



WEST WARWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY
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HOUSING AUTHORITY CONDUCTS HEALTH FAIR FOR RESIDENTS

The West Warwick Housing Authority conducted its *2nd Annual Health & Information Fair* for residents living in the authority's two elderly and disabled developments on Monday. The event was held to keep residents informed about healthcare and other issues affecting their lives.

Thirteen organizations were present to meet with residents in the West Warwick Manor community room. They offered advice on a variety of topics, especially health-related topics. Approximately 80 residents attended the event to meet with the participating agencies and to enjoy healthy snacks.

Participating organizations included: Thundermist, Health Center, White Cross Pharmacy, Operation Stand Down R.I., Phenix Home Care, Project Hand-Up, United Healthcare, Inner You Counseling Center, Pace R.I., West Warwick Senior Center, Health Equity Zone, Ocean State Center for Independent Living and St. Elizabeth Community.

Lisa Cancelliere, the Housing Authority's Resident Service Manager, who organized the event, stated "Many of our residents have health and health-related issues and are always seeking information about the various options available to them. Events like this assist in answering their questions. Some residents were not aware of these organizations and the services they provide."

Manny Murray, Executive Director of the West Warwick Senior Center, stated "The West Warwick Senior Center was honored to be included with many other agencies that attended the fair. It was exciting for us to witness the seniors' participation and involvement. Each agency that attended provided both informative and extremely valuable information. All of the agencies have one goal, to improve the quality of our senior populations lives."

Debra Demar of White Cross Pharmacy stated, "the West Warwick Housing Authority did a great job of organizing a health fair with valuable services for their residents. We are pleased to have been a part of it!"

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

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