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February-March 2022

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Retiree "Neighbors Up" with Healthy Food Pantries

Mary Sapp could be spending lots of time visiting loved ones, doing hobbies or just relaxing. But, that's not who she is. The retired advocate for the aging volunteers with Foundation Communities support services programs.



Ten years ago, Mary started with Financial Coaching. She later began working with students in the ESL program. Now, at the active age of 76, Mary volunteers twice every month, working with our **Healthy Food** Pantry program at Sierra Ridge. In fact, she was one of the program's first volunteers.

"A good part of my life, I've been concerned and committed to improving the quality of life of individuals in many different ways," said Mary. "Foundation Communities provided me an opportunity to continue living out my values in ways that are important to me."

When the pandemic struck in 2020, the Food Pantries saw an explosion of activity as they became a lifeline for people who

had lost their jobs. Mary and other volunteers kept showing up, honoring their commitments to the program. Mary says it's because she enjoys serving the clients and working with the program's staff. She also appreciates Foundation Communities' model of creating affordable communities that offer a variety of support services.

"That's what happens at Foundation Communities," said Mary. "Yes, it's about housing, but it's also about holistically caring for individuals and helping them be more successful."

Foundation Communities is eternally grateful to volunteers like Mary, and the many residents who help us make our 23 communities and Prosper Centers all over Austin and North Texas places where their neighbors can find success and quality of life. You can explore volunteer opportunities with Foundation Communities at **foundcom.org/volunteer.**

In the next two weeks, we will be featuring some of those great people as part of our "Neighbor Up, Austin" campaign for Amplify Austin, March 2-3. We hope you'll neighbor up and help us raise money for our support services programs.



Support Foundation Communities
During Amplify Austin
March 2-3, 2022

Be a good neighbor ♥ AmplifyATX/donate

Communities for families

The Loretta 13649 Rutledge Spur Opening late 2022

Parker Lane 2105 Parker Ln

Opening late 2023

Juniper Creek 11630 N Lamar Blvd Opening late 2024

Norman Crossing 3811 Tannehill Ln Opening late 2024

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Communities for single adults

Zilker Studios 1508 S Lamar Blvd Opening late 2022

Balcones Terrace 10024 N Capital of TX Hwy Opening late 2022

> Burleson Village 7905 Burleson Opening 2024/2025

> Learn more at foundcom.org/future-communities

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Foundation Communities is able to support thousands of our neighbors with housing and services through the generosity of donors. For some, the giving continues even when they're no longer with us. It's called planned giving, a decision to leave a part of your estate to Foundation Communities.

It's a decision Ray Collins made years ago.

"My bequest to FC will be my mark on the future through the lives of the adults and children who will have a place to live and flourish," said Collins.

Learn more about planned giving at foundcom.org/planned-giving.

Grand Opening for Prosper-South. Help Us Celebrate!

Our new Prosper Center location on South IH-35 is already helping us extend our financial wellness services further into the community. We want to celebrate that, and the generous support of UFCU!

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:00am -11:15am Join us live - facebook.com/foundationcommunities



Prosper Centers Taking Stress out of Tax Season

The 2022 tax filing season is here, and while more Central Texans may be looking forward to receiving a tax refund, they may also be having nightmares about forms, deductions and credits. For more than 15 years, thousands of Central Texans have trusted Foundation Communities to provide free tax preparation. This year, we have six Prosper Center locations open in Austin and Round Rock to help our neighbors "maximize their refund and minimize their stress." All centers will follow recommended masking and social distancing protocols.

With the expanded Child Tax Credit, families with eligible dependents can receive up to \$3,600 per child when they file a 2021 tax return. Our team of IRS-certified tax preparers is trained to help them get their maximum refund and all the tax credits they are eligible for. Eligibility for our free services is incomebased: up to \$50,000 for a single filer, \$75,000 for households of 2-4 people, and an additional \$5,000 for each additional household member. Our tax services are available by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled at ProsperTaxHelp.org or by calling 211.







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Foundation Communities provides attractive, affordable homes and free onsite 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 26 properties in Austin and North Texas.



