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As we round out the second quarter of 2023, we wanted to share the latest news and updates about Victory Housing.

### **Celebrating New Development**

#### **Victory Station, Rockville, Maryland**



Victory Housing is excited to be starting predevelopment on Victory Station, which will be located in Rockville, Maryland on a site awarded by Montgomery County. This planned development will be a 10-story affordable senior apartment community comprised of approximately 129,000 square feet with 104 one and two-bedroom apartments. The residents of this community will be 62 and older and have household incomes between 30% - 100% of area median income (AMI). Community features will boast a community room, a fitness center, a multipurpose room, a rooftop lounge for social programs and relaxing, and furnished patio areas with great views of the surrounding cityscape. Victory Housing corporate headquarters will be relocated to the new community.

### **Hampshire Village, Silver Spring, Maryland**



From 2003 to recent, Victory Housing was a minority General Partner in Hampshire Village, an affordable senior apartment community with 110 two-bedroom apartments. In April 2023, Victory Housing exercised its option to purchase this community ensuring affordable rental rates continue for years to come. Residents at Hampshire Village are 62 and older with incomes at or below 50% of area median income (AMI). Twenty percent of apartments are set aside for very low-income seniors at 30% of AMI. Acquisition financing was provided by a team of lenders led by Montgomery County and including NHT Community Development Loan Fund and the Housing Partnership Fund. A special thank you to the County's DHCA for helping us to support and accelerate our mission to develop, acquire and operate affordable housing and services for low- to moderate-income seniors.

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### **Welcoming New Additions to the Victory Housing Team**

**Maurice Perry**  
**Victory Housing, Inc. Board of Directors Member**



Mr. Perry serves as Vice President, Development at Community Development Trust and has an extensive background in development and housing. He holds a BA in Business Communications from Loyola University of Chicago and an MBA in Real Estate Finance and Marketing from UCLA The Anderson School of Management. In addition to being a member of our board of directors, he serves on the boards of CulturalDC and Mi Casa, Inc., two nonprofit organizations located in Washington, DC.

**James ("Jay") S. Pope  
Board of Directors Chairman**

James S. Pope joined the Victory Housing board of directors in 2013 and became Chairperson of the board in 2023. He is a retired senior financial executive with comprehensive experience in all debt-related activities, including multimillion-dollar lines of credit, construction loans, and letters of credit for public and private senior housing, assisted living, and nursing homes.

Mr. Pope was a senior consultant to Fountain Square Properties. Prior to his work with Fountain Square Properties, Mr. Pope was the Executive Vice President of Sunrise Senior Living's Capital Group. Prior to Sunrise Living, Mr. Pope worked for Meridian Healthcare as Vice President. Before Meridian, Mr. Pope worked in finance roles at Concord Mortgage Company, New England Merchants Bank and Manufacturers Hanover Bank

Previous board service includes the DC Kiwanis Club Foundation, Washington DC Board of Trade, Sunrise Senior Living Foundation and the Downtown Jaycees, DC. Mr. Pope received an MBA in Finance from Suffolk University and a BS in Finance from Boston University.

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**Victory Housing Life-Enrichment Activities**

***Assisted Living Celebrating the Holidays***



**Raphael House** was big in heart this Valentine's Day. Despite their small size, they celebrated big with a delicious buffet and each resident enjoyed a beautiful blanket gifted to them from a neighbor.



**Raphael House** residents really felt the Mardi Gras Spirit, too. Laissez les bons temps rouler!



Superbowl was a definite touchdown this year at **Grace House**.

### *Parties, Social Opportunities and Outings*



We "must-ask" **Grace House** how fun their Roaring 20's party was! On second thought, judging by the pictures, it was a roaring good time.



Our new Victory Drinks, Snacks and Laugh Station at **Raphael House** is being thoroughly enjoyed by residents.



From pet therapy at **Raphael House** to our Four-Legged Resident Olivia at Malta House, furry friends always bring the fun – and smiles.

**Marian Assisted Living** residents enjoyed a trip to the Museum of the Bible.

### **Independent Living Happenings**

Residents are always on the move. From bus trips to shopping centers to special events, workshops and seminars, there's always something to enjoy. Take a look at some of the festive and fun ways residents spend their time.



**A High Noon Mother's Day Tea at Victory Heights**



**Sip and Paint - Mother's Day Celebration at The Appleton**



#### **Holiday Decorating**

From snowy winter décor to the beautiful greens of St. Patrick's Day, residents love decorating our mantel and tree.



#### **Tile Painting**

There's nothing better than getting a little creative – and that's exactly what our residents did during our tile painting session.

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### **Honoring Our Team Members for Their Years of Service and Devotion to Our Residents**

Each year, Victory Housing is proud to honor employees who have achieved certain service milestones at our Service Awards Celebration. This VIP, red-carpet event celebrates and recognizes our long-standing team members with awards that include certificates, trophies and bonuses. Accolades, memories, and messages of appreciation are shared with each employee.

Please join us in honoring this year's outstanding team members.

### **Team Member Service Awards**

#### **Bartholomew House**

##### **10 years of service**

Helena Mensah

##### **3 years of service**

Beatrice Yon

Abigail Conteh

#### **Byron House**

##### **10 years of service**

Maurice Chandler

Habibata Bamba

##### **5 years of service**

Liliane Ngom

Sonia Jandres

Emilia Tabe

##### **3 years of service**

Allie Turaykeh

Dorothy Ackah

#### **Marian Assisted Living**

##### **5 years of service**

Molshe Yehuwalashet

##### **3 years of service**

Violene Belzor

Tracey Beam

#### **Malta House**

##### **15 years of service**

Adeline Ellis

##### **10 years of service**

Eunice Amankwaah

##### **5 years of service**

Vernette Vernon

Folahanmi Suberu

##### **3 years of service**

Francis Mattia

M'ballu Kallon

Jacqueline Davis

#### **Raphael House**

##### **25 years of service**

Jose Romero

##### **10 years of service**

Veronica Burroughs

Moe Than

##### **5 years of service**

Chinyere Gbulie

Ahmed Seray Wurie

##### **3 years of service**

Josephine Thompson

#### **Grace House**

##### **15 years of service**

Michelle M. Morgan

Norma Whisnant

##### **10 years of service**

Lorena Hodgson

##### **5 years of service**

Semaynesh Abraha

##### **3 years of service**

Vyvie Mekametho Woueguen

### **Victory Housing Awarded the 2023-24 Best Senior Living Community**

Victory Housing is proud to announce that 100% of our assisted living communities have been awarded the 2023-24 Best Senior Living Community designation by U.S. News & World Report. Our assisted living

communities which received this distinguished award for Best Assisted Living include:

- Bartholomew House
- Byron House
- Grace House
- Malta House
- Marian Assisted Living
- Raphael House

The publication rated senior living communities based on a comprehensive survey of 250,000 residents and their family members at nearly 4,000 senior living communities nationwide. Families ranked their experiences in critical areas that matter to them most, including kindness and responsiveness of associates, quality of food and dining, variety of activities, on-site caregiving, overall facility management, housekeeping, location and much more.

## **Thank You for Your Donations to Victory Housing**

**Edward Liu | Ja-Ling Lin**  
**Katherine Reilly, in honor of Eppie Fields**  
**Sherri Marks, in memory of Walter Schilling**  
**Debra Spagnola, in memory of Walter Schilling**

Your donations in 2023 have helped us to further the development of new communities and programs which benefit low- to moderate-income seniors throughout Maryland and Washington, DC. Thank you for your generosity.

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