



# St. Paul's Advisory Committee Meeting

Electronic Update  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# People First Update

- *August 2023 Report*
- *Upcoming Engagement Activities*
- *Resident Highlights*

# People First July Report



## As of July:

- 583 households and 1546 individuals are receiving family support services
- 593 household assessments completed
- 306 linkages occurred based on the needs and assessments of families

# Upcoming Engagement Activities

- **Family Zoo Day**

- Date: July 29, 2023 from 10am-2pm
- Highlights: Registration for summer programs and Pre-K was available for the Tidewater Gardens youth and their families. The families enjoyed the Zoo exhibits and lunch choices

- **School Uniform Giveaway**

- Date: Started on August 7
- Location: USI Office from 9am – 4:30pm
- Details: The uniforms are provided exclusively for Tidewater Gardens families with school-age youth



# Upcoming Engagement Activities

- **Summer Activities:**

- People First is continuously working with our Tidewater Gardens families to identify their interest in summer activities for their youth
- The families have been linked to Norfolk Parks and Recreation: Navigators Camps, Teens with a Purpose, Southside Boys and Girls Club, and the Southeastern Boys and Girls Club, which is free for the children that reside in Young Terrace and Grandy Village neighborhood
- Goal is to connect Tidewater Gardens youth to summer programs that foster positivity and peer friendships



# Resident Highlights



## Trustworthy Relationships

**WHO:** People First USI worked with Ms. Stone, a former resident of Tidewater Gardens who was relocated to a replacement unit (Riverside) after having no success with her Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) search.

**WHAT:** People First USI's Family Support Specialist (FSS) Kimi Smith supported Ms. Stone when she relocated to her replacement unit using a Project-based Voucher (PBV). USI showed her a non-public housing option, but she wasn't adjusting well. Her transition was difficult because she was receiving charges for trash outside the patio door, which she stated wasn't hers, as she diligently followed the rules of her new residence.

**THE WIN:** Lead Mobility Specialist (LMS) advocated for the resident to the Property Manager (PM) to remove the \$50 charge from Ms. Stone's account. THE CHARGE WAS DROPPED because LMS built a trustworthy relationship with the PM. Residents, former or current, know they can depend on People First USI to go above and beyond to advocate for them.

# Resident Highlights



## Setbacks to Triumph

**WHO:** Marcus Clarke, People First USI Family Support Specialist (FSS), first met Ms. Lynch in July 2022 as part of his caseload. She was facing some health challenges affecting her work/life balance.

**WHAT:** Ms. Lynch's health challenges kept her in and out of the doctor's office and hospital. She had two young children so she was concerned with transportation to and from school, including her schedule to accommodate appointments and classes. She is enrolled to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology after working with Ms. Clarke to brainstorm educational and professional careers/goals she could see herself doing.

**THE WIN:** Even though Ms. Lynch isn't fully 100% health-wise, she hasn't had any significant setbacks recently. She is back on track with her degree in Information Technology, which has prompted her to start looking at internships to grow her professional background. Since Ms. Lynch has better managed her work/life balance, her youngest son has not had behavioral issues at school. She's excited about a plan to handle his triggers for a productive school year. Working with Ms. Lynch revealed that People First USI is all about being supportive and offering hands-on guidance until you get the desired results you are seeking.



# NRHA Updates

- *Origin and Reunion Applications*



# Origin and Reunion Applications



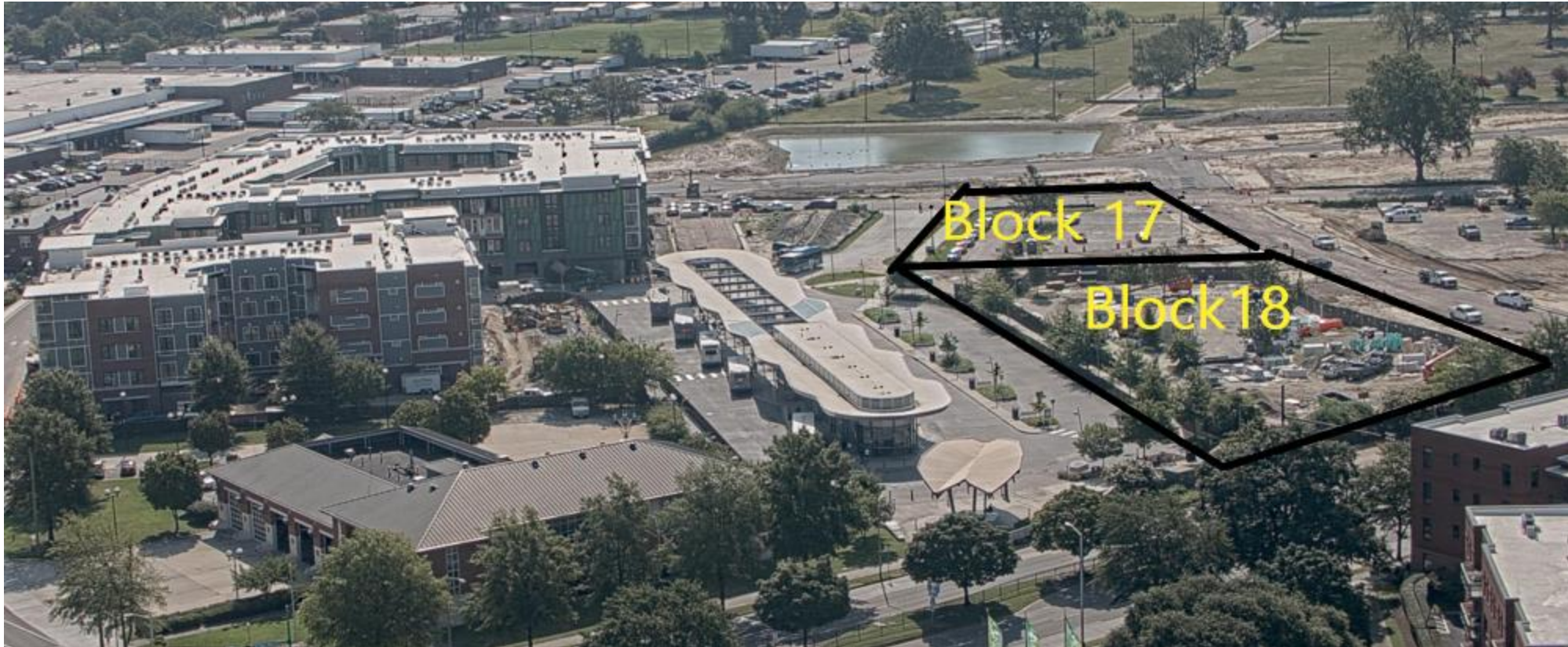
- NRHA accepted applications exclusively for residents that lived in Tidewater Gardens any time between February 28, 2019, until the community closed for Origin Circle at Kindred and Reunion Senior Living at the Kindred June 5, 2023, through July 19, 2023.
  - Origin Circle at Kindred: 94 applicants
  - Reunion Senior Living: 33 applicants
- Former Tidewater Gardens residents have a priority preference for leasing the CNI-identified units.

# Development Updates

- *Development Highlights*

# Block 17 and 18 Status

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- Officially named “Unity Place”
- Closing set for month-end
- Building permits secured
- Construction starts in September 2023

# Unity Place Groundbreaking

- Groundbreaking:
  - September 13 from 1pm – 3pm
- Invitations are forthcoming to SPAC members



## Groundbreaking Ceremony

CONSTRUCTION SITE 600 E. FREEMASON STREET/466 ST. PAUL'S BLVD  
NORFOLK, VA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.



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# SPAC Meetings



SPAC meetings will resume in September

- **Date:** September 19, 2023
- **Time:** 6pm-7:30pm
- **Location:** Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore