



WEST WARWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY

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HOUSING AUTHORITY PARTNERS WITH URI COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The West Warwick Housing Authority announced their partnership with the University of Rhode Island's Community Health Student Nurses' Program. Student nurses, participating in the program, visit the Housing Authority's two elderly/disabled developments at West Warwick Manor and Clyde Tower to conduct health screening of residents. Many residents have benefited from the program.

Rose Courtemanche from West Warwick Manor said, "I'm happy to see them here for the free service. It saves me from an extra trip to the doctor's office just to have my blood pressure checked."

Tom Stegnicki, Community Health Instructor for URI's Community Health Student Nurses Program, stated, "We are very pleased to partner with the West Warwick Housing Authority by providing health screening, including blood pressure and blood sugar screening. The partnership is a win-win situation. The housing authority residents receive free health screening, while the student nurses receive practical experience by working with a diverse community.

Lisa Cancelliere, the Housing Authority's Resident Services Coordinator, stated, "I appreciate URI partnering with us to provide these valuable healthcare services. We fully intend to continue this type of program, as well as sponsor a Health Fair for residents in the very near future.

The WWHA was founded in 1962 and manages 250 units of public housing and over 160 units of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. WWHA is home to approximately 275 elderly and disabled residents.

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