

July 28, 2022

Tree Clemonds Providence Housing Development Corp. 1150 Buffalo Road Rochester, NY 14624

Dear Ms. Clemonds,

The Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC) supports the Door of Hope rapid rehousing program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

REOC is one of ten Educational Opportunity Centers located throughout New York State and governed by the University Center for Academic and Workforce Development. REOC is sponsored by the State University of New York's Brockport campus, and delivers comprehensive, community-based academic and workforce development programs and support services to eligible adult learners.

When eligible, REOC will offer the following services to eligible program participants referred by the t Door of Hope between January 2023 and December 2026:

REOC's career training and academic programs supports individuals through life changing events. Anyone who needs to increase their skills for career or college readiness will be supported through REOCs admissions process and programming. Tutoring services, computer skills enhancement, and college and career placement are available for students and community members. All REOCs programs and services are tuition and cost-free for eligible individuals and support the upward mobility of those who are at need in the community. Referrals from the Door of Hope program will be welcomed to support the mission of their program and the mission of the REOC.

REOC has an excellent referral network through our program counselors. Adding the Door of Hope as a referral source for anyone who has identified as requiring housing due to fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking will add to a robust bank of supportive referral services in our community.

Sincerely,

Roosevelt Mareus, PhD

Dean/Executive Director, Rochester Educational Opportunity Center