



## creating housing where families succeed

- **OPENING DOORS TO HOMES:**

Provide high quality housing for more than 2,000 low to moderate income families and individuals.

- **HELPING THE HOMELESS:**

Provide housing coupled with stable, productive support services for more than 400 families and individuals who were homeless.

- **LEARNING TO SUCCEED:**

More than 800 children have a safe place to go when school's out and 350 adults gain skills to increase their economic independence.

- **SAVING FOR THE FUTURE:**

More than 125 families and individuals work towards savings goals and more than 35 per year purchase a home, go to college, or start a small business.

- **COMMUNITY TAX CENTERS:**

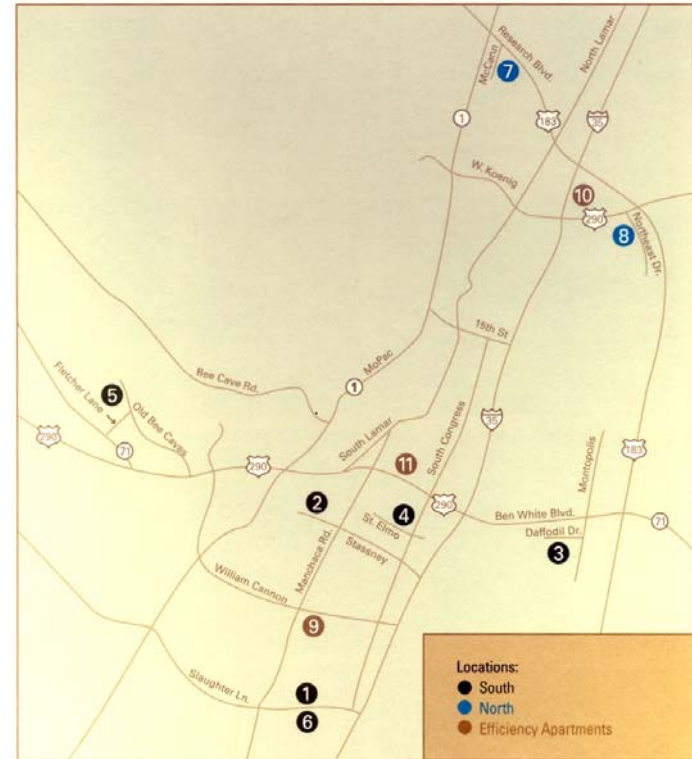
Offer free tax preparation to thousands of families with low incomes. In the 2009 tax season, we helped return \$26 million to low income Austin-area tax payers.





# 14 communities housing 2,000+ families and individuals

- 11 COMMUNITIES IN AUSTIN:
  - 2 duplex communities;
  - 6 multifamily communities;
  - 3 SROs (efficiency apartments)
- 3 COMMUNITIES IN DALLAS REGION:
  - 3 multifamily communities.







## why is it important?

- Commercial buildings (including multifamily) consume **18% of the total energy** in the US. (Source: US Dept of Energy)
- Austin's housing stock is **38% multifamily properties**.
- Low income American families often spend as much as **4-5x more on utilities** compared to the average American family as a percentage of total family income.
- Foundation Communities spent **more than \$750,000 for utilities** in 2007.
- Based on initial research, Foundation Communities' residents spend **over \$4.3 million for utilities** annually.

- WEATHERIZATION:

Weather stripping, window caulking, insulation, etc. can result in an average of **\$200-\$300 annual savings** per household.

- CFLs:

Longer-lasting and can **save \$100 annually**.

- ENERGY STAR HVAC EQUIPMENT:

14+ SEER replacements can **save \$300-\$500 annually**.

- ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES:

Replacing old appliances can **save \$75-\$150 annually**.

- SOLAR SCREENS + INSULATION:

Save **30-45% on cooling costs**.



- HIGH EFFICIENCY FLAPPER-LESS TOILETS:  
Just as **durable and clog-free**. No flapper means low maintenance. Free from the City as a replacement. Flushing toilets accounts for **30% of residential water use**.

- LOW-FLOW AERATORS + SHOWERHEADS:  
They **simply work** and free from the City.

- RAINWATER COLLECTION:  
Rebates from the City work well for small scale installations. The rebates are **broken for large-scale multifamily properties**.





## foundation communities uses 100% renewable energy

- All electricity bills paid by FC support **wind from West Texas.**
- **Fixed rate contracts** save money in the long run.
- FC has **7 solar electric** arrays and **2 solar thermal** arrays to offset cost..
- FC owns **~4-5% of Austin's total solar** electric panels with 108kW in aggregate.

However...

- The initial cost of AE's GreenChoice is **too high for our residents.**
- AE's monopoly **restricts our ability to directly offset resident utility bills** through solar in a multifamily context.
- AE's **solar rebate program is broken** for multifamily properties.





challenges.

- EDUCATION of both residents and staff.
- AUSTIN ENERGY is both a visionary utility and a slow bureaucracy.
- FUNDING mechanisms have staff intensive requirements that are often geared towards SF properties.

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