

HCVP Newsletter

HANO Housing Choice Voucher Program Newsletter - Summer 2019 Edition



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Future Chemist Receives LHC Head of Household Scholarship



LHC Award Recipient Leslie Hingle & her three children

The Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) recently awarded several scholarships to federally funded program participants during its May Legislative Conference. New Orleans resident and Housing Choice Voucher Program participant Leslie Hingle was awarded the Head of Household Scholarship by the Louisiana Housing Council (LHC) to pursue a Bachelor

of Science degree in Chemistry at the University of New Orleans.

Ms. Hingle, a licensed cosmetologist, is studying to become a chemist, citing its connection to her current craft. She became interested in developing everyday products with less toxic chemicals that are healthier for consumers. She says that her clients always inquire about the chemicals used in everyday products, but she did not know how to respond. As a cosmetologist, she became concerned about hair loss, and skin and nail challenges, and began researching non-toxic products. Her long-term goal is to open a salon and a cosmetology, barber and esthetician institution, along with creating hair and skin care products.

Leslie is hoping that pursuing a degree

connected to her personal experiences will create economic sustainability, and open doors for more productive opportunities for her family.

The LHC also awarded scholarships to a child of a member-agency staff person, non-traditional high school senior, and a traditional high school senior. The scholarships were established to provide educational opportunities, that otherwise may not be possible, for students associated with public-assisted housing. The program is competitive, and awards are based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.

For more information on the LHC scholarship program, visit www.lanahro.org.



HCVP Residents Attend HANO Community Meetings Throughout the City

HANO recently hosted a series of meetings across the City to review the policies, procedures and housing assistance payments contracts with residents who currently have Section 8 vouchers. HCVP staff also discussed program guidelines and tenant responsibilities during the

meetings, held from March to June 2019. Attendees utilized this opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns about the program.

For more information on HCVP policies and procedures, visit <http://www.hano.org/tenants/hcwp.aspx>.

HANO News Named Best Newsletter

The Housing Authority of New Orleans is the recipient of the 2019 Best Newsletter Award among large housing authorities in Louisiana. During the Louisiana Housing Council's Legislative Conference, HANO representatives were presented a plaque recognizing the Agency for its comprehensive and eye-catching newsletter design.

HANO news, a magazine featuring highlights of supportive services programs, agency and HUD news, is distributed twice a year to all HANO communities. It is also placed in the administration



LHC President Pamela Fontenot pictured with HANO's Lesley Thomas & Audrey Plessy

building and in the HCVP lobby for visitors.

To submit articles or news for print consideration, contact Jessica Perrault at jperrault@hano.org.

Congrats HANO!

HCVP RESOURCES & POLICIES

Landlord Portal



WEBSITE: www.hano.org/landlord_portal.aspx
HANO's Landlord Portal allows HCVP landlords to easily access their contact information in addition to viewing payment history, unit details, pertinent information pertaining to specific families currently housed by the landlord, and more!

Housing Choice Connect



WEBSITE: www.hano.org/HousingChoiceConnect/
The Housing Choice Connect program allows HCVP voucher holders and participating landlords to easily search through or add rental properties without reviewing an extensive list.

Go Section 8



WEBSITE: www.GoSection8.com
Find a great place to live with the largest affordable housing listing service in the nation - whether you have a Section 8 voucher or are just looking for a good deal.

HUD's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)



In October 2016, HUD finalized a new rule to protect the housing of survivors of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. VAWA provides protections for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-Based Voucher (PBV) applicants, tenants, and participants from being denied assistance on the basis of or as a direct result of being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

SAVE THE DATE

Dillard University to Host 13th Annual Housing Fair

On October 26th, Dillard University will partner with housing, insurance, banking, and health care organizations for the 13th Annual Housing, Health, and Community Resources Fair. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held at Dillard University in the Professional Schools Building from 10am to 3pm.

Featured exhibitors include HANO, LSU Health New Orleans, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Capital One Bank, Regions Bank, Enterprise Community Partners, Finance Authority of New Orleans, AARP, Neighborhood Development Foundation, and many more.

For more information, visit www.dillard.edu.



Dillard University's Housing, Health, & Community Fair
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Homeownership Spotlight

HANO assists HCVP & public housing residents in moving towards self-sufficiency

HANO's Homeownership Program provides a variety of resources to assist families' transitioning from public housing and Section 8 programs to first-time homebuyers. Since the launch of the program in 2000, HANO counselors and partners have provided technical and financial assistance to more than 450 families in Orleans Parish.

Last year, HCV Program participant Sharvone Krish, a mother of two children, utilized her voucher to purchase her new home through the agency's Homeownership Program. After learning about the program from a former Homeownership participant, Ms. Krish, 36, enrolled last summer.

"Even though I was very nervous to enroll in the Homeownership Program, it was the best decision for my family despite the challenges or obstacles I experienced during the homebuying process," said Ms. Krish. "The Homeownership staff was excellent, especially when it came to answering my questions or concerns during the homebuying process."

After completing the intake and assessment process, Ms. Krish enrolled in homebuyers education and financial fitness courses. "The financial fitness course was the most helpful in preparing me for the homebuying process because it gave me so many tips on building my credit," said Ms. Krish.

After months of preparing the necessary paperwork and financial planning, Ms. Krish completed



*HANO Homeownership Participant
Sharvone Krish*

the purchase of her home, and has officially moved in with her two children.

For more information on HANO programs, visit www.HANO.org.

HANO Welcomes New Housing Counselor

Anjel Butler recently joined HANO's Client Services Department as the new Housing Counselor for the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Homeownership Programs.

Butler is now responsible for connecting HCVP and public housing residents with public and private resources to encourage self-sufficiency as well as homeownership opportunities.

With over 15 years of experience in the real estate industry, Butler discovered her interest in affordable housing as well as her passion for helping others. Since 2010, Butler has served on the Housing Opportunity Committee, which promotes the advancement of affordable housing in the Greater New Orleans area.

HANOPD CRIME PREVENTION CORNER



As the temperature rises during the summer months, household property crime increases as well in the Greater New Orleans area. Here are some prevention tips for avoiding summertime crime:

Home Safety Tips

- Be aware of what's happening in the neighborhood: Review the New Orleans Police Department website to stay up-to-date regarding home and vehicle burglaries in your community.
- Remember to lock your doors; unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town, and wait to post photos after you return from your trip.

Car Safety Tips

- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car.
- Do not leave valuables in your car. If you must leave valuables in your car, keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- Before you get into your car, check your backseat and around the car. Lock your doors once inside the car.

Stay tuned for more crime prevention tips in future issues of the HCVP newsletter!

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Upcoming Holiday Closures

September 2, 2019 - *Labor Day*
November 11, 2019 - *Veteran's Day*
November 28, 2019 - *Thanksgiving*
December 25, 2019 - *Christmas Day*
January 1, 2020 - *New Year's Day*

HCVP Online Resources

HCC - hano.org/HousingChoiceConnect/

Landlord Portal - hano.org/landlord_portal.aspx

Go Section 8 - www.GoSection8.com



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Hurricane Season is Here!

Be Storm Ready: Make a Plan Today!

Prepare a Hurricane or Disaster Kit:



- ☐ Water
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Cell Phone
- ☐ Flashlight & Batteries
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Important Documents
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Whistle

