



### RIHA Welcomes Crystal Richland; Special Projects Coordinator



Crystal comes to RIHA as a former small business owner. In her capacity as a business analyst, she worked with small businesses and non-profits to resolve employee disputes; complete and submit budget information for grant compliance; and conducted a host of accounting and related financial activities. Crystal and her family are originally from Detroit Michigan. They moved to the

area in 2009 when her husband was recruited as an electrical engineer for Alcoa. Crystal and her husband have three children, two girls ages 18 and 17 and a 14 year old son. When asked what she likes best about RIHA, she responded, "the positive energy! RIHA is totally committed to providing quality housing for their residents and it shows!" Her favorite experience so far was the site tour she took as part of her orientation. "When we went through the properties, residents were genuinely happy to see us and enjoyed talking with us. That impressed me."

### RIHA Board of Commissioners and CHS Board of Directors Bids a Fond Farewell to Kenneth Simmons



Mr. Kenneth Simmons is a life-long member of Rock Island growing up on the west end of the City. Kenneth has been a resident of Spencer Towers, one of two RIHA high rise apartment buildings, for twenty-four years. He has served as the RIHA Resident Commissioner for the past eleven years and has been the CHS Resident Board Representative since 2006. He retired from both positions in 2016. The RIHA Commissioners, CHS Board, Agency executive team and staff recognized

Mr. Simmons for his contributions to the Agency at the annual recognition luncheon in mid-December. As he bid his farewell, he commented, "I loved being a part of the development of Cascade Garden and Lynden Lane and seeing the Agency become a nationally recognized organization for all of its accomplishments."

remaining three reside in Rock Island. Mr. Simmons began his professional career as a paperboy. His career later expanded to the retail market where he worked at McCabes Department Store in downtown Rock Island. While there, he oversaw all merchandizing and the layout and design for store ads. He eventually moved on to Montgomery Ward where he worked his way up to District Layout Supervisor for the State of Michigan. Mr. Simmons retired from the Florida Montgomery Ward store in 1986 after serving twenty-two years as a middle manager.

When asked what he liked best about his time with RIHA and CHS boards, he proudly stated, "It has been a very enjoyable experience learning how the Agency works as a landlord, developer and service provider that offers quality homes in a safe and secure environment – we made a huge impact on this community, and I'm proud of that."

On behalf of everyone at RIHA and CHS, we wish Mr. Simmons all of the very best.

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