



# the blueprint for affordable housing...



## ...begins with you!

Dear Supporter,

RAHC has been developing and operating affordable housing for residents of Bennington County for almost 20 years. Every time we construct a building or breathe new life into an older one, RAHC makes a commitment to permanent affordability – which means that we are dedicated to ensuring that these apartments will always remain affordable to low-to-moderate income individuals and families.





You will soon read about RAHC's latest endeavor – the establishment of fourteen new apartments in seven duplex buildings on a previously underutilized site on North Branch Street in Bennington. In addition, we will embark on substantial rehabilitation of twelve apartments in three buildings on Benmont Avenue that were first acquired by RAHC in the early 1990s. We trust that our vision will be positive for both of these Bennington neighborhoods.

Your contribution will help RAHC to continue its mission of providing high-quality homes in Bennington County at rates within the grasp of our residents.

Sincerely,

  
John Broderick  
—Executive Director

### RAHC benefits the ENTIRE COMMUNITY

-  RAHC provides essential workforce housing.
-  RAHC construction projects create jobs for local tradespeople.
-  RAHC contributes a significant amount of property taxes to communities.
-  RAHC adds value by partnering with local banks.

### Your support is greatly needed!



Find out how your support directly affects your community!



*Providing permanently affordable homes for residents of Bennington, Arlington, and Manchester.*

# We need and value your support!

In addition to stimulating the local economy by providing permanent energy-efficient and affordable housing for our workforce, your contributions directly support the people of our community. We'd like to introduce you to a few of the folks we serve:



**Sandy Wright**

“RAHC has given me a place that I am secure in. Being single and being sixty can be scary in these times. To be able to be in a beautiful one-bedroom apartment in Arlington — where rents are rising every day — is wonderful. I don't have to worry about garbage pickups, snow removal or lawn maintenance. It is well lit and very clean and I have friendly neighbors. From my porch it is wonderful to see people out walking and kids playing. And if I ever have a problem, there's always someone to call who will be there at the other end of the line. Plus it is in a great location. I can walk to the Post Office and when it was eighty degrees at night this summer, I could walk my grandchildren over to Stewarts for ice cream cones. I just feel very safe here.”



**Aimmie Stratton and her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter,  
Bryanna Saunders**

“I fell in love with this place as soon as I walked in. Living here is definitely something that's been very important to me and Bryanna. It was hard to find a two-bedroom apartment at this price. Bryanna loves having her own room. It is a lot more affordable than others I looked at. Compared to others in this price range, it's much cleaner and nicer and safer. And I like the neighborhood too.”



**Norman Wilder**

“What's good about living here? Everything but the electricity is included and when you're on a fixed income, that's good. You have to plan each day and be careful with money. The rent here is reasonable. You just look around town. Try to find a place you can afford that isn't a dump... impossible. There are two-bedroom apartments around town that are in good shape but nothing is included. And the backyard here is wonderful. It's important not to take space away from where kids play. All kids need a place to play.”

## PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

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