

HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program: Landlord Testimonial (Megnath)

Speaker 1: Housing Choice Voucher Program, Landlord Testimony. Megnath, a landlord in Vermont.

Megnath: Hi. This is Megnath Neupane from Colchester Vermont. I'm one of the landlords for HUD, and I love being so.

Speaker 1: How timely are HCV housing assistance payments?

Megnath: From housing, definitely and perfectly on time. For making it more simpler and easier, we did have a direct deposit system. It was all perfectly on time.

Speaker 1: What do you like about the HCV program?

Megnath: HUD program is a kind of a saver for everybody, especially the new Americans who come from different situations, like a refugee life, people who came with all that fear of war or different culture, everything. I come to know that HUD has got no any kind of censor regarding race, religion, no matter what gender. It is very fair to everybody for the humankind.

Speaker 1: How do you feel knowing you were helping low-income families?

Megnath: To be honest, I came to this country with \$3 in my pocket when I landed, when me and my family landed in JFK Airport. \$3 in my pocket. Whenever we came to this place, both of us, me and my wife, we started working so hard. We used to work double job and finally we ended up buying a house. I was put in the newspapers around, saying that, "Okay, new tenant, new refugees, being a landlord," or something like that, which motivates me. Then in the meantime, I work as a community connector, as an interpreter also.

I know the difficulty of the situation of the people around. What's going on? How do they feel when they have a financial stress? Whenever I became myself a landlord from a renter, I said that, "Okay, it's not only I'm owning money. I feel that I am one of the responsible community member, a good taxpayer and a social service." I know there are peoples who has got maybe 100, 200 units. That is called a real business. I have got, altogether, three rental units, but still I feel like I have been helping these folks, my tenants and the community member, no matter what.

Speaker 1: Would you work with the HCV program again?

Megnath: I would love to continue. As long as I decide to be a landlord, I don't hesitate working with any housing agencies and the housing clients. I don't have any other thoughts regarding housing and the housing clients.

Speaker 1: Thank you for watching. For more information, contact your local PHA or visit www.hud.gov and search for landlords.