

To our Region III partners:

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self-sufficiency. It was great to join Executive Director David Bustamante, Community Support Services Director Crystal Hall and Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Greg Goodman. Jennifer Knight, a recent program graduate, shared how the training has made a difference in her life.

#MidAtlanticMeetup in Philly

Domus Construction Founder and President Ed Hillis joined me virtually to discuss his construction firm’s work in building affordable housing in the Philadelphia area over the past 44 years. HUD funding is supporting many of the housing developments, including Roberto Clemente Homes, Ruth Williams House, Lural Lee Blevins Veterans Center and Gloria Casarez Residence, the first affordable housing property in Pennsylvania for at-risk LGBTQ youth. A \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant with the Philadelphia Housing Authority is helping to make possible the firm’s current project, Norris Apartments Phase V, in Philly’s North Central neighborhood.



Joe DeFelice, HUD Regional Administrator
 Ed Hillis, Founder/President, Domus Construction, Inc.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Pittsburgh

As communities combat the coronavirus outbreak, **HUD has been highlighting stories of communities coming together to help their neighbors in need.** One [inspiring story](#) comes from our partner, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) in Pennsylvania. We learned HACP is working with Pittsburgh Public Schools to provide laptops and internet access to low-income students living in public housing during the covid-19 pandemic. Turns out HACP made a one-time contribution of \$275,000 to the school district to support the purchase of laptops and entered into an agreement to provide internet to students living in the agency’s facilities. HACP estimates the cost of providing internet will be under \$100,000. “This represents so much more than a donation or an inter-agency commitment,” said HACP Chief Community Affairs Officer Michelle Sandidge. “This is the partial realization of a long-term effort to ensure that HACP students aren’t left behind due to the digital divide. It’s an investment in the future of these kids and an investment that we are proud to make.”

As we move forward together, I hope you will continue to follow my travels and our outreach on Twitter [@JoeDeFeliceHUD](#) and [@HUDMidAtlantic](#), on our Facebook page

[@HUDMidAtlantic](#) and now, on our new [HUD MidAtlantic Region \(Region III\) YouTube Playlist!](#)

Please know that your work you are doing in response to COVID-19 is not going unnoticed. **I look forward to the time when we can be together again, and I can thank each one of you personally. We will get through this difficult time together.**

Stay safe, stay sane and be well.



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