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From our Chairman of the Board: EHD OC Proudly Displays Our National Flag

by Christopher M. Shelton, EHD OC Board Chairman

Three patriotic holidays during summer remind us of our appreciation for our country and those who sacrificed to give us our rights and liberties. During these holidays, EHD OC properties proudly display our national flag, which symbolizes our country, our values, and ideals.

Many of us remember when we recited daily the pledge of allegiance to the flag during school hours. It is also recited at the opening of Congress, as well as many government and non-profit organizations meetings, including EHD OC.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The design and colors of the flag were established on June 14, 1777 by the Second Continental Congress resolution that read, "the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Betsy Ross sewed an early version of our flag during the Revolutionary War consisting of thirteen red and white stripes and thirteen five-pointed stars arranged in a circle. Our present flag, adopted on July 4, 1960, consists of



50 stars representing each of our fifty states.

During the Olympics, at the openings of sports games and other events, we take great pride when we listen or sing our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," honoring our flag, based on a poem written by Francis Scott Key after seeing our national flag still

waving in the early morning signaling a winning battle in Baltimore during the War of 1812.

"O say can you see by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Since 1937, members of Congress may request that a flag is flown over the Capitol on behalf of a constituent. EHD OC is honored to have many of the flags that have flown over the U.S. Capitol given to our residents and communities of EHD OC facilities. ■



City Councillor Michael Flaherty with Boston City resident and World War II veteran, Francis Duchaney



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SENIOR LIVING SENIOR DIGNITY

by Steve Protulis, EHDOC President and CEO

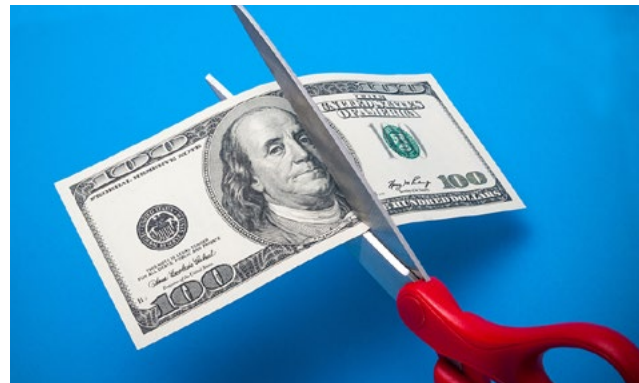
Trump FY2018 budget would hurt older Americans seeking affordable housing and services

On May 23rd, President Trump submitted his FY2018 federal budget for federal programs funding to begin October 1, 2017. The purpose of the proposed budget is to establish the priorities for the country over the next 10 years as envisioned by the President and his Administration. The Trump Administration's priorities are to 1) strengthen our military, 2) cut taxes, 3) balance the budget, and 4) cut federal spending. Each of these broad goals seems reasonable, however, the critical issue is how these goals will be achieved - who would benefit and who would be hurt.

Unfortunately, the proposed FY2018 budget would cut millions from existing federal programs that assist older persons seeking suitable and affordable housing. Almost 60 percent of the proposed non-defense cuts (\$4.3 trillion over 10 years) are overwhelmingly taken from programs that assist those with low and moderate incomes, the elderly, the disabled and others who are vulnerable and rely on the federal government to provide a safety net.

The Administration seeks to increase defense spending by \$54 billion at the expense of deep cuts to non-defense spending, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where more than \$6 billion would be eliminated. That's a 15% cut from existing funding for federal programs needed to develop and operate affordable housing. The proposed cut is on top of drastic cuts that affordable housing has experienced in recent years.

The proposed budget will severely challenge EHDOC, which has relied on a partnership with HUD and the federal government, to build and operate affordable



senior housing, particularly through the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program.

The cost of housing continues to rise, and the size of the elderly population is growing (10,000 Americans turn 65 each day), resulting in a growing shortage of affordable senior housing. Nationwide, an average of 10 eligible older persons are on waiting lists to move into Section 202 affordable senior housing when an apartment becomes available, yet few apartments become available yearly. Most EHDOC facilities and other non-profit sponsored affordable senior housing have multiple-year waiting lists. Exacerbating the situation, the proposed budget seeks to eliminate other existing federal programs that fund development and preservation of state and local affordable housing and related services, including HOME, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Choice Neighborhoods, and the National Housing Trust Fund.

The proposed budget would also cut funding for public housing (over 50% of public housing residents are elderly or persons with disabilities), and cut rental and operating assistance programs including vouchers, Section 8 rental assistance (two-thirds of Section 202 senior housing residents use Section 8), and Section 202 Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRACs). Our national partner, LeadingAge, estimates that the \$417 million requested for PRACs will be insufficient to renew the nearly 100,000 PRAC contracts up for

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EHDOC residents make their voices heard on Capitol Hill to save Affordable Senior Housing

On June 27, a bus filled with EHDOC residents from Council House in Marlow Heights, MD and Morton & Florence Bahr Towers in Washington, D.C. traveled to the U.S. Capital to participate in a rally to restore funding for the Section 202 affordable senior housing program.

The EHDOC residents joined more than 1,000 seniors and organizations from around the country at “Save HUD 202”, co-sponsored by EHDOC and other national organizations in partnership with LeadingAge, a network of nonprofit leaders committed to supporting, enabling and empowering people to live fully as they age.

The purpose of the rally was to let Congressional members and the general public know seniors’ concerns with the proposed funding cuts, particularly through the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program.

Each of the seventy EHDOC residents wore bright red T-shirts emblazoned with the EHDOC “Housing with a Heart” logo and “Long Overdue! Bring Back 202!” printed on the back. In preparation for the rally, EHDOC residents had made signs to express their concerns over the Administration’s proposed funding cuts to affordable senior housing and other programs critically needed by older persons.



Residents of EHDOC throughout the country who were not able to attend the rally gathered in their community rooms that day to talk about the importance of 202. They were encouraged to call their senators and representatives to reject 202 funding cuts.

The Section 202 program, administered by the Department of Housing and



Urban Development (HUD), has been the principle federal program that enables non-profit organizations like EHDOC to develop and operate affordable housing for low-income seniors. Yet, federal funding to develop Section 202 senior housing has been drastically reduced in recent years. The Administration's proposed FY2018 budget not only projects no Section 202 funds to construct affordable senior housing, but also does not provide sufficient funds to renew all rental assistance contracts for existing Section 202 residents. It even proposes to increase the current rent paid by low-income seniors residents.

The "Save HUD 202" rally was held on the same day the Senate was considering health legislation that would cut over \$800 billion from Medicaid. As Senator

Robert Casey (D-PA) said he is ready to fight to protect funding for affordable housing for older adults and to protect Medicaid. "Many of the recipients of Section 202 housing rely on Medicaid for their health care and their long-term care. We've got to fight like hell to keep 202 and keep Medicaid!" Senator Cassey said. Chants of "Save 202 and Medicaid" erupted repeatedly from the crowd.

Several senators and congressmen spoke at the rally, including David Price (D-NC), a key member of the House Appropriations Committee, who pointed out that "Fighting for 202 is so essential for elderly Americans. There's nothing more essential to human health and well-being than good, decent, and affordable housing! We must preserve 202 communities and their affordability..."

Barbara Ross, a senior resident of a Section 202 facility in Plainfield, New Jersey spoke for many Section 202 residents when she described her housing situation. "I live below the poverty line. Because of this status, it does something to a person. You lose yourself emotionally and spiritually. When you receive services through the 202 program, it lifts you, it brings you back to your dignity, to your self-respect. You no longer depend on your children or your relatives. You're living independently. You pay your own rent. You're once again a thriving person in the community." Other stories of Section 202 residents were shared during the rally, including ones from seniors who would otherwise be homeless and/or forced



to live in a nursing home without the Section 202 program.

Yet, as LeadingAge President and CEO Katie Smith Sloan pointed out, there are hundreds of thousands of seniors on waiting lists for affordable housing units. "We are calling on Congress to reject all spending cuts that impact affordable housing. Congress must also lift the budget caps, which would do serious damage to programs that serve older adults, including section 202 housing."

EHDOC residents joined the crowd in chanting, "Save affordable senior housing! Save 202!" Linda Couch, LeadingAge's vice president for housing policy, asked the rally attendees to continue their advocacy when they got back home. "It is really important to get to your senators and representatives to your communities, and tell them to 'Save HUD 202.'" ■





Pine Grove Apartments
Pineville, Louisiana

Women and pets dressed in red to join the fight against heart disease. They learned how to prevent heart disease through stress management and making healthy food choices.



Earl M. Bourdon Centre
Claremont, New Hampshire

Residents enjoyed participating in a donation drive and contributed dog and cat food, towels, sheets and toys to the Claremont Humane Society.

HOUSING WITH A HEART...



Worley's Place Jacksonville Towers
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Residents joined friends and family to learn about services available to seniors on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Speakers from Adult Protective services explained what seniors can do to help and answered questions.



**John Piazza Apartments and
 Dino Papavera Senior Centre**
Fontana, California

Women were invited to a Mother's Day tea party complete with fruit, cupcakes and cookies. Guests received a rose pen made with assistance from the Mother's Day Craft Committee. What a lovely way to honor all women who help make the world a better place.

...EVERY DAY AT EHDOC RESIDENCES



Murray Place Apartments Bell, California

Bell police cadets presented the colors and a Mariachi band was lively entertainment at the 20th Anniversary celebration. Residents mingled with elected officials and enjoyed dinner and dancing.



Edward Romero Terrace Albuquerque, New Mexico

To increase residents' cultural awareness about ethnic diversity, customs and traditions, ABQ School of Strings gave a concert, complete with short Celtic dance skits. The event promoted a creative energy and initiated new friendships.



South Boston Boston

Staff and residents gathered for a traditional Irish boiled dinner, desserts, and dance to raise money for the Senior Relief Fund. The food was donated by local markets. Residents made traditional desserts and danced to jigs and reels.



Robert Sharp Towers Miami Gardens, Florida

Residents walked the runway sporting the latest fashions, completed a trail timeline and shared photos and thoughts about aging at the annual National Older Americans Month celebration.



Eric completed his apprenticeship in 1984 and became a journeyman ironworker in Local 63 (Chicago). As an accomplished ironworker, he worked for various contractors as a journeyman, foreman and project superintendent throughout the Chicago area. From 1989 until 1995, he served as an apprentice instructor and earned the status of certified welding inspector. He became very involved in his local union, serving

as conductor, trustee, vice president, and business agent. Recognizing his leadership skills, General President Jake West appointed him general organizer for the International Association of Ironworkers in 1999, assigning him to the Department of Ornamental, Architectural and Miscellaneous Metals. In 2005, Eric was elected president of the Chicago and Vicinity District Council of Iron Workers. General President Joseph Hunt appointed Eric general vice president effective in August 2008. General President Walter Wise appointed Eric as general secretary effective in February 2011. The general executive council unanimously elected Eric as general president effective July 1, 2015. ■

EHDOC SENIOR RELIEF FUND

The EHDOC Senior Relief Funds assists seniors in paying their security deposit, and provides needed support in order for them to be able to live in a safe and secure EHDOC property.

Donations can be made by check or credit card. They are tax deductible.

Visit www.ehdoc.org today to make your donation.

THANK YOU.



UNICEF Update: One year after the hurricane in Ecuador

Last August, EHDOC, through its residents and each of its communities, raised and donated \$20,662 to UNICEF to help children in Ecuador after the 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit last April. One year later, UNICEF updated EHDOC on the results:

- 1,935 children and adolescents are still in official camps.
- 13,290 children benefitted from the establishment of temporary space for education and protection.
- 34,000 children were provided educational/recreational materials.
- 25,000 children and adolescents received psychosocial support, as well as family follow-up activities.
- 250,000 children under the age of 5 were strengthened by the provision of medical supplies.

UNICEF Ecuador continues to support the recovery phase through local institutional capacity building and sector coordination. While in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene sector (WASH), provision of safe water and sanitation continues in shelters. UNICEF keeps conducting hygiene promotion campaigns, solid waste activities and vector control activities. At the onset of the emergency, the priority was the quick set-up of temporary education and protection spaces for children. One year after the Ecuador earthquake, UNICEF is applying its methodology



for tracing out-of-school children adopted by the government to assure inclusion of all children in schools in the affected areas.

In 2017, UNICEF Ecuador is giving priority to supporting families with protective environments and strengthening institutional and community capacity on violence prevention and response. ■

SENIORS & TECHNOLOGY

Social Media

Seniors are more digitally connected than ever. According to the Pew Research Center, Internet use among those 65 and older grew 150 percent between 2009 and 2011, the largest growth in a demographic group. Furthermore, their 2012 study showed that of those that go online, 71 percent do so daily and 34 percent use social media. The elderly use these tools to bridge the geographic

gap between them and their loved ones far away and as a way to re-connect with friends from a far off time. Studies show that the Internet has become an important portal for reducing isolation, loneliness and other depressive symptoms. Today, 34% of Americans ages 65 and up say they use social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter, up from 27% in 2013.

Source: Pew Research Center survey conducted Sept. 29 - Nov. 6, 2016.

4 in 10 Seniors

own smartphones, more than double the share that did in 2013.



One-Third

of seniors say they own tablet computers, while about one-in-five own readers.

67%

of adults ages 65 and older say they go online.



Morton & Florence Bahr Towers

Johnson Towers in Washington, D.C. has been renamed to honor Morton and Florence Bahr. The senior living facility is a five-story building with 55 units on Upshur Street.

Bahr is chairman emeritus of EHDOD, where he served as chairman from 2007 until 2015. He is president emeritus of the Communication Workers of America. Bahr served as vice president of Union Network International and is former president of UNI's World Telecom sector, representing 3 million workers to 120 countries. He led the CWA to develop global alliances with counterpart unions in Latin America, Europe, and Asia. He is highly recog-



nized as a leading voice of the labor movement, both in the United States and

internationally. Bahr lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Florence. ■

Longtime residents wills savings to EHDOD



George Humphrey Towers is the new name of the former Stanley Axlrod Towers in Miami.

Mr. Humphrey was a longtime EHDOD resident. A note he wrote, which was discovered by Community Manager Carey Spara after he passed away, requested that when he died, the money that he had saved for years and all his possessions were to be donated to EHDOD and used to provide for others in the same way that EHDOD had provided for him. \$10,468.67 was donated in memory of Humphrey to the EHDOD Senior Relief Fund.

Paulo Tavares de Melo, Principal of Integra, was so moved by Humphrey's story that he suggested to Steve Protulis that Stanley Axlrod Towers be renamed in Humphrey's honor. The motion was approved by EHDOD's board of directors.

The name was unveiled at a ceremony in May attended by Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez, Miami City Commissioners Kenneth Russell and Frank Carollo,

Paulo Tavares de Melo, Steve Protulis, EHDOD President and CEO and EHDOD seniors. Bishop Bacachino delivered the invocation. The colors of the flag that flew over the United States Capital were presented at the commencement of the ceremony.

EHDOD is truly moved by Humphrey's donation and we are proud to have such wonderful residents. Mr. George Humphrey will be missed. ■



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renewal in FY2018. Compounding this situation, the proposed budget would also eliminate the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) that assists low-income elderly pay utility costs. The Administration is proposing that some of these rental assistance cuts could be made up by increasing the rent that low and very low-income residents pay by increasing rents based on the present 30% of adjusted income to 35%; plus establish or increase minimum rent, including Section 202! This concept would represent a severe hardship for many low-income older persons since the average household income in most Section 202 senior housing program is only \$13,300, mostly from Social Security. About 1.5 million elderly households have “worst case” housing needs (paying more than 50% of income or living in inadequate housing.)

The proposed budget increases funding for service coordinators, who help aging residents to identify and link with community-based health and supportive services by \$15 million. This “increase” however, only restores the funding level back to where it was years ago when I was honored to serve as the Chairman of the American Association of Service Coordinators (AASC). Service coordinators not only enhance the quality of life for frail and vulnerable older residents, they also save significant public funds by enabling frail and vulnerable older residents to “age in place” and provide options to avoid or delay the need to move to costlier institutional care.

The proposed budget maintains funding for Older American Act programs, but those funds would be offset by proposed cuts or elimination of many other federal programs that provide home and community-based supportive services, including food stamps (now called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP), Social Service Block Grants, Community Services Block

Grants, and Legal Services. It would also eliminate programs that provide jobs, training, and encourage senior volunteers (Senior Corps), including Senior Companion, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Community Service Employment. Overall, the Trump Administration’s proposed FY2018 budget would cut more than \$1 trillion over 10 years for a safety net, anti-poverty, and community-based services.

Our country must be prepared to meet the housing needs of our aging population. Investing in affordable senior housing linked with health and supportive services is not only compassionate, but it reduces costs for health and long-term care. Medicaid is the primary funding source for most nursing homes, yet, the proposed budget would cut more than \$800 billion from Medicaid, on top of the billions in the House-passed health reform bill (to replace Obamacare). By shifting to a strategy of investing in affordable senior housing linked with health and supportive services, millions of Medicaid and Medicare dollars could be saved, while improving the quality of life for frail and vulnerable older Americans, their families and caregivers.

While President Trump and his Administration propose the FY2018 federal budget, ultimately, Congress has the “power of purse” and determines the specific funding levels for federal programs and our federal funding priorities. Therefore, it is essential that our voices be heard by our Congressional leaders and policy makers on the crucial need and multiple benefits of affordable senior housing linked with services, particularly the need to expand the supply of Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly.

Find your legislator’s contact information at app.leg.wa.gov/rosters. Call, visit or write a letter. You can also call the toll-free Hotline at 1.800.562.6000 to leave a message on this critical issue. ■

EHDOC Communities Nationwide

Working to meet the need for senior housing across the country

Arkansas

Jacksonville Towers

Jacksonville
100 units | 9 story

Worley's Place

Jacksonville
44 units | 3 story

California

Dino Papavero Senior Centre

Fontana
150 units | 11 story

Murray Place

Bell
71 units | 5 story

Steel Plaza

Los Angeles
65 units | 11 story

John Piazza Apartments

Fontana
59 units | 4 story

Minerva Manor

Fontana
63 units | 3 story

Connecticut

Anthony J. DeLorenzo Towers

Bristol
90 units | 5 story

Stonington Arms

Pawcatuck
75 units | 2 story quadruplex

Florida

Council Towers North

Miami Beach
125 units | 12 story

Council Towers South

Miami Beach
125 units | 12 story

EHDOC MC Pepper Towers

Miami
150 units | 12 story

Palermo Lakes Apartments

Miami
109 units | 15 story

Robert Sharp Towers I

Miami Gardens
109 units | 7 story

Robert Sharp Towers II

Miami Gardens
109 units | 7 story

George Humphrey Towers

Miami
272 Units | 17 story

Illinois

North Park Village Apartments

Chicago
180 units | 2 & 3 story

Prete Apartments

Chicago
75 units | 4 story

Senate Apartments

Chicago
240 units | 4 story

Edward M. Marx Apartments

Chicago
31 units | 3 story

J. Michael Fitzgerald

Apartments
Chicago
63 units

Louisiana

Chateau des Amis

Ville Platte
49 units | 2 story

Leisure Lane Apartments

Rayne
19 units | garden style

Morse Manor

Morse
19 units | garden style

Oakwood Apartments

Cheneyville
16 units | garden style

Pine Grove Apartments

Pineville
77 units | 2 story

Point Villa Apartments

Church Point
19 units | garden style

Riverbend Apartments

Mermentau
22 units | garden style

Savoy Heights Apartments

Mamou
54 units | 2 story

Sunshine Center Apartments

Leesville
37 units | garden style

Village de Memoire

Ville Platte
115 units | 2 story

Maine

Chateau Cushnoc

Augusta
60 units | 3 story

La Maison Acadienne

Madawaska
62 units | 3 story

Spring Rock Park Leeds

Leeds
20 units | 2 story

John Marvin Tower

Augusta
32 units | 3 story

Maryland/ Washington, DC

Council House

Marlow Heights
161 units | 9 story

Morton & Florence Bahr Towers

Washington
54 units | 5 story

Massachusetts

Robert A. Georgine Tower

Charlestown
42 units | 6 story

South Boston

Boston
50 units | 3 story

New Hampshire

Earl M. Bourdon Centre

Claremont
80 units | 3 story

New Mexico

Edward Romero Terrace

Albuquerque
40 units | 4 story

New York

Clyde F. Simon Lakeview I

Bath
150 units | 5 story

Clyde F. Simon Lakeview II

Bath
39 units | 3 story

Jack Kenney Memorial

Rochester
91 units | 6 Bldg - 2 story

Ohio

Mayfield Manor I

Canton
144 units | 6 story

Mayfield Manor II

Canton
66 units | 8 story

Mayfield Manor III

Canton
40 units | 4 story

Teamsters Residence

Maumee
52 units | 1 story quadruplex

William W. Winpisinger

Cleveland
42 units | 7 story

Pennsylvania

Hugh Carcella Apartments

Reading
120 units | 11 story

I.W. Abel Place

Pittsburgh
49 units | 6 story

Lloyd McBride Court

Millvale
58 units | 5 story

Lynn Williams Apartments

Pittsburgh
42 units | 5 story

Steelworkers Tower

Pittsburgh
79 units | 11 story

Puerto Rico

Torre Jesus Sanchez Erazo

Bayamon
100 units | 11 story



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