

# FREE Website Links Renters and Landlords in Delaware

*New Delaware-specific service lets users list and search housing in the First State for free*

**Dover, DE** (September 28, 2012) – Governor Jack Markell, Delaware State Housing Authority, and their partners are pleased to announce the launch of a free housing locator website providing information about rental housing across the First State. DelawareHousingSearch.org – a web-based service supported by a toll-free, bilingual call center – lets landlords advertise properties free of charge, while renters can search for free to find rentals that fit their needs. The service was publicly announced today during a launch event led by Governor Markell and is funded through a partnership between DSHA, the Department of Health and Social Services, New Castle County, the City of Wilmington, Sussex County, the Delaware Apartment Association, and the United Way of Delaware.

“Access to affordable housing is critical to our economy and to the strength of our communities,” said Governor Jack Markell. “We believe this service will help Delaware residents find the rental housing they need within their budget, within their time frame, and in the community where they want to live.”

DelawareHousingSearch.org offers a wide range of property listings, including private market and assisted housing. Prospective tenants can search for housing according to specific needs, such as proximity to medical facilities, public transit, and schools. An accessible housing search helps locate units with accommodations such as no-step entry and accessible kitchen and bathroom features. Listings can be sorted by rent amount, ZIP Code, date available, and other key

factors to make searching even easier.

DelawareHousingSearch.org offers landlords 24-hour access to adding and updating their free property listings. Listings can highlight amenities in great detail and include photos.

“We’re excited about the ability of this service to connect our residents to housing opportunities,” commented DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi. “We encourage property providers to take advantage of the free advertising and list vacancies on DelawareHousingSearch.org to help make this service as useful as possible to all Delawareans.”

“For people with disabilities, that are moving from institutions back to their communities, or remaining in their communities, the largest barrier has often been the lack of available, affordable, accessible housing,” said Daniese McMullen-Powell, Money Follows the Person Outreach and Housing Administrator. “DelawareHousingSearch.org, offers a means to search for available housing opportunities that best match individual affordability and needs.”

DelawareHousingSearch.org is powered by Socialserve.com, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit dedicated to serving the affordable housing needs of communities. Delaware joins an ever-growing network of regions using Socialserve.com that currently spans 32 states.

Residents can search and list on [www.DelawareHousingSearch.org](http://www.DelawareHousingSearch.org) online 24 hours a day or call a toll-free, bilingual call center for assistance: 1-877-428-8844, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.