

The Herald

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HATC Program Highlights

Housing Choice Voucher Programs/Homeless Initiatives

HATC has been awarded and already administering the \$303,733 to serve 34 families or youth through HUD's Family Unification Program (FUP). HATC will administer the FUP in partnership with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS).

TDFPS is responsible for referring FUP families and youths to the HATC for determination of eligibility for rental assistance. In addition to rental assistance, additional supportive services must be provided by the TDFPS to FUP youth for the entire 18 months in which the youth participates in the program. Examples of the skills targeted by these services include money management skills, job preparation, educational counseling, and proper nutrition and meal preparation.

HATC is looking forward to providing housing to FUP families and youth and the hope is that the organization can continue to obtain funding to provide rental assistance to as many families within Travis County.

SEMAP Certification Score

The Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) enables HUD to better manage the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Tenant-Based Assistance Program by identifying the Authority's capabilities and deficiencies as they relate to the program's administration. The Housing Authority of Travis County's final SEMAP score for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2018 is 100 percent.

The 100 percent final score designates HATC as a "high performing agency". HATC will continue to evaluate all processes throughout the year to improve the quality and integrity of the program.

The HATC Foundation Initiatives



2nd Annual
**Deck the Halls
5K Fun Run & Walk**

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Travis County Exposition Center | 8:00 AM

**2nd ANNUAL
"DECK THE HALLS"
5K FUN RUN & WALK**

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual "Deck the Halls" 5K Fun Run & Walk to be held on **Sunday, December 15, 2019** at the Travis County Exposition Center.

The Inaugural "Deck the Halls" 5K event had 77 registrants and Platinum sponsors — LDG

Development, RISE Residential and Sonoma Housing Advisors. A donation of video production from Ranger Dash Production,— helped raise a total of \$5,400 proceeds. These proceeds will go directly to the HATC Foundation to continue empowering and supporting HATC residents — both parents and children — interested in pursuing a higher education, vocational training and/or skill building opportunities.

[Click HERE](#) to see the Inaugural "Deck the Halls" 5K Fun Run and Walk video.

For more information about how to support the HATC Foundation, please visit the HATC Foundation's [website](#) or click [here](#) to purchase tickets for this year's event.

Event Spotlight

Youth and Family Development

January Jumpstart Events

The HATC Foundation hosted *January Jumpstart Events* at its multifamily housing communities. These events were two-fold: they served as a way to distribute school supplies to HATC youth; and to get HATC residents and clients "jumped-started" on the new year. Attendees heard about upcoming programs and services from partners that included: Austin Sunshine Camps (Camp Ambassador Program, Counselor-In-Training Program, and Summer Camps), the Literacy Coalition of Central Texas: (Job Readiness Program), Boy Scouts of America, Capitol Area Council: (the Exploring Program and the STEM Scout Program), the Austin Public Library: (programs and services) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension: (4-H Club Program). These services available at no cost to both HATC residents and clients.

For more information on The HATC Foundation programs, please visit the HATC Foundation's [website](#).

Empowerment and Self Sufficiency Job Readiness Program



The HATC Foundation, in partnership with the Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, will host the Job Readiness Training Program.

This program is five (5) weeks long and will be a 4 days a week course module. There are two segments to the course: 1. Two (2) days a week will be self-paced classes with an instructor that will give one on one help on Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Gmail, Microsoft Office Suite, and

Soft Skills for Job Success. 2. Two (2) days a week will be instructor-led classes on job skills such as job searching, resume writing, goal setting, soft skills, and much more.

Additionally one-on-one time with a job coach to go more in-depth on tailoring job searches and resume building.

All classes are completely FREE and all 18+ HATC residents and clients are welcome.

Program Details:

Location: Alexander Oaks Community Room | 6119 Valiant Circle, Austin, Texas 78749

Program Duration: Monday, February 11, 2019 to Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Class Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

To register, please contact Nancy Rojas, HATC Foundation Project Coordinator at (512) 854-6201 or nancy.rojas@traviscountytx.gov.

Financial Empowerment Education Classes

The HATC Foundation, in partnership with Frameworks CDC and BBVA Compass bank, is able to bring smart financial strategies to HATC residents and clients through Financial Empowerment Education Classes.



The 8-class series is focused on individuals gaining control of their financial resources, managing credit, and addressing debt issues with the intent to lead to future opportunities for affordable home ownership or simply improve personal finances. One of the participants, Sandra Amaro, a client in the *Housing Choice Voucher* program, shared a thought on the class she attended on "Considering Home Ownership": *"It was a great class and I learned so much from it. I would definitely recommend it to others because there's a lot of helpful information that helps you with the process of owning your first home"*.

For more information about the start date of the classes this year, please contact Nancy Rojas, HATC Foundation Project Coordinator at (512) 854-6201 or nancy.rojas@traviscountytexas.gov.

Resident Spotlight

BEGIN A REWARDING CAREER IN THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY JUST LIKE ANGELA JOHNSON

Angela Johnson, a Housing Choice Voucher client, is a perfect example of motivation and resolve. Angela attended the HATC Community Resource Fair in 2017, where she got introduced to the Nursing Assistant (NA) training program through the Goodwill Career & Technical Academy (GCTA). The NA training program provides classroom instruction and hands-on clinical training to prepare students to qualify for the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP), and subsequently pass the state examination to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).



Through this training program, students undergo 4 weeks (122 hours), of intense instruction on long term care, personal care skills, basic nursing skills, restorative services, mental health and social service needs, and clinical and lab training. Angela successfully completed the NNAAP Program on May 03, 2018 and passed her state examination soon thereafter. Ms. Johnson is now working as a CNA.

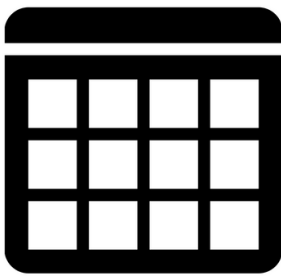
The training program is affordable and comprehensive and is designed to teach students the essential skills needed to provide basic care to patients. For more information about the program, please call GCTA at (512) 637-7131 or email gcta@goodwillcentraltexas.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Club Meetings

January Meetings

Eastern and Alexander Oaks Apartments



Tuesday January 22nd, 2019 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM
at Eastern Oaks Community Room
4922 Nuckols Crossing, Austin, TX 78744

February Meetings

Eastern Oaks Apartments
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM
at Eastern Oaks Community Room ***TENTATIVE***
4922 Nuckols Crossing, Austin, TX 78744

Alexander Oaks Apartments
Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 5:45 - 6:45 PM
at Alexander Oaks Community Room
6119 Valiant Circle, Austin, Texas 78749

Eastern Oaks Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 2:00 PM
at Eastern Oaks Community Room
4922 Nuckols Crossing, Austin, TX 78744

Job Readiness Training

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Financial Empowerment Education Classes

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**FOR FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT
THE HATC FOUNDATION'S [EVENTS CALENDAR](#)**

HATC provides affordable rental housing and supportive services to low-income families through Housing Choice Voucher, HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH), and Continuum of Care Programs. Additionally, HATC owns and maintains five (5) affordable multi-family housing developments: four (4) duplex-style family developments, three (3) of which are subsidized via Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA); and one (1) development devoted to Seniors and persons with disabilities.

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