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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

As we bring 2021 to a close, we're hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and will also have a safe, secure and joyous holiday season (Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, New Year's, etc.)

It's been a challenging and rewarding year for MVUT. The Covid-19 pandemic continues to ravage our community, impacting all of us in so many hurtful ways. It's at times like these that we really need COMMUNITY! MVUT works day-in, day-out, to provide that – keeping people in their homes, improving services for tenants and fighting landlord harassment throughout Mount Vernon and all over Westchester County!

A major part of our work all year long has been fighting the pandemic through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). MVUT has successfully submitted hundreds of applications directly for tenants who had either lost income or had additional expenses as a result of Covid-19. In numerous other cases we assisted others in uploading documents or referring tenants to make their own applications directly. We helped countless tenants in filing "Hardship" applications to the court to prevent their court cases from proceeding until after the moratorium ends on January 15, 2022. All of these efforts have allowed tenants to maintain some level of normalcy during these terrible times. We're enclosing a copy of a November 21, 2021 Sunday Journal News article "Despite Backlog, N.Y. Ends \$2.4 Billion Relief Program" which highlights some of the great work MVUT is doing. The heading is somewhat misleading. We're still processing ERAP applications as additional New York State funding has been made available and we're hopeful significant new federal dollars will be as well. Please contact the office if you, or someone you know may need ERAP assistance.

Have you made your tax-free contribution to MVUT? If not, please do so now. Remember, contributions to MVUT are tax-deductible. We're enclosing a self-addressed return envelope for your convenience.

Thanks and have a great holiday season!!!

We'll see you in the New Year !!!