

## St. David's Foundation Delivers \$5.9 Million to Support Residents

On a hot Thursday morning, Mo Poura has a smile on his face and a sense of purpose as he parks a large transport van in front of Arbor Terrace apartments. Mo drives appointment vans for Foundation Communities' Supported Employment program taking residents to medical offices, banks, even recreational outings. This time, he's taking Arbor residents to a grocery store.

Mo feels good knowing the work he does helps residents not have to rely on others for rides, or pay Uber and Lyft.

"I think it's extremely helpful," said Poura. "The majority of them don't have any transportation, and a huge portion of them can't drive. They have disabilities."

A resident of Spring Terrace apartments, Mo says no one benefits more from the appointment van program than him. It not only provides him with a source of income doing what he loves to do, it also makes him feel like he's doing something worthwhile. He admits that he became depressed during the pandemic, just sitting alone in his apartment.

The van Mo is driving on this day is brand new and comes

courtesy of St. David's Foundation (SDF) - part of a grants package that totals nearly \$5.9 million to Foundation Communities. About half of the grants package will pay for health-related services for our residents, and the other half will help fund construction of the Parker Lane Apartments in southeast Austin. Here's what St. David's Foundation says about why they are giving so generously to Foundation Communities.



"We believe that having a place to call home is essential for individual, family, and community well-being," said Edward Burger, Ph.D., President and CEO of St. David's Foundation. "Foundation Communities not only offers our neighbors a safe place to live, but they also create an uplifting and trusting space for community and social connection."

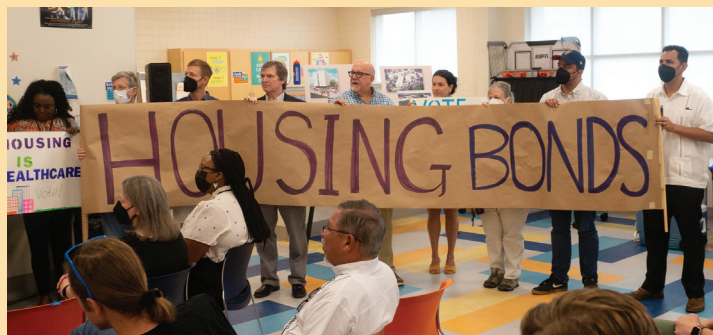
You can read more from St. David's Foundation and take a virtual ride on the

new appointment van with Mo Poura and the Arbor Terrace residents on our blog at [foundcom.org/blog](http://foundcom.org/blog).

## \$350 Million Housing Bond Will Preserve Austin's Diversity

With housing prices in Austin continuing to soar, seniors, veterans and low-income families are finding themselves priced out of living in the city. Funds from the 2018 affordable housing bond are almost gone, so to create the additional thousands of homes the city needs, the City Council will place a \$350 million affordable housing bond proposal on the November 8 ballot. Foundation Communities is urging voters to support this proposal.

The bond would support a range of housing programs – new rental units for low-income residents, repair and rehabilitation services for homeowners, home ownership opportunities for moderate-income Austinites, construction of supportive housing for those exiting homelessness, and the acquisition of properties for more affordable housing. Learn more about the housing bond at [austinhousingforall.com](http://austinhousingforall.com).



*Housing advocates rally at the Jordan at Mueller*

## Welcome Home Luncheon

### Virtual Event

October 18  
12 – 1pm

*Livestreamed on Facebook*



[facebook.com/foundationcommunities](https://facebook.com/foundationcommunities)

Hear from Foundation Communities residents how affordable housing + support services are helping them find success. You'll also learn how you can help us continue expanding to address the housing crisis in Austin.

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## We Are Better Together!

If you're looking for a way to make a difference in your community, join the incredible team of Foundation Communities volunteers.

There are many ways you can help our residents and lower-income families in our community. To find the program that's the best fit for you and sign up, visit our volunteer page at [foundcom.org/volunteer](https://foundcom.org/volunteer).

## Closing the Digital Divide for Families



Thanks to Google Fiber, 50 families in our Children's HOME Initiative, which provides affordable, supportive housing to families with children, received free laptops. It's part of an effort by Google Fiber to bridge the gap between families that have computers in their home and those that don't - something often referred to as the "digital divide."

This divide became much more obvious and harmful during the pandemic when home computers became vital for work and school. CHI client Brionna Watters says the laptop came at the right time for her as she's starting college courses in real estate. Google Fiber also plans to install its high-speed internet service at M Station Apartments and offer it to residents at the very low cost of \$30 per month.

## Free Tax Help Available through October 15

Although the tax filing deadline has passed, there is still time for families to claim the full 2021 Child Tax Credit, or the half they are still owed, by filing tax returns. Our North and South Prosper Centers will be open through October 15 to provide free tax preparation services.

Many Central Texas families have used the increased Child Tax Credit, up to \$3,600 per child, to pay for things they otherwise might not have been able to afford. Del Valle single mother, Lori, says it allowed her to get repairs for her broken down car, make improvements on her new home and take her kids on trips. She has used our free tax services for several years. Find out why by scrolling down our blog at [foundcom.org/blog](https://foundcom.org/blog).



## Need Affordable Health Insurance? We can help!

Open Enrollment for health coverage through the Affordable Care Act runs **Nov 1 – Jan 15.**  
[prosperhealthcoverage.org](https://prosperhealthcoverage.org)

*We need more Health Coverage volunteers!*



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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.



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