

## **Statement of Values**

### **Housing Authority of the Borough of Hightstown**

Housing is a basic right and a foundation for success in life. All of us benefit when our residents have a safe place to call home. While housing is a foundation, it is not enough to simply have a roof over one's head. We support to the best of our abilities the lives of our residents with excellent programs for their individual growth and welfare. People should be able to choose the housing that best meets their individual needs, and that those needs evolve and change. We work hard to appreciate and support our residents throughout the evolution of their lives circumstances and work to provide choice in our community.

**The following illustrates the values we hold:**

- **Service**  
Work in service to others is honorable. We will do it honorably, effectively, efficiently, with pride, compassion and respect. We create a residential community that is safe and peaceful. Our residents are part of their neighborhood and society as a whole. We are proud of the community we help create and the housing we build and manage.
- **Integrity**  
We strive to uphold the highest standards of integrity and ethical behavior.
- **Stewardship**  
We will be careful stewards of the public and private financial and environmental resources. We will earn the public's support and confidence for the resources they entrust in our housing authority. We understand that resources are finite and that our programs and services must be energy efficient, sustainable and economically viable.
- **Communication**  
We value communication. We strive to be open and forthcoming with our residents, employees and colleagues, our partners, and our communities. We will listen to others.
- **Diversity of Staff**  
We value the diversity of our staff. It makes us stronger and more effective.
- **Collegial Support and Respect**  
We respect and celebrate the whole person, whether resident or employee. Our work culture responds to individual needs and the benefit of the whole. We are fair. We listen to and respect everyone associated with our efforts.
- **Excellence**  
we strive for excellence. We will always seek to improve.