Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. (RNHS) has worked to strengthen low-income families and neighborhoods by providing affordable rentals to families, financial literacy and advocating for homeownership in communities the organization serves.

Founded by a dedicated group of low-income Richmond residents, RNHS was established to address the adverse effects of systemic segregation, redlining, disinvestment and blight.

Today, RNHS has grown to serve the needs of over 7,500 families across the East Bay. RNHS continues to work for a more just and equitable society. RNHS is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency. To further our goal of offering high quality financial education, single family home purchase and increase affordable housing throughout the East Bay counties. (In 2016) RNHS opened a satellite office in Oakland to support the efforts of the Oakland Down Payment Assistance program and other Bay Area affordable housing initiatives.

Property Management:
RNHS is a scattered site property owner/manager; owning a number of single family homes and small multifamily properties. A unique model for a nonprofit housing organization.

Asset Management:
RNHS is an important resource to future homeowners by providing down payment assistance; and continues to manage a revolving loan fund; looking to distribute additional dollars to future home buyers.

Homeownership:
RNHS launched it’s Changing the Narrative of Home Ownership Campaign in 2017 highlighting the options available to First Time Homebuyers. RNHS is a Community Partner for the FHLB, WISH and IDEA program(s) administered by Mechanics Bank and works closely with local housing authorities supporting the Section 8 Home Choice Voucher Program.

Financial Education:
As a HUD approved housing counseling agency, RNHS provides Pre-Purchase Workshops, Pre-Purchase Counseling, Foreclosure Mitigation, Rental Counseling and Post-Purchase Counseling.

Affordable Housing Advocacy:
RNHS works closely with city, county, regional and federal agencies addressing affordable housing issues in the community. RNHS was instrumental in influencing Richmond’s housing policies that included zoning for the City of Richmond Accessory Dwelling Units, Junior Dwelling Units, the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance, and the Mayor’s Housing Strategy. RNHS has participated in Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae Duty to Serve hearings, listening sessions for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and often invited to attend CRA and housing policy meetings.