

ONE VOICE

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HACA Amps Up the Giving During Annual Fundraiser

HACA's nonprofit Austin Pathways raised more than \$37,000 during Amplify Austin Day March 2-3.

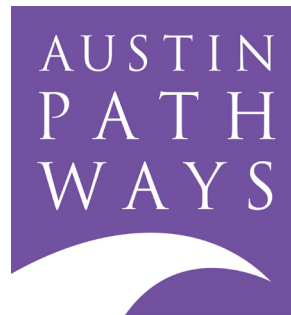
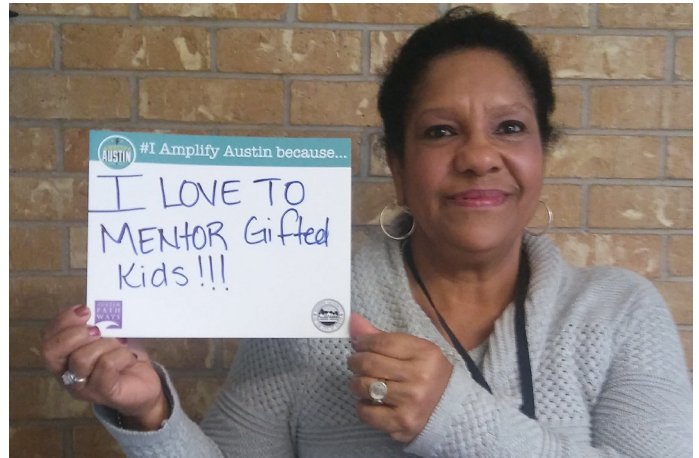
One hundred percent of the funds, generously donated by more than 190 individuals, community partners and local businesses, provide direct support for scholarship and self-sufficiency programs. HACA and Austin Pathways have awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to public and affordable housing residents since 2001.

Matching funds were provided by Google Fiber, Dropbox and Ryan Companies.

Austin Pathways also provides services like child care and transportation to help residents seek and maintain employment and ultimately be able to afford to move out of public housing.

Thanks to all who donated and shared Austin Pathways on social media. We hope you will continue to support us next year!

For more information, visit www.austinpathways.org. To volunteer for Amplify Austin 2017, contact Catherine Crago at (512) 477-4488 or catherinec@hacanet.org.



The road to success.

Residents Pika-Choose to Get Healthy

HACA recently hosted an on-site Health & Wellness Fair at Meadowbrook Apartments for all of the agency's public and subsidized housing residents. Thank you to everyone who came out to interact with our friends from Access Dental, Any Baby Can, Austin Public Health, the American Red Cross, Origins, Nimba Tra, the Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics, and Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services. Even Pokemon celebrity Pikachu was on hand to spread the word about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle!





Good Grades in the Genes

Congratulations to Rosewood Courts residents Amado Peña Gonzalez and Jonathan Peña Gonzalez for making the A/B Honor Roll and earning perfect attendance during the February/March grading period! As a reward for their hard work, Amado and Jonathan received Wal-Mart gift cards from HACA through the YES Incentive program. Way to go guys!

Choose Your Path with FSS!



Constance Lattimore (left) graduated from the FSS program in 2016 with the help of FSS Coordinator Becky Summersett (right). Constance is no longer on housing assistance, and works as a full-time certified nurse's assistant.

Are you ready to make a positive change in your life? Put your name on the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) waiting list! HACA's FSS coordinators can help you map out a path to a better future for you and your family!

Through FSS, you can:

- Get started on your education
- Get a better job earning more money
- Repair or build your credit
- Save money to purchase your own home

Interested? Get started on your journey to success and independence today! Fill out an FSS Interest Form at the HACA Central Office front desk, 1124 S. IH-35, or call Becky Summersett at (512) 767-7659. Space is limited.

Spring break fun

HACA's kids had plenty to do while they were out of school during Spring Break last month. At Booker T. Washington Terraces, Jobs Plus ATX got teens ages 14 to 17 ready to take on summer jobs through a pre-employment training. Teens learned about time management and professionalism.

At Meadowbrook Apartments, HACA Youth Educational Success partner Creative Action kept children and pre-teens ages 6 to 13 entertained and engaged through fun art projects that allowed them to be creative while working on essential social and emotional skills.



Get Ready to Work Through These Rapid Training Programs

Skillpoint Alliance's Gateway program provides training and education to prepare you for entry-level employment in four to 12 weeks. Trainings are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call (512) 814-3261 or visit www.skillpointalliance.org. Skillpoint is currently offering these certifications:

- **Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) - Enroll by April 12:** Training nurses are taught how to provide basic personal care for patients in healthcare facilities and in-home health care.
- **Electrical - Enroll by April 19:** The Electrical course covers electrical theory, code, conduit bending, circuitry, switches and raceways, and includes hands-on experience and instruction about electrical wiring and systems for commercial, industrial and residential buildings.
- **Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) - Enroll by April 19:** The HVAC course covers building codes, pipe fittings, and diagnosing malfunctions and air duct systems, and includes hands-on experience and instruction from dedicated instructors about aspects of HVAC systems for commercial, industrial and residential buildings.



GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Are you reading One Voice? For a chance to win a \$10 gift card, call (512) 477-4488 ext. 2601, and leave a message with your name, phone number, property name and unit number. Say the key phrase: "APRIL SHOWERS." The first 15 callers could win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to subsidized and public housing residents.



CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS! You Could Win \$100!

NAHRO is holding a poster contest as part of Housing America 2018. Twelve national winners will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. The grand prize is an iPad and a family trip to Washington D.C.! To enter, draw or paint a 22" x 28" picture showing "What Home Means to Me." The contest is open to children in elementary, middle, and high school. Write your name, grade and housing authority on the back of your poster and turn it in to your property manager by **April 28**. Don't forget to also fill out and turn in the application and narrative form enclosed in this month's One Voice. For additional entry forms and information, visit <http://www.housingamericacampaign.org/what-home-means-to-me.html>.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HACA Administration	(512) 477-4488
Resident Call Center	(888) 842-4484
Maintenance Work Orders	(512) 477-8518
Section 8/Housing Choice	(512) 477-1314
Fire/Police	911
Non-Emergency Police	311
Poison Center	(800) 222-1222
Quit Smoking	(877) 937-7848
RAD Hotline	(844) HACA-RAD

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All submissions must include a name and phone number to be considered. Copy may be edited because of space limitations.

OUR MISSION & VISION

To cultivate sustainable affordable housing communities and partnerships that inspire self-reliance, growth and optimism. We envision neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, communities are healthy and safe, and all people can achieve their full potential.



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Editor's Note: Scheduled meetings are subject to change.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Rent due
2	3 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Bouldin	4 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Coronado	5	6	7 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Georgian 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita	8
9	10 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Lakeside 1:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook	11 Citywide 10 a.m.	12 Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 1:30 p.m. @ North Loop	13 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston	14	15
16	17 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond	18 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW	19	20 RAD Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Goodrich Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Chalmers 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina	21 Man. Village Celebration 10 a.m.	22
23 30	24	25 RAD Meeting 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. @ Lakeside	26 RAD Meeting 4 & 5:30 p.m. @ BTW	27 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Goodrich 1:30 p.m. @ Man. 11 1:30 p.m. @ Man. Village 1:30 p.m. @ Shadowbend	28	29