

DASH is taking great care and responsibility to ensure that the tenants in the building are provided with sound service and sensitivity during this transition. Our hope is that these tenants will find an improved standard of living and more consistent services than they have received previously. We intend to do everything within our resources to make that happen and to work towards our goal of increasing the total amount of safe and affordable housing in DC.

DASH engaged Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU) to facilitate the relocation process. We have met with the Housing Liaisons and the Housing Director of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to coordinate services given that many residents are receiving housing support through DMH. We have also sought to engage other organizations, not connected to DMH, who are providing support to the tenants living in the building on subsidies through the Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. All of these organizations are being consulted regularly by the relocation consultant to coordinate services and relocation for the tenants.

Below is a document which details the relocation process and was provided to all the tenants:

## RELOCATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why do we have to move?** The District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH) has recently purchased the building and will be converting the building into temporary safe housing for women and their families as they are trying to escape domestic violence.

**Who do I contact for maintenance emergencies?** Please contact the management company – Frank Emmet Real Estate – 301-589-6000 X115 or Mr. Howard who lives in the building

**Where do I pay my rent ?** Rent is to be sent to Frank Emmet Real Estate – 8609 Second Ave, Suite 502, Silver Spring, MD 20910. You MUST continue to pay your rent for as long as you are a resident of 1835 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE.

**Do I have to give a 30-day notice?** HOU staff will help you complete a Notice to Vacate form and will pass it on to the management office. You are not required to give a full 30-day notice but will have to give a forwarding address through HOU relocation office.

**Can I get a Voucher/Section 8 to move?** We have contacted the DC Housing Authority to get more information regarding how they process their waiting list so that we can determine whether or not your names can be expedited. If you already have an application submitted, please contact our office to complete an update form. If you have NOT completed an application previously, we can provide you with an application to fill out.

**What assistance is available to me?** HOU Relocation staff is here to help you with identifying available units, completing applications, and coordinating your move once you find a unit.

**What financial assistance is available?** We will pay for or reimburse application fees, security deposits, moving expenses. Please contact our office for additional information.

**Is transportation available to view units?** YES! Please come by the office to make arrangements as needed. We can also help you coordinate efforts with your case manager wherever possible.

**When do I have to move?** HOU staff is also here to help you find a unit that meets your needs , but you are also encouraged to start looking for units as soon as possible. You will receive a 90-day notice letting you know the latest date by which you have to move.

**Where can I get packing materials?** Packing materials are available in the relocation office (Unit #5). Relocation staff also has packing tips available if you need assistance with packing. If you are unable to pack yourself, HOU staff can arrange for packing assistance once you are ready to move

**If you have any additional questions, please feel free to stop by the Relocation office – Unit #5.**