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Columbia Housing Authority Works to House Displaced Residents; Thanks Community for Support

Columbia, SC – Following the shutdown of Allen Benedict Court last Friday, 400 residents, representing 212 families, have been moved into temporary housing.

“Director Walker and his staff are committed to taking care of all CHA residents, particularly those displaced by this shutdown. This situation is unfortunate, and we are working with the City of Columbia to find the best possible resolution for all residents involved,” says CHA attorney Bob Coble.

Meanwhile, in addition to temporary housing, residents have received cash cards for meals, bus passes for transportation, and various items and services to help meet their needs.

For families with school-aged children, Richland County School District One has agreed to provide transportation to and from school. In addition, area churches and businesses have generously provided money and assistance to help accommodate all residents.

CHA has set up a 24-hour satellite office at the Cecil Tillis Center. The American Red Cross is also stationed at the center to assist in serving residents

Currently, residents are housed at various hotels throughout Columbia. A CHA staff member has been assigned to stay at each of the seven housing locations along with the Allen Benedict Court residents. This staff person is onsite to ensure that the residents are receiving all the services offered and the support they need during this transitory period.

The COMET is prepared to assist the displaced resident with transportation to and from the seven temporary housing locations throughout the City of Columbia. The COMET transit system has provided CHA with information on all the bus routes that are already designed to serve these areas and are providing 31-day transit passes to the residents.

“Please know that Columbia Housing Authority appreciates all the agencies, organizations, churches, and businesses that are providing services and resources to those impacted. This shows how committed the community is to its fellow residents. It’s the true spirit of Columbia,” says Coble.

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