



The Little Engine That Can

Hats off to the 51 women and men who graduated from the Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership programs in 2019! We celebrated their successes at a graduation dinner Dec. 3.

“The hardest part is to start,” recalled Shunteia Goldman, who shared her story from the podium. Four years ago Shunteia worked in the kitchen at Cook Children’s. Wanting more for her two children, she enrolled in the FSS program and applied for a higher-paying job in the neo-intensive care unit.

She landed the job, then began taking classes at Tarrant County College, knowing a degree would boost her earnings even further. (Click button to read more)

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New Operating Hours

Fort Worth Housing Solutions is now open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're closed on Fridays.

For voucher-holders, appointments are now required on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We offer "Walk-In" days on Monday and Wednesday for clients to see staff without an appointment. For your convenience, "Notice of Change" and other forms are [available on our website](#) and can be emailed to staff any time.

How to Reach Someone at FWHS

Need to know the telephone number and email address of a staff person at Fort Worth Housing Solutions? We've put together a handy list just for you.

[Get contact info for staff](#)

New Housing Counselor Assignments

Caseloads are changing at FWHS. There's now a team for Re-Certifications and a team for Interim Re-Certifications. Click the button to find out which housing counselor to contact.

[Housing Counselors](#)

Looking good for a job interview

Did you know it takes just seconds to create a first impression in an interview? No matter what type of job you're seeking, it's crucial to put your best foot forward.



[Tips on dressing well and finding bargains](#)

Need to develop new skills?

Learn about free training at more than seven colleges and programs, including TCC, Workforce Solutions, Amerigroup and YouthBuild at our **Skills Training Fair** Thursday Feb. 6! It's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at FWHS, 1201 E. 13th Street in Fort Worth. If you're concerned about day care or transportation, representatives will be on hand to tell you about available services.

College scholarships - deadline Jan. 31

Generous scholarships are available for graduating seniors who live either in public housing or on a voucher program. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31. Click the links below for details and to apply.

[Texas NAHRO scholarships](#)

[PHADA scholarships](#)

Wisdom from an FSS graduate

- We cannot change our past.
- Begin your day with prayer and end it the same.
- Jot down a specific plan and a list of the things you need to accomplish. This will keep you on task just in case you run across a few distractions or time-stealers.

- Maintain a positive attitude even when things don't go your way.
- Do something nice for somebody.
- Attend a meeting in your community and offer to volunteer.
- Be grateful and remain positive. Remember: what you put out returns right back to you.
- Relax and let go of things that are out of your control.

Submitted by Kimberly Hammond, a 2018 Family Self-Sufficiency graduate. Kimberly is a debt processor at Colonial Savings and in our Homeownership program.



Calendar

Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Day - FWHS closed

Jan. 29 - Family Self-Sufficiency class: *New Year New Me Motivation Boards!* - 10 a.m.

Feb. 6 - Skills Training Fair, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Feb. 17 - President's Day - FWHS closed

March 18 - Family Self-Sufficiency class: Goodwill training opportunities - 10 a.m.

March 25 - Family Self-Sufficiency class: *Preparing for Homeownership* - 10 a.m.

Classes and Skills Training Fair will be held at 1201 E. 13th St. in Fort Worth.

