Dear Fort Worth Housing Solutions community,

I pray that you are healthy and well.

As our nation continues to grapple with the effect of COVID-19 and the national movement to end racial injustice, please know that Fort Worth Housing Solutions remains committed to creating safe, diverse and affordable communities that allow our clients to flourish.

This summer marks a milestone for Fort Worth Housing Solutions. Soon all residents of the Cavile Place housing community will have relocated to affordable housing units across our city, and our agency will begin moving forward with the Stop Six Choice Neighborhood initiative, a redevelopment plan made possible through a $35 million U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant our community won in April.

By year’s end, all residents of the Butler Place community will have moved to other homes of choice throughout the community. The site is envisioned for a future catalytic development, a transaction that will generate new revenue to help our agency increase affordable housing options in our community.

We are grateful to partner with you during this transformative time. Our team is examining what tangible steps we can take to ensure that our agency, services and housing opportunities are inclusive and serve all members of our community in the best possible way.

Please enjoy this month’s helpful updates on programs, services and initiatives below.

You are the reason we exist.

Mary-Margaret Lemons
President

FWHS-AKA Silhouettes Program Celebrates Graduates

FWHS salutes three 2020 high school graduates and former Butler Place residents who successfully completed the Silhouettes program sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority’s Beta Mu Omega Chapter.

Jade Sullivan, left, graduated from Paschal High School in Fort Worth and will attend Tarrant County College this fall. RyNysha Lee, far right, graduated from Marine Creek Collegiate High School in Fort Worth and will attend Columbia College Chicago this fall.

Sherronice Wilkins, a third Silhouettes student member, graduated from Marine Creek
Collegiate High School and is making plans for fall.

FWHS Relocation Coordinator Dana Sinegal, an AKA mentor, is pictured at center.

Read more here.

Boys & Girls Clubs Provides Free Grab & Go Meals for Eligible Youth

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County is providing free grab-and-go meals to Fort Worth Housing Solutions children and youth up to age 18 weekdays at several apartment communities through July 31, 2020.

Boys & Girls Club staff arrive in a logo-marked bus parked near the apartment office following the schedule below. Children may pick up their meals at the bus location. If they are unable to pick up a meal, parents or custodians may pick up the meal by presenting any of the following items:

- Copy of child’s school report card
- Official letter or email from school listing children enrolled
- Attendance record from parent portal of school website
- Birth certificate for children
- Student ID cards

Pick-up times and locations:

- 3-3:45 p.m. Butler Place, 1201 Luella St.
- 3-3:45 p.m. Cambridge Court, 8135 Calmont Ave.
- 4-4:45 p.m. Siddons Place, 250 Pennsylvania Ave.
- 3-3:45 p.m. Stallion Pointe, 9053 S. Race St.
- 4-4:45 p.m. Wind River Apartments, 8725 Calmont Ave.

COVID-19 Operations Update

Fort Worth Housing Solutions offices remain closed to the public, but our team is still on duty to serve you.

All re-certifications are being done via U.S. mail or electronically.

Clients may mail documents to the FWHS office, 1201 E.13th St., Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-5764, or drop them off in the Drop Box located outside the Administrative Building.

Visit www.fwhs.org for more information. Have a question? Email us at customercare@fwhs.org.
Landlord Spotlight

Alvarado Landowner Taps VASH Program to Provide Homeless Veterans Supportive Homes

Ava Ayers-Spencer had an 18-acre Alvarado homestead and a heart for helping others when she met a homeless Vietnam veteran who had been sleeping on the streets of Cleburne more than three years ago.

She invited the man to live in a small cottage that had belonged to her mother. That act of kindness led her to develop Colonel's Corral, a "little community" that offers safe, quality housing to previously homeless veterans and helps them access assistance through HUD's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

Read more here.

Regular Inspections to Resume This Summer

Fort Worth Housing Solutions plans to resume regular, federally-mandated Housing Quality Standards inspections of occupied units this summer. The schedule is pending as the agency monitors COVID-19 conditions.

The agency's first priority is the health and safety of residents and staff. Our team will notify residents and landlords about the inspection process and precautions that FWHS staff will take to conduct inspections safely.

Clients who are feeling ill prior to a scheduled inspection or who are uncomfortable with FWHS staff entering a unit should contact Charice McArthur, FWHS Inspections Clerk, at cmcarthur@fwhs.org or 817-333-3661 or at least 48 hours prior to the inspection.

Update Your Voter Registration

Have you moved recently?

Many FWHS clients have relocated in recent months. If you have a new mailing address within Tarrant County, you may update your name and/or address online at https://tinyurl.com/ydf6wjq. If you do not update your address, you may vote at
To use the online form, you need your: current driver’s license or ID Card, your Social Security Number, and your Voter Registration Card Voter Unique Identifier Number, which may be found on the Tarrant County Elections Office website through the online “Voter Lookup” service.

Tarrant County will hold runoff elections for the Democratic and Republican primary contests on July 14, 2020, as well as a special City of Fort Worth election to determine whether the Crime Control and Prevention District, and its voter-approved ½-cent sales tax should be continued. The general election is Nov. 4, 2020.

For more information, visit Tarrant County Elections online or call 817-831-8683.

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Thank you, Amerigroup Texas!

Fort Worth Housing Solutions sends a warm thank you to Amerigroup Texas for its $1,000 sponsorship last month that has helped us provide client services during the COVID-19 crisis. We are grateful for your support!

Amerigroup is a healthcare benefits company that partners with many community organizations.
Davien Powell was determined to win custody of each of his five children after relationships ended and one child was injured in a domestic altercation. HUD’s Family Unification Program allowed him to reunite his family under one roof and kept them “thriving as a unit,” he says.

Read more here.