



NewsBriefs

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Welcome to the first issue of Greater Baltimore AHC's NewsBriefs! Each month we will share news and information about our efforts to keep Baltimore affordable.

From preserving existing housing and producing new homes for people with low and moderate incomes, to providing programs and services for the residents of our properties, we'll keep you updated on our recent activities and accomplishments.

Please let us know what you think! And if you'd like to know more about a particular project or topic, we would enjoy hearing from you. Also feel free to pass this along to friends and colleagues who share our goals. Thank you!

GBAHC: Keeping Greater Baltimore Affordable

Who We Are



GBAHC was founded in 2004 to expand the efforts of AHC Inc. (headquartered in Arlington, VA) into the Baltimore region. As a nonprofit developer, we have preserved 495 affordable apartments: 189 at Greenspring Overlook in Park Heights; 167 at Lansdowne Gardens in Halethorpe; and 139 at Barclay Greenmount in East Baltimore. GBAHC also currently has 485 units of affordable housing in its development pipeline. We will

keep you updated on exciting new developments with all of our projects as they occur.

Spotlight: Greenspring Overlook

Greenspring Awarded Literacy Works Grant for Adult Education



Greenspring Overlook Apartments received a two-year, \$120,000 grant from Literacy Works to begin an onsite adult education program this month. Greenspring will host the program and refer residents to the free classes. The program strengthens reading, writing and math skills, and offers GED prep for all participants, who will simultaneously be enrolled at Baltimore County Community College, a project partner.

GBAHC Preserves and Renovates 189 Affordable Apartments

When GBAHC acquired Greenspring Overlook in 2001 (through a joint venture with Streuver Brothers, Eccles and Rouse), it successfully preserved 189 much-needed Section 8 apartments for low-income residents of the Park Heights community. An \$8 million renovation, completed in 2002, included new kitchens and baths, carpets and tile, plumbing, wiring and HVAC for all apartments. Property-wide improvements included new roofs, landscaping, sidewalks and roadways, and most importantly a beautiful new community center.

In addition to the adult education program, Resident Services at Greenspring include an after-school program and free summer camp for children ages 6 - 12; computer lab; community room; resume writing and job application assistance; community referrals and office support (phone, fax and copier).

Did you know? 75% of unemployed adults have reading or writing difficulties.

GBAHC is Moving!

New Offices Under Construction in Railway Express Building

GBAHC will move in March 2008 to the historic Railway Express Building on St. Paul Street, adjacent to Penn Station. Built in 1929 in the Classical Revivalist style, the building originally served as a U.S. Parcel Post Depot.

HCM Architects designed the build-out for the new office to accommodate our expanding staff and activities. The property, which recently underwent an \$11 million renovation, will house office and retail space as well as apartments on its upper level.

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