

OUR HOUSE

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QUARTER 1

Leadership Update

We've just completed the first quarter of 2023 and have entered Fair Housing Month. I am wishing all our HABC workforce family a happy and prosperous year. I appreciate each of you for not just adjusting to the wave-like circumstances we've endured as an agency—precipitated by the onset of COVID—but for your commitment, dedication, and hard work since my arrival in 2017.

Not only have I watched the transfer of your duties from physical to virtual during a public health emergency, but I have also witnessed the compassion and humanity that makes HABC a family. I am proud to witness these demonstrations which are an underpinning to your commitment to the communities we serve.



Janet Abrahams
President and CEO

Onward,
Janet

“ I hope to make this year the best yet, filled with happiness and success. Looking ahead, I will continue to work with Human Resources to pursue options that will support the value of HABC employee’s work and service to the agency. ”
- Janet Abrahams

Event Turnout

HABC President & CEO Janet Abrahams, along with researchers, practitioners, and community stakeholders, examined the historical inequities that precipitate the housing crisis in Philadelphia and other US cities—while considering actionable strategies for housing justice in the future. Abrahams provided insight to the group based on her extensive experience at the Housing Authority of Chicago, Housing Authority of New York City, and now, the 5th largest housing authority in the nation, HABC! Click [HERE](#) to view the information presented at this forum.



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Fair Housing Month

It's April! So, that means that Fair Housing Month has begun. This year marks the 55th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, a civil rights law signed in 1968, making discrimination in housing transactions unlawful. It is the policy of HABC to provide reasonable accommodations for applicants, participants in the voucher program and residents where a reasonable accommodation is needed to address a disability in order to provide equal access to HABC's housing and related services.

Please be on the lookout for the Fair Housing Contest questions that will go out via text to win prizes!

Meet Your Department

Check out the new and improved photo's for HABC executive members. Click [HERE](#) to get to know your leaders!

LIPH Waitlist Reopens May 1st

HABC is gearing up to reopen the LIPH waitlist on May 1st for potential residents who fit into 1 of 3 categories! Applicants must fall in the mixed population, senior or public housing family category. Please note, applicants can ONLY apply ONLINE. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Baltimore City's House America 2022 Achievement

Janet Abrahams and other HABC team members joined Mayor Brandon Scott as he announced the success of the House America program initiated in May of 2022. HABC has provided more than \$175 million of assistance over the last five years to programs designed to help the homeless. Click [HERE](#) to read our Press Release and [HERE](#) to watch our video coverage.

INITIATIVES turned into RESULTS

Perkins, Somerset, Oldtown (PSO) Transformation

On January 20th, the *Baltimore Business Journal* named **PSO** one of the **"Biggest Redevelopment to Look Out For"**. The article dotes about how the project is part of a **\$1 billion** redo of 244 acres in East Baltimore aimed at reshaping and upgrading some of Baltimore's long-ignored communities: Perkins Homes, Somerset and the Oldtown Mall.

Community Results

Crime dropped **33%** in West Baltimore due to **Gilmor Homes** demolishing two buildings. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

ACP Awareness Kick-off at Gilmor Homes

HABC staff member assisted **26** residents with ACP enrollment, pre-registered **23** residents to receive laptops, and pre-registered **54** seniors, which make up **76%** of the seniors at Gilmor. Residents at Gilmor will now be able to stay connected to valuable resources through their tablets and ACP tools.

HABC Strategic Plan Survey Results

592 Starts

222 Submits



Top Stories

1

Karlise Stanback, a resident at Latrobe, completed her CDL training. By Stanback completing this program, it creates an opportunity for **self-sufficiency**.



2

Randolph Wells was featured in a local publication showcasing college students from around the Baltimore Area. Wells will receive a Bachelors in Human Service Administration on May 24, 2023 from UB.



Click [HERE](#) to view VIDEO

3

On Tuesday, February 28, HABC & MOHS collaborated for a **Housing Fair** at Mayflower Apartments, an event that allowed **HCVP recipients** to sign leases.



4

Gerald Burnside III of Poe Homes, **Samuel Morton** of Latrobe Homes, and **Kevin Ruff** of Douglass Homes were promoted to Administrative Maintenance Superintendents. Congratulations!



Be on the lookout for the 2nd Quarter Survey! We need YOUR INPUT!

Social Corner

We need **YOUR** help to **GROW!** Take a look at our stats below and make sure to follow so we can make a bigger impact for everyone we serve!



Twitter

2,218 Followers
@bmoreHABC



Facebook

8k Followers
@bmoreHABC



Instagram

1,147 Followers
@officialHABC

HABC TV/App Updates

Attention HABC residents, you can now stay connected with your community with the click of a button! Want to contact your asset manager? Or create a work order? Or maybe you want to subscribe to get outage alerts or updates sent directly to your phone.

You can do all these tasks and more just by downloading the new HABC app! Learn about the property managers that are committed to improving your community on the app. You can even get all property forms and information on upcoming events and services, like job training and career advancement help, all through the HABC app!



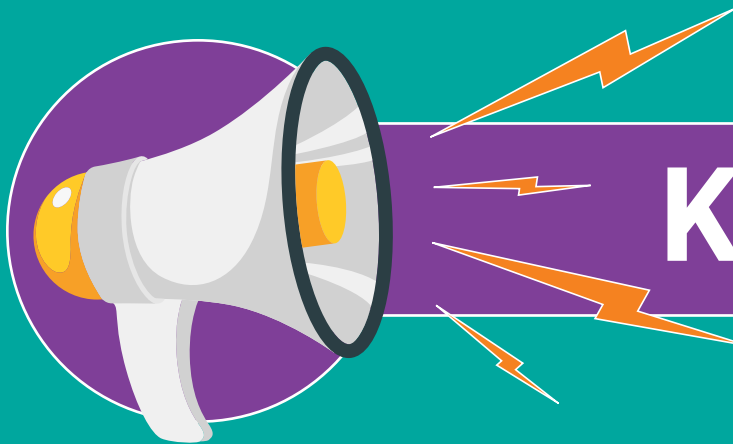
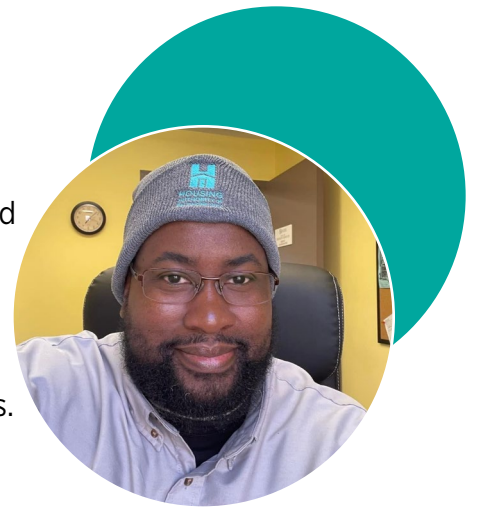
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Employee Spotlight

Beryl Whipple Celebrates 3-year anniversary

Beryl Whipple celebrated his **3 year work anniversary** on February 16, 2023. Prior to becoming a **Service Coordinator at McCulloh Homes**, Whipple served as Housing Manager and Assistant Manager throughout HABC. Whipple also worked as a Development Specialist in the PACE Program through the Office of Resident Services. He says he enjoys having the ability to connect residents to applicable resources and adding a smile to the faces of families during the holidays with the Gift of Love Project and Santa Claus Anonymous. Some of Whipple's future goals at HABC include serving in a management capacity while still being able to provide relevant resources to residents.



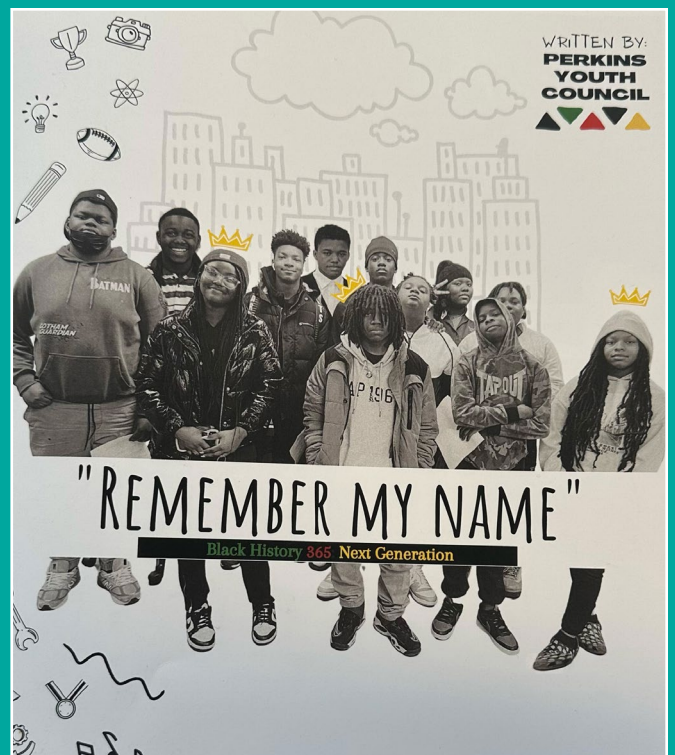
Kudos Corner

Shout Outs

After working with the **Perkins Youth Council** for a year, HABC's collaborative partners, Urban Strategies Inc. (USI), hosted a *"Remember My Name"* Black History Event at 1234 McElderry. Perkins youth participants read their self-written testimonies to their family and friends. The Perkins Youth Council expressed the positive progress they've made while working with USI, as well as their future goals. Click [HERE](#) to purchase book.



Perkins Youth Council at 1234 McElderry



"Remember My Name" by Perkins Youth Council