

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Dream of being a homeowner?

Owning a home can help families build equity and even a nest egg for the future. But disparities in homeownership are increasing. In fact, the African American ownership rate is lower today than in 1968 when the Fair Housing Act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson.

HUD's home ownership program aims to close the gap. Since Fort Worth Housing Solutions joined the program in 2004, 216 families with vouchers have purchased their first homes. In fact, 23 homes were purchased last year alone!

[See if you're eligible for our homeownership program](#)

COVID-19 and your appointments at FWHS

If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms and are concerned about keeping an appointment at FWHS, please contact your housing counselor to reschedule. You may also mail us your re-certification paperwork.

Please call either your housing counselor or our main number at 817-333-3400 for additional guidance. "Notice of Change" and many other forms are available [on our website](#) and most can be e-mailed to our offices.

Thank you for helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Best practices for staying healthy

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Learn more about COVID-19 here:

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [Tarrant County Public Health](#).

How
Victoria
Made it

Moving Out, Moving Up

Four years ago Victoria McCoy fled an abusive

Happen



relationship in southeast Chicago and drove straight to Fort Worth with her teenage daughter.

A friend from her Chicago ministry group had moved to Fort Worth and “would always say, ‘Come on down, the door is always open,’” Victoria recalls.

Victoria stayed with her friend until finding an apartment that would accept the Housing Choice Voucher she had ported from Chicago. Earlier she’d set a goal to be off the voucher program in five years. “I made a vow to myself that it was going to be a stepping stone and I

was going to get myself together.”

Cavile families on the move

Using their new Tenant-Protection Vouchers, families at Cavile Place continue to relocate to new homes in a variety of neighborhoods in Fort Worth and even as far away as San Antonio.

One of the residents, Melissa Harrison, moved to a duplex in the Crowley area in January and has come to relish the peace and quiet.

“I feel more comfortable and free,” Melissa says. “The main thing is, I can think and focus.” She feels energized to work on her book of poetry and to get moving with her Mary Kay Cosmetics business.



All the residents have the right to return when new, affordable housing is developed in the Cavile/Stop Six neighborhood in the coming years.

[Learn how Melissa found a new home.](#)



A few minutes can shape your future.

Improving your community starts with the Census 2020!

Important

Your response will inform how over \$675 billion in public funding flows into things like school lunches, health clinics, Head Start, historically black colleges and universities, and programs that support minority-owned businesses.

Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Easy

Respond online, by phone or by mail.

[2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov)

Community Calendar

April

April 8 - Spring Employment Readiness Seminar, Alton Park Apartments - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

April 23 - Spring Employment Readiness Seminar, Candle Tree Apartments - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

April 29 - Spring Employment Readiness Seminar, Villas by the Park - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

May

May 6 - Spring Employment Readiness Seminar, Stallion Pointe - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

May 12 - **Community Job Fair**: FWHS, 1201 E. 13th St. Fort Worth - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

