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**Brighton Housing Authority Cancels the 10th Annual
Dori Benavides Memorial Resource Fair and Section 8 Lottery**

BRIGHTON, CO – September 1, 2020 – To ensure the safety of staff, partners and attendees during COVID-19, Brighton Housing Authority (BHA) canceled the 10th Annual Dori Benavides Memorial Resource Fair and Section 8 Lottery this year. In past years, this was the only day of the year Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program lottery cards were issued by the BHA. The event also provided attendees an opportunity to connect with community resources that are available to them beyond housing programs.

BHA will not be issuing new lottery cards in 2020. However, the lottery cards accepted in 2019 will not expire this year and instead will now expire on December 31, 2021. BHA will continue to use the 2020 waiting list in 2021. Those who hold randomly selected lottery card numbers will be eligible to apply for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and will be notified by mail. This notification will contain instructions and directions for final approval.

Applicants currently on the lottery waitlist are strongly encouraged to make sure they notify BHA in writing of any changes to their contact information.

If you are a tenant/homeowner or a landlord seeking rental, mortgage or utility assistance, you may reach out to BHA or one of our partners:

- Contact BHA offices at 303-655-2160 or visit <https://www.brightonhousing.org> for support with resource navigation;
- Fill out to the City of Brighton's Rent and Mortgage Assistance Grant application at <https://www.brightonco.gov/housinggrant>. Visit <https://www.brightonco.gov/1503/COVID-19-Assistance> for more information.

- Contact one of our partners for more resources:
 - Maiker Housing Partners - <https://www.maikerhp.org> (303-227-2075)
 - Almost Home Inc. - <https://www.almosthomeonline.org> (303-659-6199)
 - Jewish Family Service - <https://www.jewishfamilyservice.org> (720-248-4690)
 - Family Tree - <https://www.thefamilytree.org> (303-467-2604)
 - Volunteers of America Colorado - <https://www.voacolorado.org> (720-229-0428)

In an effort to provide more affordable housing options to the community, BHA is developing a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program as well as rehabilitating an existing affording housing development. Updates about these projects will be posted on the BHA's website at <https://www.brightonhousing.org>.

If you are a person with disabilities and require a reasonable accommodation in regards to any BHA housing program or service, please contact BHA offices at 303-655-2160.

About Brighton Housing Authority

The Brighton Housing Authority is a body corporate and politic created and existing under the Housing Authorities Law of the State of Colorado whose mission is to provide affordable housing to low- and moderate-income people. In addition to public housing, housing authorities also provide other types of subsidized housing. The Brighton Housing Authority serves the entire City of Brighton.

For more information regarding the Brighton Housing Authority, please contact the Brighton Housing Authority by phone at 303-655-2160 or email info@brightonhousing.org. ###