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Capital Area Housing Partnership suspends evictions and offers crisis housing resources amidst COVID-19

CAHP encourages early and honest conversations about trouble meeting financial housing obligations

LANSING, Mich – Capital Area Housing Partnership announced Friday, March 13, 2020 that all rent-related evictions and late fees will temporarily be suspended for all of its over 400 rental units in mid-Michigan due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Residents of CAHP properties were notified late last week of these changes, and that additional sanitary measures will be implemented for all common areas.

“In any major crisis, housing can become one of the most immediate issues that affect people. We are taking immediate steps to ensure members of the CAHP family, and neighbors alike are able to focus on their health and safety,” said Rawley Van Fossen, executive director of CAHP.

Additionally, CAHP encourages tenants, landlords, homeowners and mortgage companies city-wide to begin conversations with one another regarding upcoming household bills such as mortgage payments, rent, utilities, taxes and insurance. Landlords and mortgage holders are urged to implement changes that stop eviction notices and late fees on missed payments for those affected by COVID-19.

“Housing is good health care. One of the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to self-quarantine inside away from others. Access to safe and affordable housing plays a significant role in ensuring the safety of our community,” said Van Fossen.

CAHP is a Michigan State Housing & Development Authority Housing Counseling Agency with on-staff HUD-certified housing counselors who can help mid-Michigan residents struggling with financial challenges. Families and individuals with fears about paying rent, utility bills, eviction, foreclosure, debt or credit impacts should call CAHP to schedule a free virtual appointment to discuss options. CAHP’s housing counselors offer free, individualized guidance, and work with clients to develop a plan to understand their options and connect with resources, helping them reach their financial goals.



CAHP's office will be closed to the public until April 6, 2020. CAHP will be open remotely during that time and answering phone calls at 517-332-HOME (4663) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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About CAHP:

CAHP is a nonprofit Community Housing Development Organization that believes in strong neighborhoods, housing choice and vibrant communities. Founded in 1992, we recognize each community is unique, with many populations calling it home. We strive to create a balance between owner occupied and rental housing, as well as providing affordable housing options. We believe strong partnerships between local government, neighbors, businesses and organizations like ours are best able to achieve these results. www.capitalareahousing.org

