



# Princeton Community Housing

Provides, manages & advocates for affordable housing

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## 2014 Annual Appeal Letter

### Current Communities

- Elm Court
- Griggs Farm
- Harriet Bryan House
- Princeton Community Village

### Sponsoring Organizations

- All Saints' Episcopal Church
  - Christ Congregation
  - First Baptist Church
- Institute for Advanced Study
- Jewish Center of Princeton
  - League of Women Voters
  - Mt. Pisgah AME Church
- Nassau Presbyterian Church
- Princeton Monthly Meeting
  - Princeton Regional Education Association
  - Princeton Theological Seminary
  - Princeton United Methodist Church
- Princeton University
  - Saint Paul Roman Catholic Church
  - Trinity Church
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton
  - Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church
  - YWCA of Princeton

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Warm greetings from your neighbors at Princeton Community Housing...

Princeton is a vibrant, diverse, and safe place to live with outstanding educational and employment opportunities – as well as a rich arts community, a downtown brimming with vitality, and plenty of open spaces.

But did you know that as many as 30% of Princeton's citizens are unable to meet their families' basic needs even though they are employed?\* In Princeton, as in the rest of New Jersey, one of the biggest obstacles to climbing out of poverty is the lack of affordable housing.

Can you imagine working hard all day only to find that you have to choose between providing your children healthy food, clothes for school and medical care – or being able to afford to rent an apartment in a safe community? That is not the American dream and it is not our vision of Princeton! We guess that you would agree.



At Princeton Community Housing we have been providing clean, safe, attractive and affordable rental homes to families, individuals, seniors and differently-abled people for almost five decades. Today, we help more than 1,000 Princeton residents. However, due to the struggling economy and cuts in government funding, over 1,200

*This year, staff at Princeton Community Village helped nine families successfully apply for college scholarships. The students' opportunity to access the excellence of Princeton Public Schools will influence their futures forever.*



### What a Difference Your Gift Makes

When Jan Mensz was in elementary school, he thought he might have to leave Princeton because his mother was struggling to find a safe and affordable place to raise his sister and him. Mr. Mensz credits being able to live in Princeton Community Village for the fact that he is now a law school graduate working for the American Civil Liberties Union and for shaping who he is today. "The most obvious thing was that it let me stay in Princeton. I had great schools and great friends, and all the advantages that the University brings," Mr. Mensz said. "I benefited greatly....and I know many of my more affluent friends also benefited from having a culturally and economically diverse community around them."

households have requested to be on our waiting list so that they too can have a safe, affordable place to live and raise their children.

### Here is where you can help!

- ⊞ **Your gift of \$50** will help heat a one bedroom apartment for one month
- ⊞ **Your gift of \$250** will help pay for one month of supplemental transportation for seniors so they can shop for groceries or go to the doctor
- ⊞ **Your gift of \$500** will help defray the cost of a new, energy efficient apartment water heater
- ⊞ **Your gift of \$5,000** will help to provide funding for the development of additional homes

Many of your friends and neighbors have helped create a vital and diverse Princeton community through their gifts. You too can help ensure that seniors are not forced to move away from their families because they cannot afford to live in Princeton. You can help maintain cultural diversity in our public schools and in our children's lives. Together, we can create a better Princeton. As we approach the holiday season, we hope that you will take this opportunity to invest in this vision.

With our best wishes for the holiday season and New Year,

Edward Truscelli  
Executive Director

Daniela Bonafede-Chhabra  
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**P.S.** Did you know that you can donate online at [www.princetoncommunityhousing.org](http://www.princetoncommunityhousing.org)?



\*Source: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Study.