

Lease Up and Do Good: New Vouchers Awarded

Fort Worth Housing Solutions has received 256 new vouchers to young adults who have aged out of foster care, families whose lack of housing means the child or children will be placed in out-of-home care, and adults with disabilities under age 62.

This is especially great news given the enormous challenges many vulnerable citizens are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you, HUD!

How You Can Help

Federal Moratorium on Evictions Passed

A moratorium on evictions through July 25 is protecting all the families we assist from losing their housing even if they are unable to pay any rent.

Part of the CARES act, the moratorium applies to public housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit units, and programs as defined by the Violence Against Women Act.

[How the moratorium and COVID-19 affects our services](#)



FWHS Awaits Choice Neighborhood Announcement

HUD has not yet announced the \$35 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation awards. Fort Worth

Housing Solutions and our co-applicant, the City of Fort Worth, are finalists for this coveted grant.

If awarded, the grant will spur other investments and critical improvements to the Cavile Place area of Stop Six, including mixed-income housing and a vibrant community hub.

[Take a look at the transformation plan.](#)

Agency Adapts Operations

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented significant challenges our operations, but thankfully HUD has granted numerous waivers that enable the agency to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate health risks to both clients and staff.

While the FWHS building closed to visitors on March 17, the

staff has continued serving our clients with minimal interruption.

Normally, FWHS staff meet in-person with families for annual income recertification, briefings when issuing new vouchers, Good Tenant/Good Neighbor workshops, employment assistance and many other services. The constraints imposed by stay-at-home orders have required us to get creative in new ways with virtual client briefings and landlord orientations, and with a Resident Hotline to keep our clients up-to-date.

Photo: Pam Sherman, one of our housing counselors



Addressing Homelessness During Pandemic

In response to COVID-19, the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition is working with over 35 agencies (including Fort Worth Housing Solutions) to ensure the needs of people experiencing homelessness are being met.

The Homeless Coalition is leading this effort with the cities of Fort Worth and Arlington, Tarrant County, Tarrant County Public Health and JPS. It is working with cities on overflow capacity and quarantine and supporting providers in maintaining capacity.

[See TCHC's Coronavirus resources for agencies](#)



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger--but recognize the opportunity.

— John F. Kennedy

There's no question that COVID-19 is bringing hardship and loss to too many families and communities, here in the U.S. and around the world. It is also spurring changes in the ways that organizations get their work done. (It shouldn't surprise anyone that dogs make great co-workers.)

[Learn about the changes underway at FWHS](#)

