



## **From the Desk of William Dotson ,** **Executive Director**

As we begin a new year, I have several topics that I would like to share with you in this edition of the newsletter.

### **Drugs, Crime and the HHA Hotline**

In reference to the recent articles in our local paper about the drug related shootings in certain neighborhoods within the city, I would caution all of our residents again that our family communities and our senior communities are covered by off duty security officers that regularly check our Drug Hotline, (the number is on the back page of this newsletter) and if or when you hear gunfire within our communities, I would recommend that after you call 911. You should also call this hotline number to let our security officers know about the incident.

We have a one strike clause in our leases, and we will not tolerate any type of illegal drug activity occurring in or around our communities. We need your assistance in reporting suspicious activity. Please call if you suspect someone or some apartment participating in illegal drug activity. We have evicted several families in the past few months for such activity. This activity was recorded by our surveillance cameras and followed up by our security officers. We will not tolerate families that chose to ignore our rules. Please help us to remove these families from our communities.

***"If you permit it you promote it!"***

### **Redevelopment Plans**

In reference to redevelopment of our older family communities, specifically Washington Square between Artisan Ave. and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., the Authority will be submitting a Hope VI application to HUD to redevelop this property. We are meeting with our residents at Washington Square and gathering ideas to formulate the plan for revitalizing this important area of our city. We are open to any suggestions from anyone that might have an opinion about how to form this plan. We anticipate submitting the plan in June of this year. We have five months to put together a good plan. We will insure that every resident currently residing at Washington Square will have an affordable place to stay when we begin implementing the plan. We need your support and input about how best to revitalize the community. Please help us.