



THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL FUND LETTER OF
CHASE HOME, INC.

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Dear Friends,

The Chase Home mission is to carry out the legacy of Hester Chase Ridout's Will of 1886 by supporting women who do not have the means to overcome hardships, achieve stability and have safe housing; and utilize the Chase Lloyd House to support this mission. Our founder's idea was simple: to house women suffering from the "vicissitudes of life." The Chase Home Board of Trustees continues the tradition of providing housing by supporting women facing home evictions. More recently, the Chase Home joined affordable housing coalitions to advocate for affordable housing and hosted the inaugural Anne Arundel County Affordable Housing Symposium where stakeholders in housing and community development gathered together to better understand affordable housing issues.

Chase Home Partners with Anne Arundel County to Support Housing Program

In 2021, the Chase Home partnered with Civil Justice, Community Legal Services and Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. in support of the County Executive's Renter Eviction Avoidance Program (REAP) with \$25,000 to prevent eviction of single women, many with families, who reside here in Annapolis. Based on the success of the program, in both 2022 and 2023, the Chase Home Board of Trustees pledged an additional \$30,000 in support of both REAP and the Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) to prevent eviction of women in Anne Arundel County. The Board of Trustees is committed to funding this program into the next year.

Chase Home Provides Housing Assistance to Women and Children

The Chase Home provided financial assistance to 93 women ages 20 to 65 enabling them and their children (143 total) to stay in affordable housing tenants in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Sixty-five percent of these women are single and are heads of households. Ninety percent of them are Black or African Americans. Most of the women's financial hardships arose from job loss, mental health issues or chronic illness, domestic abuse, or loss of spouse, contributing to their housing insecurity. Chase Home's emergency funding has made a positive impact on these women's lives, allowing them to keep their homes.

Chase Home Provides Emergency Rental Assistance

In order to respond quickly to women's housing needs when other funding may not be immediately available, for two consecutive years the Chase Home supported the Renter Eviction Emergency Discretionary Fund, a program developed by Chase Home and made possible with funding awarded by St. Anne's Grants Committee with matching funds by the Chase Home Board of Trustees. The emergency discretionary fund was created for women who are facing imminent eviction from rental properties in Anne Arundel County and who have not received legal representation through the EPP programs. We are committed to increasing this funding and are currently seeking out grant opportunities.

A Personal Story: Regina

My health was poor, my personal life was suffering, and I got behind on my rent. No one talks about how hard it is to get back on track again. My daughter got into a domestic violence situation with her husband and I have a granddaughter. I did what I thought was best by helping her and got a little bit behind. I was homeless for a long time before this and I never want to be in that situation again. I am very gracious, and I thank this organization for helping me with my rent. This will catch me up for the first time in four years and I finally feel like I can breathe again.

Chase Home hosts first Anne Arundel County Affordable Housing Symposium

Held at the Graduate Hotel in Annapolis, twenty-two guest speakers shared their affordable housing expertise with more than 170 attendees during the one-day event. The affordable housing topic presentations on public policy, legislation, zoning, fair housing and discrimination, and advocacy were informative and thought-provoking. The heart of our successful symposium lay in the expertise of the 22 speakers we hosted, including Maryland State Delegate Shaneka Henson, Anne Arundel County Housing Commissioner Clifton Martin, Maryland Nonprofits Policy and Advocacy Director Henry Bogdan, County Executive Steuart Pittman, and County Council Chair Pete Smith. We met our goal to host a meaningful event where stakeholders in housing and community development gathered together to better understand affordable housing issues. We received accolades from the County Executive who stated: "I started yesterday at Chase Home's Affordable Housing Symposium, where county, state, city, and nonprofit leaders gathered to share progress and set goals on efforts to deliver the housing that our county needs at costs that are affordable at every income level. It was well-attended, well-run, and an important marker as we undertake hard work that our future depends on." We plan on continuing the conversation at the 2nd annual Anne Arundel County Affordable Housing Symposium next year.

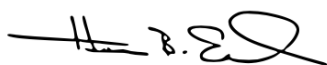
Chase Home Advocates for Affordable Housing

This year, the Chase Home proudly joined the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition, Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition, the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network, Renter's United and Benevolence Coalition to advocate for women facing housing insecurity. We advocated for better housing legislation by providing testimony in support of tenant legal aid funding, rent eviction prevention funding and the Anne Arundel County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. We will continue our advocacy during the 2024 legislative session.


Together, Our Challenge

Our challenge is to raise \$100,000 during the Chase Home 2023 Annual Fund Drive to support even more women who will face housing challenges in 2024. Know that your tax-deductible gift of \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or more will make a difference in these women's lives.

With gratitude and best wishes,



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