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Leadership Update

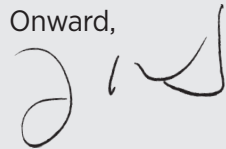
As we celebrate our shared successes, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements we've made throughout 2024.

The PSO Transformation Plan has not only advanced but truly flourished, serving as a beacon of hope and innovation within our community. Our resident-centered programs—including the Homeownership Program, the Rising Star Scholarship Program, and the Getting Ready for Opportunities to Work (GROW) Program—have made significant strides, yielding meaningful outcomes for our stakeholders.

These vital initiatives open doors for residents, empowering them to purchase homes, pursue higher education, and secure reliable, well-paying jobs. Through these programs, we foster a sense of self-sufficiency and resilience while

simultaneously propelling our mission forward as we strive to realize HABC's ambitious vision.

I take immense pride in the collective accomplishments of HABC and the unwavering dedication of our staff members. Together, we have made substantial progress on our strategic goals, navigated the intricacies of the PSO transformation initiative, and championed resident advancement, among a multitude of other objectives. As we look ahead to the opportunities that 2025 will unfold, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the meaningful goals we will achieve as a united team.

Onward,




Janet Abrahams
President and CEO

Event Turnout

Perkins Phase 2 Ribbon-Cutting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

HABC, McCormack Baron Salazar and local partners celebrated the completion of Phase 2 of Perkins Square, by hosting a ribbon cutting. The event included speakers from federal, state and local offices, guided tours, and a reception.



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Brooklyn Homes Celebrates One Year of No Fatalities

Mayor Brandon M. Scott joined by Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE), LifeBridge Catholic Charities of Baltimore, Safe Streets staff, and community members to celebrate the Brooklyn Safe Streets site achieving over 365 days without a homicide in their catchment zone.

HABC Property Auctions

The next auctions began on Monday, December 16th at 10:00 AM and will end on Wednesday, December 18th. There are two ways to register for the virtual event online — via online at ashlandauction.com or by phone at 410-488-3124.

Digital Equity Resource Fair

For Digital Inclusion Week, HABC hosted a resource fair on Friday, October 11 for residents to get essential information on how to access free or low- cost internet services, devices, digital skills training, technical support, and much more!



HUD IPAD Australian Delegate Visit

On Friday, October 25, HABC hosted a HUD IPAD Australian Delegate Visit where attendees toured the Perkins, Somerset, Old Town (PSO) Transformation Plan. Those on the tour were excited to take back what they learned about the PSO to their country and assist with improving their public housing sector.

Top Stories

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Perkins Youth Council Volunteers

The Perkins Youth Council volunteered at Meals on Wheels on Tuesday, November 5.

 Meals on Wheels

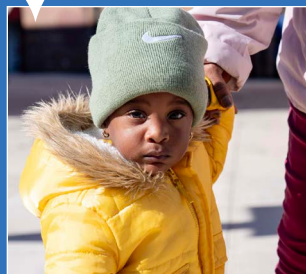


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ORS Coat Drive

Last week, ORS collaborated with operation Warm to host five children coat drives at various locations

 Somerset



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Christmas Tree Giveaways

HABC and Urban Strategies decorated Christmas trees and allowed PSO residents to choose a tree at The Ella.

 The Ella at Somerset



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RAB Tenant Council Event

On December 12, residents conjoined at the Benton Building, celebrating the end of the year.

 Benton Building



INITIATIVES → RESULTS

Chick Webb Art Proposal Forum

On Monday, December 2, the Baltimore City Department of Recreations and Parks hosted an art proposal forum that allowed mural artists to explain and show the Perkins, Somerset, Old Town (PSO) community why they should be chosen to complete the art design at the newly renovated Chick Webb Rec Center. PSO residents voted on the artist they liked the best.



Chick Webb Art Proposal Forum

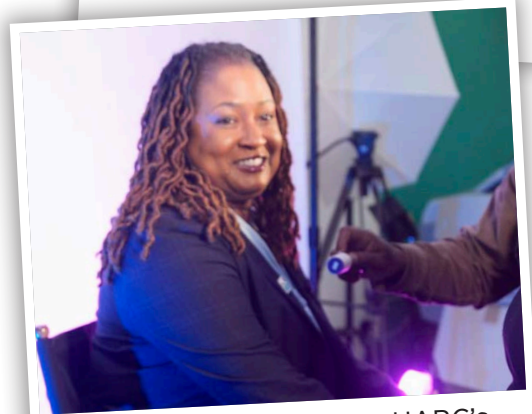
Strategic Plan Success



Since announcing the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's Strategic Plan: Pathways to Success in 2019. We're moving forward as an agency! HABC is engaging in programs and initiatives to enhance the people and portfolio of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

Old Town Redevelopment

The Baltimore Business Journal highlighted the \$131 million redevelopment plan of Old Town Mall in East Baltimore, with the first new retail and residential units expected to open within a year.



Monica Watkins, discusses HABC's Strategic Plan

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!



2.2k Followers
@bmoreHABC



9.3k Followers
@bmoreHABC



3,742 Followers
@officialHABC



Janet Abrahams and Matthew Heckles, HUD Regional Administrator

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!



**Download the
HABC app today!**

Employee Spotlight

Desmond Carter-Bey Vice President of Security Operations

HABC's Vice President of Security Operations, **Desmond Carter-Bey**, has used his expertise from serving nearly 30 years as a member of the Baltimore City Police Department to progress the agency's safety and security initiatives.

Carter-Bey has coordinated with BPD and other safety coordinators and explored partnerships with City organizations to integrate transparency and trust of his security team into our communities. Thanks for all you do!



Kudos Corner

HABC Appreciates ORS!

HABC's Office of Resident Services (ORS) coordinates and implements various programs and services for our public housing residents and HCVP program participants.

New goals for HABC's ORS were established, and priorities were set on initiatives that focus on the following four pillars to success like: Economic Mobility, Personal Empowerment, Youth Development, and Senior Support. ORS has successfully delivered countless programs and services for our public housing residents and HCVP program participants.



Save the date for Resident Services Inc.'s Sweet 16 "Kids in the Arts" Gala scheduled for October 2025.



Family Self-Sufficiency Graduation



Homeownership Brunch



Homeownership Workshop