



## **Mobile Home Rental Assistance Program (RAP)**

### **What is the Rental Assistance Program (“MHET RAP”)?**

The Rental Assistance Program provides monthly rent subsidies to qualified mobile home park residents. It has been serving low-income mobile home owners for over thirty years. The program was designed to provide temporary assistance for qualified mobile home owners who are on the waiting list for the Section 8 government rent subsidy program. This program has been a tremendous success as a completely privately funded and supported program.

### **Who administers the program?**

The program is administered by the Manufactured Housing Educational Trust (MHET), a non-profit trade association. Applications are reviewed and approved based on established criteria with annual reviews to verify continued eligibility and need.

### **How does the program work?**

Once an applicant is approved, a “rent credit” in the amount of the rent subsidy is given each month on the recipient’s monthly rent statement. Subsidies are 10% of the rent, however in some cases where the need exists, mobile home park owners approve higher subsidies.

### **How long does it take to be approved for the program?**

Applications are generally processed within 4-6 weeks with the subsidy beginning within one to two months after receipt of the application.

### **Who pays the monthly rent subsidy?**

The owner of the mobile home park community where the applicant lives pays the subsidy.

### **Does the rent subsidy have to be refunded or paid back?**

No. The subsidy is a gift that does not have to be paid back.

### **Why was this program established?**

MHET established this program because the waiting list for government rent subsidy programs (Section 8) was typically several years long. Since many mobile home park owners were already helping their residents on an informal basis while they waited for Section 8, MHET decided to formalize a park owner funded program and make rental assistance available to qualified mobile home owners.

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

Call MHET RAP at (949) 380-3311.