



Organizations Name: (formerly) York Housing Authority
Services Organization Provides: 1100 public housing apartments, 29 lease to purchase homes, 1500 HCV authority, 250 LIHTC apartments.

Name: Karen

Services they received: Subsidized rental housing

Karen had been trying to leave a domestic violence situation for several years when she moved in with her daughter. Her daughter was living in public housing and had three children, so Karen felt she needed a place of her own quickly. She applied for housing through the York County Housing

Authority and has been living in her own apartment for nearly six years. She says it gave her a piece of mind and allowed her to feel strong and safe in her own place.

As a result of her new found freedom she turned to volunteer work, sharing her own strength with other victims of Domestic violence. Karen has led volunteer efforts at the senior center and the agency's affiliated non-profit company. She now is the director of the Resident Advisory Board. She has helped to launch a resident garden and a larger agency community garden. She helped to lead a community smoking cessation program for residents. Karen feels it is important to give back what was given to her, and believes without housing she would never have found the strength to do it.

Funding: Federal (Section 8, HCV etc)