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In its 20th Year, Prosper Tax Help Program is Expanding

The 2024 Tax Season is the milestone 20th year for Foundation Communities' Prosper Tax Help program. It also comes with some firsts. The program will offer free tax preparation at a record 10 different sites in Travis and Williamson Counties, including the first ever site on an Austin Community College campus.

Just steps away from the new ACC ACCelerator tax site, the new season for Prosper Tax Help was officially kicked off on February 9. ACC Vice Chancellor Dr. Shasta Buchanan explained that the new tax site was envisioned as a way to help ACC students and the community get help filing their taxes and secure larger tax refunds.

"We proposed the idea of establishing tax preparation site right here at ACC Highland Campus," said Buchanan. "The response from Foundation Communities was immediate and enthusiastic."

Foundation Communities Executive Director Walter Moreau put the 20th year for Prosper Tax Help into perspective with statistics - more than **313,000** tax return filed, and more than **\$520 million** in tax refunds returned to clients. Tax Help staff



member and client Belinda Valdez explained how the program has helped her receive tax credits she didn't even know existed. And, longtime Prosper Tax Help supporter Congressman Lloyd Doggett encouraged Central Texans to not miss out on money they're entitled to by visiting a Prosper Tax Help site to have their taxes done free of charge. You can see video of the kickoff event at foundcom.org/blog.

Vern Allen visited a Prosper Center for the first time this month. Allen invented glowing gloves that are designed to help people do multiplication and division easier. He's seeking government funds to market the product, but he needed to get current on his taxes first. Tax Help staff member Andy Liebler was able to get him caught up with a refund!

"Everybody here has been so nice. I feel like they're family," said Allen.

This year, taxpayers with children can claim up to \$7,430 in Earned Income Tax Credits. You can learn more about our free tax preparation services and make an appointment at ProsperTaxHelp.org or by calling 2-1-1.

Donations for Amplify Austin Help Residents Find Health, Success



There was a time when Susan Taylor was content living alone, enjoying social interaction at work managing stores and day care centers. Then one day, her health began to fail and she was hospitalized. When Susan went home, her daughter felt she needed to be part of a supportive community. "My daughter wanted me to be somewhere where I had people around me," said Susan. Fourteen years ago, Susan moved into our Spring Terrace supportive housing community, and she has never looked back. She takes full advantage of the services provided by staff, from regular visits with Nurse Rita, to riding on the transport van to appointments and stores, to enjoying free, healthy food at the weekly coffee hour and Supper Clubs. Recently, Susan enrolled in a case management program and that opened the door for her to meet with an on-site therapist once a week. It allows her to focus on herself. Susan looks for ways to show kindness and compassion to the people around her, making sure they are safe and supported, not expecting anything in return. She is truly a wonderful neighbor.

During Amplify Austin, we're highlighting stories of FC residents who benefit from the free, on-site support services at each of our properties - services like Learning Center programs, Healthy Food Pantries, healthy living and wellness, and community events - all programs we can offer because of donations and community support. Amplify Austin is underway. You can support Foundation Communities and residents like Susan by donating and sharing our Amplify link: bit.ly/AmplifyFoundCom.



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Forecasting a Summer Opening for Parker Lane Apartments



Construction crews with BEC Austin have made great time building Parker Lane Apartments in Southeast Austin. The 135-unit affordable community will be complete this summer and will include 24 deeply affordable apartments for families at risk of becoming homeless. The Learning Center may be fully operational by the beginning of the school year.

Parker Lane Apartments sits on eight acres near Parker Lane and Oltorf, previously the site of Parker Lane United Methodist Church for 60 years. The church closed its doors, but church officials are continuing its legacy of community service by offering Foundation Communities a generous long-term lease agreement for the property. Learn more about Parker Lane at foundcom.org/blog

Other affordable communities we are building or planning

Balcones Terrace

10024 N Capital of TX Hwy
123 apts for single adults
*Opening Spring of 2024

Juniper Creek

11630 N Lamar Blvd
110 apts for families
*Opening in 2025

Norman Commons

3811 Tannehill Ln
156 apts for families
*Opening in 2025

Burleson Studios

7905 Burleson Rd
100 apts for single adults
*Opening in 2026

Mary Lee Square

Lamar Square Dr
Homes for 500+ residents
*First new units in 2027

*All opening dates listed are estimates. Learn more about our future communities at foundcom.org/future-communities.

We Now Have No-Cost Child Care at Almost All Zumba and Yoga Classes



View the monthly schedule at fchealth.info

Another Successful Open Enrollment Period

During the 2024 Open Enrollment Period for Federal Marketplace insurance, Prosper Health Coverage helped more than **4,500 individuals** enroll in quality, affordable health plans!

Our health insurance navigators are available year-round by phone or in person at our North and South Prosper Centers for clients who have questions about their new plans. We can also help Central Texans sign up for a Marketplace plan during a Special Enrollment Period if they have had a qualifying change in their lives.

Learn more and schedule an appointment at ProsperHealthCoverage.org



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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 28 properties in Austin and North Texas.



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