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From the Office of Executive Director Lisa Willingham



It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Executive Director of the Anniston Housing Authority. I am inspired by the dedication of our staff, the resilience of our residents and the unwavering commitment of our community partners. Every day, I am reminded that meaningful change happens when people are united with a shared purpose and vision.

Throughout my 26-year career here, I have been able to apply my skills for managing operations to navigate complex challenges, drive operational efficiency and support the delivery of safe, stable and sustainable housing for the communities we serve. I am committed to ensuring that our property management, resident services, and housing choice voucher program are executed with excellence, equity and impact.

To our residents, staff and partners: thank you for your trust, energy and commitment. Together, we are shaping a place where opportunity, pride and hope will thrive. I look forward to building on the incredible momentum of this agency and sharing the successes that are yet to come.

Warm regards,

Lisa Willingham

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Executive Director

Staff Spotlight



Doug Brooks has been a cornerstone of the Anniston Housing Authority for more than three decades, exemplifying dedication, growth, and leadership throughout his career. Beginning his journey in 1993 as a maintenance mechanic, Mr. Brooks steadily advanced through the ranks, earning the role of maintenance supervisor before ultimately serving as Technical Advisor. His commitment to excellence and unwavering work ethic have left a lasting impact on AHA's operations and the community it serves. As he announces his well-deserved retirement, AHA extends its deepest gratitude for his years of service and congratulates him on this new chapter. His knowledge, mentorship, and presence will be truly missed, and he leaves behind a legacy of hard work and integrity that will not be forgotten.

Donald Lewellyn, Anniston Housing Authority's new **Director of Maintenance and Modernization** brings more than 30 years of experience in building maintenance and construction, with broad expertise spanning electrical systems, plumbing, fire services, HVAC, energy management, building automation, renovation, and ground-up construction.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lewellyn has held several key leadership roles, including Director of Property Maintenance for Thompson Thrift Residential, where he implemented new procedures and safety programs while improving maintenance operations and reducing costs. Prior to that, he served as Director of Maintenance for Gateway Management Company in Birmingham, Alabama, overseeing more than 20,000 multi-family units and negotiating service contracts that saved the company approximately $2.1 million annually! Mr. Lewellyn holds multiple professional certifications across several states, including Electrical, Mechanical Contractor, and General Contracting licenses, as well as a Universal CFC License in Refrigeration. In recognition of his expertise in energy efficiency, he received the Association of Energy Engineers Award in 2015 for nationally recognized work in energy management. We are excited and proud to have him as a part of the AHA Team!



For the Residents

Community Resources for you! Use these numbers if you need…….

FOOD, CLOTHING, & BILLS

Community Enabler	(256) 237-6144
Interfaith Ministries	(256) 237-1472
Family Services Center	(256) 231-2240
Jacksonville Christian Outreach	(256) 435-1891
Salvation Army	(256) 236-5643
All Saints Interfaith Center of Concern	(256) 236-7793
Piedmont Benevolence Center	(256) 447-2220
The Soup Bowl	(256) 236-6794
Meals on Wheels	(256) 237-1472
Beans & Rice at St. Luke's	(256) 435-9271
Jax Baptist Service Center	(256) 644-0001

TRANSPORTATION

ACTS	**(256) 231-0010**
Anniston City Taxi	**(256) 237-0687**
Anniston EMS (wheelchair van)	**(256) 237-8572**
KID ONE Transport	**(205) 978-1000**

ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH

2nd Chance	(256) 236-7233
Highland Health Systems	(256) 236-3403
Calhoun County DHR	(256) 240-2021

PARENTING

Family Services Center	(256) 231-2240
Homestead Family Services	(256) 224-3690
All Saints Interfaith Center	(256) 236-7793

MEDICAL

NE Alabama Regional Medical Center	(256) 235-5121
Stringfellow Memorial	(256) 235-8900
Calhoun County Health Department	(256) 237-7523
Sav-A-Life	(256) 237-9999
Al. Department of Rehab Services	(256) 240-8801
Anniston Quality Health Care	(256) 236-0221
Safe Kids (Car Seat Safety)	(256) 235-5132
St. Michael's Clinic	(256) 237-4011
Salam Free Clinic	(256) 419-2041
Our Father's Arms	(256) 770-1289
Salvation Army	(256) 236-5643
Advantage Dental Plus	(256) 691-0040
3R Project	(256) 236-0807

POLICE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Alabama State Troopers	(256) 435-1642
Calhoun County Sheriff's Dept.	(256) 236-6600
Anniston Police Department	(256) 238-1800
Oxford Police Department	(256) 831-3121
Jacksonville Police Department	(256) 435-6448
Weaver Police Department	(256) 820-0530
Piedmont Police Department	(256) 447-9091
East Alabama EMS	(256) 237-8572
Poison Control Center	(800) 462-0800

LEARNING

Boys & Girls Club EC AL	(256) 236-1164
Independent Reading/Counseling Services	(256) 282-0835
Project Development Services	(256) 238-0451
Jacksonville Tutoring	(256) 435-8115

HOUSING

Anniston Housing Authority	(256) 236-1575
Hobson City Housing Authority	(256) 831-1651
Jacksonville Housing Authority	(256) 435-2485
Piedmont Housing Authority	(256) 447-6734
Community Action Agency	(256) 237-4114
Habitat for Humanity	(256) 237-3700
USDA Rural Development	(256) 831-3067

SHELTER

The Right Place	(256) 238-6231
2nd Chance (Domestic Violence)	(256) 236-7233

SENIOR SERVICES

Anniston Senior Center	(256) 241-2678
Ohatchee Senior Center	(256) 892-9245
Jacksonville Senior Center	(256) 435-9199
Weaver Senior Center	(256) 820-5049
Oxford Senior Center	(256) 831-8900
AL Department of Rehab Services	(256) 240-8800
AL Lifespan Respite Network	(256) 237-3638
Area Agency on Aging	(256) 237-6741

Employees' Years of Service

July

Kristen McCowan, 6 years
Meka Hester, 4 years
Lesslie Sparks, 2 years
Kyra Zachary, 2 years
Laila Darby, 1 year

August

Terry Goggins, 32 years

Nathan Elrod, 16 years

September

Pamela Young, 15 years

Steven Thomas, 6 years

Local Happenings Coming Soon...







On June 23, 2026, the Anniston Housing Authority proudly hosted an Older Americans Senior Luncheon, bringing together our senior residents for a day filled with nourishment, connection, and valuable information. This special event was made even more meaningful through the partnership and participation of two key community organizations—Gadsden State Community College (GSCC), St. Michael's Medical Clinic, and the East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission (EARPDC). Their presence provided our senior residents with access to important resources and opportunities designed to enhance their quality of life.

During the luncheon, residents not only enjoyed a delicious meal but also had the chance to engage in warm fellowship with one another, strengthening the sense of community that is so vital to overall well-being. Representatives from GSCC shared information about their educational programs, including free GED classes offered specifically to individuals aged 62 and older. This initiative creates an incredible opportunity for seniors to continue learning, pursue personal goals, and gain a sense of accomplishment regardless of their stage in life.















Additionally, EARPDC representatives introduced attendees to the services provided through their Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). This center was established by the State of Alabama to develop and administer a comprehensive Area Plan aimed at delivering a coordinated system of services for older adults. Their mission focuses on ensuring that seniors have access to the support they need, whether it be healthcare guidance, nutrition programs, transportation assistance, or in-home services.

St. Michael's Medical Clinic was also in attendance. They are a faith based, non-profit clinic providing healthcare for low-income, uninsured residents of Calhoun County. They partner with a variety of local organizations and healthcare providers to assist their patients with the best possible support. They assist with everything, from medication assistance to referrals for specialty care.

Overall, the luncheon was a great success, providing not only a welcoming and enjoyable social atmosphere but also empowering residents with knowledge about programs and services available to them. Events like this highlight the importance of community partnerships and demonstrate a shared commitment to supporting and uplifting our senior population.






UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

- **Independence Day**
  July 3, 2026
- **Labor Day**
  September 7, 2026

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY – FRIDAY

8:00AM – 5:00PM

AHA MANAGEMENT OFFICES

Washington Homes & Parkwin Homes

500 Glen Addie Avenue
Anniston, AL 36201
Office: (256) 236-1575 ext. 105
Maintenance: (256) 236-1575 ext. 106

Norwood Homes & Fairview Terrace

411 W. 29th Street
Anniston, AL 36201
Office: (256) 236-1961
Maintenance: (256) 236-7544

Constantine Homes & Tinsley Manor

318 Elm Street
Anniston, AL 36201
Office: (256) 831-0901
Maintenance: (256) 831-9933

Housing Choice Voucher Program & Hobson City Apartments

500 Glen Addie Avenue
Anniston, AL 36201
(Behind the Main Building)
Office: (256) 237-2268
Maintenance: (256) 831-9933

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Paying rent is simpler than ever. AHA's convenient Online Payment Portal helps you:

- Easily review payment amounts
- Avoid late fees
- Ensure smooth and timely transactions

Pay online at apps.annistonhousing.org for an easy, hassle-free way to manage your rent!