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VHDA LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE RENTAL HOUSING WEBSITE

RICHMOND, VA – The Virginia Housing Development Authority’s new statewide resource for rental housing information, VirginiaHousingSearch.com, is tackling current housing challenges by making it easier for Virginia landlords and prospective tenants to connect. Since the free online service’s recent launch, more than 890 landlords have provided information on approximately 51,000 rental units across Virginia. During this time, more than 2,700 of these units were vacant and available for rent, and the online service received more than 83,000 searches for available rental units.

“The introduction of the Virginia Housing Search initiative comes at an important time for households and rental property owners in the Commonwealth,” said VHDA Executive Director Susan Dewey. “There are families being impacted by foreclosures and seeking alternative housing options, while at the same time some regions are seeing increases in rental unit vacancy rates. Virginia Housing Search provides an opportunity to help address both of these challenges through a free service during these uncertain economic times.”

The website was created to increase the access to information about rental housing options for Virginians, including housing that is affordable. Tenants can search results by preference, such as rent and location, or use the median income calculator

VirginiaHousingSearch.com Features

- Comprehensive free resource
- Tenants can use advanced filtering to specify search results
- Landlords can log into their free accounts 24/7
- Both the website and toll-free call center are available in English and Spanish

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www.VirginiaHousingSearch.com***

and affordability tools to help find available properties. Landlords can list properties for free and log into their free accounts 24/7 to update listings or mark them as rented. In addition, the site provides information on rental units with accessible housing features for people with disabilities.

Virginia Housing Search also features a call center which can assist tenants seeking rental units as well as landlords wanting to establish a free account and list units. The call center representatives also maintain contact with the landlords to help provide accurate and current information concerning available vacant rental units.

Both VirginiaHousingSearch.com and its call center offer services that are available in English and Spanish. The toll-free call center service is available from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be contacted toll-free at 1-877-428-8844.

About VHDA

VHDA helps Virginians with low- to moderate-incomes buy their own homes. We also help finance affordable, quality rental housing, and we help people with disabilities and the elderly make their homes more livable. We teach free homeownership classes, and partner with other lenders, developers and community service organizations to help put quality housing within the reach of every Virginian. And, we do it all without using a single taxpayer dollar.

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