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Columbia Housing Authority Announces New Information Line for Residents, and Provides Updates on Donations and Freedom of Information Act Requests

Columbia, SC – Our priority is to assist the residents displaced from Allen Benedict Court. Over the last ten days we have received numerous inquiries from the community regarding services and donations, a steady stream of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and calls for interviews. Please know that we are working to address all requests and inquires in a timely manner.

To make sure residents have the most up-to-date information, **a 24-hour hotline has been established to provide residents with updates regarding services and assistance. That phone number is 803.254.3886 ext. 386.** Residents are also able to opt in to a text messaging service to receive text updates as of Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Regarding donations, while all contributions are gratefully accepted, given the varying needs of our residents and the uniqueness of this situation, we are asking for monetary donations when at all possible. **All donations should be directed to Cindy Godbey at 803.254.3886 ext. 234.**

As a reminder, the Columbia Housing Authority has set up a satellite office at the Cecil Tillis Center. **The Cecil Tillis Center is open from 7:00am until 8:00pm. The phone number for the Cecil Tillis Center is 803.376.6215.** Any donated items may be received at the Cecil Tillis Center. Volunteers are also asked to check-in at the Tillis Center if they would like to be of assistance. **Groups or organizations that would like to volunteer or deliver and serve food, should contact Katrina Bridgette at 803.261.4723.**

All FOIA requests are being processed and will be responded to in a timely manner.

As CHA attorney Bob Coble stated last week, “Director Walker and his staff are committed to taking care of all CHA residents.” And, while we strive to be as responsive as possible, it is important to note that the humanitarian aspect of this situation is what is most important.

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