May 14, 2020

TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL PROPERTY OWNERS NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CHESTER COUNTY

I am writing to thank each of you and express my deep gratitude for your continued support of our vouchered residents during the difficult times brought on by this Covid 19 pandemic virus. Your participation in this program is so needed to help us succeed in our quest to provide high quality affordable housing in Chester County.

To expand the voucher program and to assist each of you in being an integral part of that effort, I have implemented two policy changes that will be beneficial to each of you and to your present and future tenants.

First, we have increased the payment standards for almost all of the Chester County zip codes. The payment standards are the maximum subsidy assistance that we can pay to you. This will help you especially if your tenant suffers a reduction in income (such as a job loss). The standards have now been published on our website.

Secondly, we are offering a special landlord incentive to encourage additional lease ups for voucher holders. For each new lease executed effective May 20th or later, the HACC will give the landlord an incentive payment of $1,000. Such payments will continue for each lease up through the remainder of this year. With that incentive and the higher payment standards in place, we hope that you will both continue your participation in the program and, if possible, increase the number of your units offered for rental to voucher holders. So, please, consider partnering with us to expand affordable housing opportunities in Chester County.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Dale Gravett
Executive Director