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Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership Quarterly Newsletter

"You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas."
-Shirley Chisolm

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Partners,

Can you believe that we are halfway through the year? Time flies when you are busy helping to connect families with housing opportunities. We are entering our peak leasing season and have been eagerly implementing programs to help our families during the summer months. Our summer camp assistance will allow some of our zero-income families to send their children to summer camps for enrichment experiences.



Thank you to all who donated. We are soon launching our 2023 Back-to-School Supply Drive and look forward to your support. Our goal is to assist BRHP's families as they prepare for the start of the 2023-2024 school year by alleviating some of the financial burden of purchasing school supplies, and to provide children with the fundamental tools they need to be successful in school. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help.

We have also been focused on staff training and development. Many members of our team recently took part in a NARHO-led HCV training and certification and participated in the Credit Builder's Alliance 2023 Credit Building Symposium in Washington, DC, and the Classy Collaborative conference focused on fundraising in Philadelphia. I am hopeful our investment in professional development opportunities will deepen their understanding of the various topics and bring about expanded knowledge that can be applied to improve our service delivery.

This year we celebrate our 10-year anniversary as a nonprofit organization and are making space for inward reflection to sharpen our core housing mobility practices. We are continually thinking of ways to ensure our families have smooth transitions into vibrant neighborhoods. We have increased our outreach to garner more rental unit listings to help

families find homes more quickly. In April, we hosted a virtual Property Partner Orientation for our new property partners to gain an understanding of who we are and how important they are in ensuring successful tenancies. We also hosted a Property Partner Power Hour with Attorney Rick Grams who explained in-depth Maryland Tenant-Landlord law and the rights and responsibilities of owners.

We have launched a learning management system to streamline the training of new staff and track the progress of clients as they navigate our counseling workshops and other courses. We also look forward to inviting you to our new office for an open house later this year. I hope your summer is off to a pleasant start.

Adria Crutchfield

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We are always working to connect with industry leaders and share best practices and insight for addressing housing, economic, and racial inequities. Housing impacts a family's overall well-being, see our latest research on how health and housing intersect:

Association of a Housing Mobility Program With Childhood Asthma Symptoms and Exacerbations



In a cohort study of 123 children with asthma participating in the **Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership**, more than 50% experienced significant improvements in asthma morbidity after the program helped them move into low-poverty neighborhoods. Read the study here:

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Baltimore nonprofit finds that high-poverty housing exacerbates asthma in children

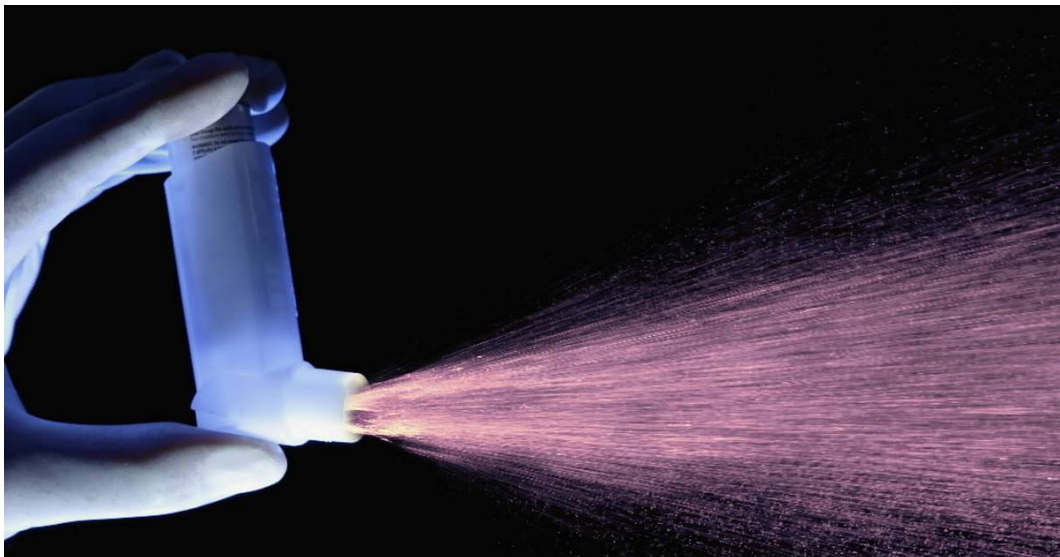


Baltimore nonprofit finds that high-poverty housing...

CBS Baltimore BALTIMORE -- A study conducted by Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership has found that high-poverty housing makes asthma worse in children. "There were 123 children enrolled in the study between the ages of five and 17 and all of...

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Study: Baltimore children moved from high-poverty to low-poverty areas saw their asthma improve



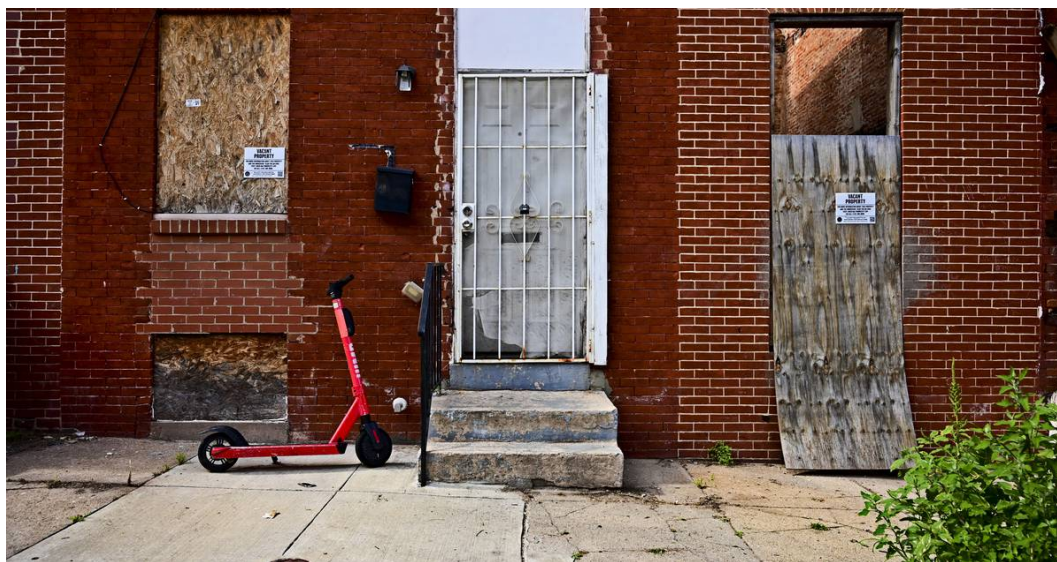
Study: Baltimore children moved from high-poverty to...

Children with asthma whose families participated in a Baltimore program that helped move them from high-poverty neighborhoods to low-poverty ones saw their disease get significantly better, according to a study published Tuesday.

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Helping Families with Low-incomes move to homes in healthy neighborhoods | Pete Cimbolic



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Your alarm clock is what probably woke you up this morning. You could roll over, hit snooze; maybe even ignore it a time or two. For others, their evening blended into their morning. They were awakened in the middle of the night by wheezing and...

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Catch The Replay

Check out our most recent BRHP In Conversation moderated by **Adria Crutchfield**, Executive Director of the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership (BRHP), in conversation with **Pete Cimbolic**, **Dr. Craig Pollack**, and **Dr. Torie Grant** as we talk in-depth about the **Mobility Asthma Project**. In this discussion Pete Cimbolic offers insight on how BRHP got involved in the study, while Dr. Craig Pollack dives deeper into the surprise outcomes and Dr. Torie Grant talks overall lung health and pediatrics, watch the replay of this insightful conversation [here](#):



Interested in leasing with BRHP?

Property owners who participate in the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program are more than landlords to us, they key in making partnership successful and that's why we call them property partners.

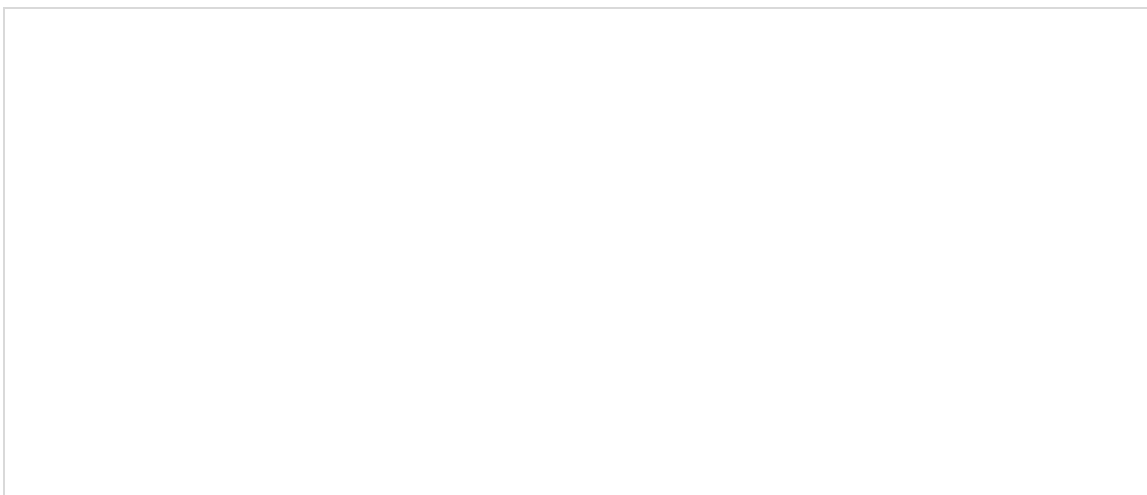
At BRHP, we administer over \$80 million annually in payments to nearly 2,000 dedicated property partners that provide a home, a stable foundation, and a community to over 4,300 deserving families across the Baltimore region.



Property partners provide pathways to opportunities and better life outcomes for families who may not have otherwise been able to achieve their dreams. Click the button below to learn how to become a BRHP property partner.

[Become A Property Partner](#)

What We're Reading





How States Can Use Medicaid to Address Housing Costs

New federal guidance enables states to use Medicaid dollars to support housing needs.

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Black real estate professionals say systemic racism...

Many agents, brokers say they battle low expectations, stereotypes and discriminatory practices in an industry in which they are disproportionately underrepresented and often earn less than their white counterparts.

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US Housing Market Needs More Than 300,000 Affordable...

A report from the National Association of REALTORS® and Realtor.com® examines the number of listings missing by price range in the current market compared to a balanced market.

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The [Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership \(BRHP\)](#) is a non-profit organization that expands housing choices for families with low incomes, who have historically been excluded

from housing in well-resourced neighborhoods, helping them to access and transition successfully to safe, healthy, and economically vibrant communities. As the Regional Administrator for the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program, BRHP has opened pathways to a better future for low-income families for nearly 10 years.

BRHP currently provides over 4,300 low-income families rental assistance in the form of the Housing Choice Voucher and couples that with

counseling supports for families as they move from areas of concentrated poverty to areas of opportunity in Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties.



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