

## **ATTENTION UNION TOWNSHIP LANDLORDS**

The Housing Assistance Payments Program of the Township of Union is looking for landlords for low income families. Participation in the program offers landlords a monthly guarantee of the Housing Agency's portion of the rent and a low vacancy rate as more and more families seek safe, decent and affordable housing.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) is the largest federal low-income housing assistance program. Families are awarded vouchers to pay the cost of renting housing on the open market. Because vouchers are provided to qualified tenants to live where they choose, they are often referred to as "tenant based" assistance. The voucher program is funded at federal level by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Families can pay up to 40% of their adjusted monthly income toward the rent at the initial lease-up. The "Housing Assistance Payment" is the difference between the tenant's portion and the actual rent. The family negotiates directly with the landlord to secure accommodations that best suit their need. The apartment must meet HUD Housing Quality Standards and pass inspection before a contract is executed between the Housing Agency and the Landlord.

If you are interested please pick up a ***Housing Survey Form*** at the Municipal Building (Available on the table outside the Municipal Clerk's Office). Complete the form and drop it off at the Clerk's Office. The Program Administrator will contact you and provide a landlord packet for your review.