



**Christopher Community, Inc.™**

## ***YOUR RIGHTS***

As part of Christopher Community's dedication to maintaining the best possible living environment for all residents, Christopher Community encourages and supports the following:

The right to live in decent, safe and sanitary housing that is free from hazards.

The right to have repairs performed in a timely manner, upon request.

The right to be given a reasonable notice, in writing of any nonemergency inspection or other entry into your apartment.

The right to organize as residents without obstruction from management.

The right to equal and fair treatment and use of our building's services and facilities without regard to race, color, religion, gender, disability, familial status or national origin.

The right to break an existing lease. If you are over 62 years of age and accepted into subsidized housing you have the legal right to terminate the lease on your current apartment. This means you have the right to move and your landlord cannot collect future rent payments from you.

The right of applicants with disabilities to request 504 reasonable accommodations as well as structural modifications to the unit or premises.

## ***ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE***

If you don't understand something on the application, always ask questions. It's better to be safe than sorry. If you need help or more information, you may contact:

The property manager

Christopher Community (315)424-1822

HUD's Multifamily Buffalo Hub (716)551-5755, [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

HUD's Office of Inspector General Hot Line at 1-800-347-3735 to report fraud, waste or mismanagement

USDA Rural Development State Office (315)477-6400, [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

Division of Housing & Community Renewal (315)478-7179, [www.dhcr.state.ny.us](http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us)

Your local government tenant/landlord affairs office, legal services office, and tenant organizations may also provide you with information on additional rights you have under local or state law.

## ***WATCH OUT FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE SCAMS***

Don't pay money to have someone fill out housing assistance application

Don't pay money to move up on a waiting list

Don't pay for anything not covered by your lease.