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Wood Hill Towers to be Re-Named in Honor of Kim Holman-Short

Wood Hill Towers, one of McLean County's best-known affordable housing sites, is being renamed in honor of longtime Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA) Executive Director Kim Holman-Short. The renaming was initiated by BHA Board resolution several months ago, and a re-dedication ceremony is scheduled for May 21, 2026.

The two high-rise buildings located at 104 E. Wood Street and 101 E. MacArthur Avenue in Bloomington will now be referred to as Holman-Short Towers to honor Kim Holman-Short's lengthy career with the Housing Authority.

The re-dedication ceremony will take place on May 21, 2026, in the Wood Hill Towers community room, 104 E. Wood Street, Bloomington, IL 61701, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The towers were built in 1971 and have housed thousands of low-income residents over the last 55 years. The 277 apartments at the towers offer affordable income-based rents through the federal public housing program.

Kim Holman-Short began her career in affordable housing on August 10, 1981, as an Occupancy Specialist with the Housing Authority. Over the years, she served in various roles, including Assistant Executive Director. In 1994, she left the Housing Authority for a brief period, during which she served as Executive Director of the Alton Housing Authority. Holman-Short returned to Bloomington in 1996 and assumed the role of Executive Director for both the Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington and the Housing Authority of McLean County until her retirement in May 2018.

In her 35 plus years of service to the Housing Authority, Holman-Short made a lasting impact on the community. Under her leadership as Executive Director, the Housing Authority expanded affordable housing opportunities through the growth of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. She also fostered partnerships with private developers to facilitate construction of Cottage Apartments in Normal and successfully secured vouchers reserved for veterans through the VASH Program.

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Holman-Short's career reflects a deep and enduring commitment to the field of affordable housing. She served in leadership roles for advocacy groups such as the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and various state and regional organizations. She also participated in numerous community activities and served on various local organizations, including the board of United Way of McLean County.

Bloomington Housing Authority provides federally funded public housing in Bloomington and administers the Section 8 housing choice voucher program for McLean County, which together assist 1,200 low-income households. More information about the agency is available at www.bloomingtonha.com.

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