net

Looking for a career?

INDUSTRY PATHWAY

FREE

MAINTENANCE TRAINING

This course will cover beginner skills for multifamily maintenance: grounds keeping, make ready, curb appeal, turns, landscaping and more!



COURSE INCLUDES



JOB TRAINING

Training will be multifamily maintenance focused covering everything from curb appeal to turning apartments.



ENTRY LEVEL JOB SKILLS

Skills taught in this training can be applied to many positions in the multifamily industry beyond maintenance.



JOB FAIR

At the end of the training we will hold a job fair with our industry partners to assist participants in finding permanent employment.



SOFT SKILLS

In addition to Fair Housing participants will learn communication skills they can apply in the field.

JUNE 4TH, 5TH, 6TH 9AM-4PM

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Participant Requirements:

- Valid driver's license
- Ability to pass drug test
- Ability to pass background check (minimum 5 years)
- Seeking full time employment



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ENTRYWAY™

We are proud to partner with Entryway and provide participants the additional benefit of discounted housing (if needed).



Industry Pathway Enrollment

Did you know you may qualify for help with paying for childcare?



The SC DSS Scholarship Program is offered by the SC Department of Social Services. The program provides childcare tuition support to income-eligible families to enable parents and guardians to work, attend school, or pursue professional training.

DSS Scholarships are also available to parents and guardians who have a disability. Many parents share in the cost of care through co-payment based on family size and income.

More information is available at:

www.scchildcare.org/programs/child-care-scholarship-program/

You can also contact a Child Care Referral Specialist at SCCCRR@mailbox.sc.edu for help starting the application process.