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Homestead Oaks: A Place for Families to Call Their Own

Almost all of us in Austin know someone who needs an affordable place to live. The people who call Foundation Communities home work in our favorite restaurants, play music downtown, teach our kids and build our houses. They are our colleagues, friends and family members. We want to be there for them. That's why we continue to grow.

By the end of this year, we will welcome home another 140 families to our beautiful new Homestead Oaks community at Brodie and Slaughter, close to great schools and lots of job opportunities. Most of the families that move into Homestead will earn between \$20,000 to \$50,000 and they'll pay, on average, \$750 in rent. Fourteen of the 140 apartments at Homestead will be reserved for extremely low-income, formerly homeless families with young children who will pay further reduced rents and have access to intensive case management services right where they live.

We look forward to providing our newest residents with the housing + support they need to succeed. At Homestead, this includes an on-site learning center for our after-school and summer learning programs, financial stability programs to help parents manage a tight budget, and health programs like Zumba and nutrition classes.

Homestead will be the perfect place for our residents to dream big. With 29 acres of land and 500 oak trees, it is sure to be our most picturesque



community to date. We like to imagine our students at the Stevenson Family Learning Center (named in honor of our beloved supporters John and Lois Stevenson) running and playing in the wide, open spaces. There will be a playground, tree swings, and forts. In the future, we also hope to scatter walking trails throughout the property.

Our affordable housing communities are always built to the highest green standards, and Homestead is no exception. It will be certified LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Gold or Platinum and each apartment will have its own small solar installation. We are committed to keeping our residents' utility bills low and our environmental footprint small.

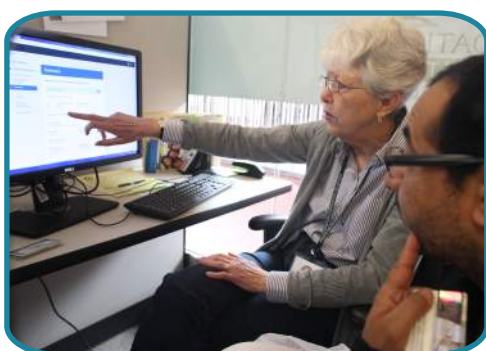
Homestead would not have been possible without the affordable housing bonds that Austin voters approved in 2013, which we leveraged to secure critical state funds. We are thankful for the city's support. We are also incredibly grateful to all of our generous donors who fund the on-site education, financial stability, and health programs that truly transform people's lives.

Foundation Communities is home to more than 5,000 people – including over 800 formerly homeless children – and counting.

We can't wait to open our doors at Homestead later this year and give 140 more families a beautiful, safe, affordable place they can call their own.

Help Your Neighbors Get Insured!

Do you want to help local families enroll in affordable health insurance for the first time and find peace of mind for the future? Sign up to become an Insure Central Texas volunteer!



Our stellar volunteers have already enrolled more than 12,000 Central Texans, and we hope the next enrollment period (Nov. 2015 – Jan. 2016) will be an even greater success.

For more information, contact Eliana Brant at Eliana.Brant@foundcom.org or 512-610-7375. You can also visit www.InsureCentralTX.org.

Google Fiber Comes to Skyline Terrace



Jim Younger has played bass guitar for the last forty years but still enjoys learning new tricks of the trade. As a Skyline Terrace resident, he recently received free internet service courtesy of Google Fiber. This new service has opened up a whole new world for Jim, a disabled veteran. "I can take guitar lessons on YouTube," Jim said. "It's already changed my life." Our Skyline residents were some of the first in Austin to receive Google Fiber, and we hope to expand the service to more of our communities. For Jim, free access to the internet is just another benefit of living at Skyline. "This place takes care of you," he said.



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Foundation Communities provides attractive, affordable homes and free on-site support services for thousands of working families with kids, as well as veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. We offer an innovative, proven model that empowers our residents and neighbors to achieve educational success, financial stability, and healthier lifestyles. We own and operate 18 properties all over Austin and in North Texas.

Here We Grow Again!

In the coming year, we'll start building Cardinal Point in the Four Points area. We found out in July that we secured state funding to build this new community, which will open its doors to 120 families at the end of 2017. When Cardinal Point is completed, we will have welcomed home 1,000 new families in just two years.

Foundation Communities Updates

We are at an unprecedented moment in our organization's history. Never before have we had four affordable housing communities under construction (including Homestead) at the same time. Our waiting lists for housing have never been longer, and that's why we keep growing. For many of our residents, finding Foundation Communities means charting a new path forward.

"This place has been the answer to my prayers," said Allen, a resident at Capital Studios. "I now wake up each day with real purpose and joy."

Here are some quick updates on our other communities under construction:

Lakeline Station Apartments – Opening 2016. Lakeline Station is located at 620 and 183 and will be home to 128 families.



Lakeline Station

Live Oak Trails – Opening 2016. Live Oak Trails is located next to our Southwest Trails community in Oak Hill and will be home to 58 families.

Bluebonnet Studios – Opening 2016. Bluebonnet Studios is located at Del Curto and South Lamar and will be home to 107 single adults, including low-wage workers, formerly homeless individuals, veterans, seniors and individuals with disabilities.



Bluebonnet Studios

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