

Why Supportive Housing Matters: David's Story

As a child in Irving, Texas, David Miller had big dreams. He wanted to be a physicist. But growing up in a home marked by violence and instability made it hard to hold onto those hopes. In his teens, David began running away from home, and when he turned 17, his father decided it was time for him to be on his own.

David enlisted in the Navy, and he worked a few odd jobs after that, but he was suffering with depression and anxiety, and no career plans stuck. Eventually, David found himself living on the streets, and he remained unhoused for nearly half of his adult life.

"Sleeping in a sleeping bag on top of cardboard is no way to live, especially in negative seven-degree weather," said David. "When it's that cold, you actually can't sleep."

In 2017, a VA case manager helped David secure a housing voucher, allowing him to move into an apartment. But even with housing, the struggle wasn't over. He fell behind on utility bills, which put him at risk of losing his home again. That's when David's case manager suggested he move into a Foundation Communities supportive housing community for single adults where he wouldn't have to pay utility bills. David moved into Bluebonnet Studios in November of 2021, and he knew instantly things would be different.

"There was a Welcome Home Basket waiting for me with pots and pans and cleaning supplies...all things I needed," said David.



Today, supportive housing for David means more than a roof over his head. It means stability, access to mental healthcare and healthy living services, case management, food and household essentials -although he admits he still sleeps in his sleeping bag on top of his bed. Supportive housing for David means truly feeling at home in a community where he and his emotional support animal, Khan — a Macklot's Python snake named after the Star Trek character — are fully accepted.

Like David, many of the residents in our supportive communities for single adults have experienced homelessness or they have struggled with health or financial challenges. We believe our affordable housing and the support services we offer them are important in their search for a better life. Unfortunately, due to recent funding cuts, we need help sustaining these services.

This year for Amplify Austin Day, Foundation Communities is hoping to raise \$125,000 to fund support services. Amplify Austin Day is on March 4th and 5th, but early giving is already underway. We hope you can make a generous donation at foundcom.org/amplify to help us support our residents.



Families Blazing a Trail to Norman Commons



amenities. Another exciting feature is two huge, vibrant murals which honor the legacy of the East Austin Trail Riders. Learn more at foundcom.org/norman-commons.

Foundation Communities is pleased to be welcoming home residents to Norman Commons. We are leasing 1, 2, 3 & 4-bedroom apartments in this beautiful new affordable apartment community in East Austin for applicants who make 30, 50 or 60 percent of the area's median income. Residents have access to a no-cost Learning Center, a Healthy Food Pantry, and other

Celebrating Juniper Creek

It took many people and entities to build Juniper Creek Apartments on North Lamar. On February 12, Foundation Communities hosted a Ribbon Cutting at the Laurel Creek Learning Center next door to say thank you. Area leaders, major funding partners, and others in attendance also had a chance to tour the affordable community. You can watch the Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Foundcom.org/blog. Juniper Creek opened in late 2025 and we are still leasing to qualified applicants.

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New Season and Tax Laws for Our Free Tax Programs

Prior to the start of the 2026 Tax Season, Foundation Communities IRS-certified tax preparers in Austin and North Texas spent time learning the new tax laws, including new and higher deductions. Our tax services are free for individuals earning less than \$60,000 and families of 2-to 4 earning less than \$85,000 (plus \$5,000 for each additional member).



Foundation Communities residents prepare to have their taxes done at Prosper Center South

In its 22nd year, Prosper Tax Help has about 450 IRS-certified volunteers and nine locations across Travis and Williamson Counties. Karol Iruegas has been a client since 2019. She spoke at the January 16 kickoff event. "Through Prosper Tax Help and Foundation Communities' Financial Wellness programs, I now feel more confident and in control of my finances," said Karol. You can view the kickoff at foundcom.org/blog.

Learn more about Prosper Tax Help and schedule an appointment at ProsperTaxHelp.org.



In the 2026 Open Enrollment Period, Foundation Communities' Prosper Health Coverage helped

3,941 Central Texans enroll in affordable health insurance coverage, submitted **248** applicants for Medicaid/CHIP, and claimed over **\$30 million** in Premium Tax Credits. Through our partnership with HAAM, **2,296** musicians and their families accessed coverage, supporting healthier lives across our community.

Thank you, **Central Health**, for your financial support for this program!

New Prosper Center to Continue Church Legacy

Foundation Communities is excited to announce our North Austin Prosper Center is moving into a church building this summer! We are working with the United Methodist Church to convert St. Mark UMC located on Braker Lane. The church closed last year due to declining attendance. We are grateful that church officials want to continue St. Mark's legacy of community service as a Prosper Center.

This new location will allow us to serve more clients with double the space and parking of our current location on Airport Boulevard. It will also be more convenient for the many clients we serve in North Austin and Williamson County.

Renovations are underway, and donations are needed to help complete the work. The church site also includes four acres of land where we hope to build a future affordable housing community.



We have two new no-cost evening fitness classes - Functional Fitness at The Jordan at Mueller and Zumba at Homestead Oaks. Visit fchealth.info.



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