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C.E.O.'S Corner

Dear Neighbors,

For a number of years, MFCDC has been working to transform the vacant land along the Central Avenue corridor into a vital community asset. In July, MFCDC and The Community Builders applied for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program. The LIHTC Program subsidizes the development of affordable rental housing for low-income tenants. Although MFCDC and our partners, TCB and Raphael Health Center, were unable to secure funding this year for the long overdue project at 29th and Central Ave, the plan to build 56 units of affordable rental housing with 14 units specifically set aside for those experiencing homelessness remains very much alive. Our team will continue to search for funding sources for this important development, confident that 2022 will bring better results and that residents will be able to move in in 2024. Meanwhile, we will continue our other efforts to add to and support the Mid-

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Register Now to Join MFCDC & First Financial Bank on December 8 for "Acting as a Financial Caregiver" Workshop

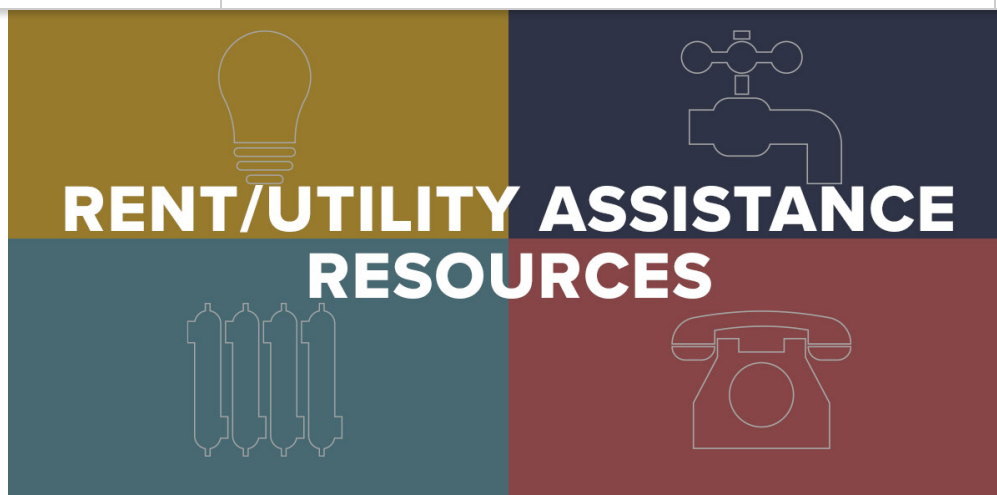


Compared to the general population, senior citizens and older adults are at greater risk of financial abuse from scammers, caretakers, and even family members. This workshop provides guidance about acting as a financial caregiver to reduce risks associated with misappropriation of financial resources and provide resources for assistance. Mimi Hoang, Community Outreach Officer and AVP, at First Financial Bank will lead the workshop.

The workshop will take place at Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation's office at 3190 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208 on Wednesday, December 8 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Due to the ongoing pandemic, please wear a face mask when inside MFCDC's office building.

To register, please fill out the form [here](#). The first ten (10) people who register *and* attend the workshop will receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.

Community Resources

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The [Utility Moratorium](#) went into effect on December 1, 2021 and will remain in place through March 15, 2022. The moratorium means that utility companies cannot disconnect low-income households based on lack of payment during the winter months. To receive full protection under the moratorium, households should apply for [the Low-Income Household Energy Assistance and Water Assistance Programs](#). You can access the online application for utility assistance [here](#). For assistance and/or questions about LIHEAP/LIHWAP, please contact your local service provider, or call 2-1-1.

Other resources available to low-income households include:

- [The Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program](#)

Households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) that have experienced a reduction in earned income and are at risk of housing instability are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to households below 50% AMI or who have been unemployed for 90 days or longer at the time of application. Households are eligible to receive up to 12 months of assistance; assistance received in 2020 does not count towards the 12 month maximum.

- [Marion County Energy Assistance Program](#)

The Marion County Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (EAP) provides financial assistance to low-income households to maintain utility services during the winter heating season. This 2021-2022 program will include assistance with electric, heating, and water.

- [Winter Assistance Fund](#)

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the qualifications for the federal Energy Assistance Program (EAP). For information, or assistance applying, you may dial Connect2Help's 2-1-1 referral line.

- [Warm Heart Warm Home](#)

Warm Heart Warm Home Foundation™ is a local nonprofit that has provided financial assistance to thousands of Hoosiers and their families since its inception in 1994. When combined with other forms of assistance, Warm Heart Warm Home grants can help customers maintain their utility service. To learn more, please contact 317-924-3311.



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