

# Saint Paul Public Housing Agency

## Highlights from Saint Paul, MN

*The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) helps families and individuals with low incomes achieve greater stability and self-reliance by providing safe, affordable, quality housing, and links to community services.*

### Through HUD housing assistance programs, PHA serves:

- 2,779 children ages 0 to 5
- 1,960 seniors ages 62 and older
- 6,732 children ages 6-17
- 4,508 households with disabilities

### PHA Portfolio Summary:

- Section 8 Vouchers: 4,587+
- Public Housing Units: 4,253

+Approximately 10% of the total are PBV, and approximately 5% of the total are special purpose vouchers for VASH and FUP.

## Revitalizing Communities

The PHA marked the beginning of a multi-million dollar upgrade of its Dunedin Terrace public housing development in April 2013. The 88 rental units in 22 four-plex townhomes for low income families were originally built in 1966, along with the adjacent Dunedin Hi-Rise for elderly residents. Phase I of the modernization work will consist of interior and exterior improvements at seven of the 22 fourplex buildings

The PHA is constructing a new rowhouse building at Roosevelt Homes. The new six-plex contains five 2-bedroom dwelling units with full basements and one two-bedroom single-level dwelling unit that is fully accessible for persons with disabilities. Construction began April 2013 with an estimated completion date of December 2013. This new building restores the number of dwelling units at Roosevelt Homes to the original count of 320. These new units will help to house some of the approximately 9000 families that are currently on the PHA's waiting list for public housing.

The PHA will also construct a four-unit rowhouse at Mt. Airy Homes, replacing homes that previously occupied the site. All three of these projects received financial assistance from the Minnesota Housing Agency.



## Providing Housing + Services to Seniors and People with Disabilities

The PHA's Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP) provides case coordination, housekeeping, daily meals and monitoring, plus other needed services at five PHA hi-rises to assist frail or disabled residents who are at risk of nursing home placement.

Through a collaboration between the PHA, the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation and Ramsey County, the Wilder Assisted Living Program (ALP) provides comprehensive supportive services to assist frail or disabled residents at two PHA hi-rises (Ravoux and Hamline) who are at risk of nursing home placement. Basic services include two to three daily meals, 24-hour on-site staff that provide housekeeping, laundry, personal care services, 24-hour emergency assistance, medication monitoring and a day activity program.

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## Creating Opportunities

The SHIP is sailing at the St. Paul PHA! A grant from Minnesota's Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) funds activities and services for St. Paul PHA residents, through a partnership between the PHA and the St. Paul - Ramsey County Department of Public Health (SPRCDPH). The PHA's Hi-Rise Presidents Council and City Wide Family Residents Council help plan and carry out the program.

SHIP encourages and supports residents who want to improve their health through better nutrition, more active lifestyles, and tobacco reduction. Popular activities have included: Exercise classes, Farmers' markets at PHA properties, and Youth bicycling and bike safety events at PHA sites.

Metropolitan State University (MSU) presented its 2012 "Community Partner of the Year" award to the St. Paul PHA to recognize a decade-long partnership that connects MSU student nurses with PHA residents. The MSU students, under the guidance of skilled faculty supervisors, provide health education services in a community-based setting. The students bring skills, expertise, and knowledge and the residents bring their wisdom and life experiences. Elderly and disabled residents look forward to the nursing students' visits to the PHA sites. Everyone benefits!



## PHA's Partners

PHA's partners include, but are not limited to:

- Accessible Space Incorporated
- Eureka Recycling
- Family Housing Fund
- Metropolitan State University
- Minnesota Housing Agency
- Ramsey County Department of Public Health
- Ramsey County Community Human Services Department
- St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council
- St. Paul Fire Department
- St. Paul Parks & Recreation
- St. Paul Police Department
- St. Paul Public Schools
- Veterans Administration Medical Center
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

## Learn More About PHA

To find out more about PHA's work to strengthen neighborhoods and improve lives in Saint, Paul, MN, contact:

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Jon Gutzmann

## PHA Leadership Profile

Jon Gutzmann has been the Executive Director of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota for over 26 years (since August of 1987). Prior to joining PHA, Jon was an Assistant Director and later Director of Public Housing for the Minneapolis Community Development Agency for seven years. Jon's experience also includes five years as City Administrator of the cities of Tracy, Little Falls, and Oakdale, Minnesota. He has received numerous professional awards over his public service career.

