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QUARTERLY CONNECTIONS

ATLANTIC HOUSING FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is proudly presented by our Community Services Department, committed to fostering connections among our diverse communities. We're dedicated to uniting and empowering our communities through valuable information and meaningful engagement.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESPONSES

Thank you to all those who participated in our 2nd Annual Community Engagement Survey! We had an amazing response, and are so grateful for the feedback.

Due to the response, we drew 4 names for our gift card drawing. Congratulations to our winners:

- Lamanique Dillard, Waters at Augusta
- Stephanie Brown, Waters at Bluff Springs
- Xavier Samuels, Arbors of Sam Houston
- Aven Ellis, Arbors of Sam Houston



CORPORATE HAPPENINGS: INAUGURAL CHILI COOKOFF

In February to help fight off the cold, the Corporate Team had some fun with our Inaugural Chili Cookoff! We had over 10 different entries, with all the fixings. After our 20 taste testers cast their votes the winners were:

- 1st Place: Autumn Wilson, HR Generalist (Center)
- 2nd Place: Tim Cone, Director of Development and Acquisitions (Left)
- 3rd Place: Matt Mauldin, Senior Construction Project Manager (Right)

AHF STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Atlantic Housing wouldn't be what it is without the great people behind it - people like Adi Widjaja.

Adi joined Atlantic Housing Foundation in March 2013 as a Payroll and Benefit Specialist, bringing a strong background in HR and employee management. In 2021, driven by a passion for continuous learning and service, he transitioned to the Development Department, where he contributes to initiatives that support affordable housing and community growth. Adi takes pride in being part of an organization that makes a meaningful impact.

Adi holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from TCU, and several Microsoft System Engineer Certifications. Outside of work, he enjoys DIY projects, and exploring new skills.





COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Josh Howard Foundation and Stone Creek Apartments

With programs in Winston-Salem, NC, and Dallas, TX, the Josh Howard Foundation partners with area Recreation Centers, YMCA's, Apartments, Schools and Churches. In doing so, they are able to feed 1,300 individuals daily, while helping with homework during the school year, providing recreational outlets, and teaching the importance of healthy meals.

Atlantic Housing's Stone Creek Apartments in Lewisville, TX is thrilled to be a site partner of the Josh Howard Foundation, helping provide our youngest residents with all they need to thrive.

To learn more, please visit <https://joshhowardfoundation.com/>

WESTFIELD

San Marcos, TX

Bobcat BINGO!

Did you know? Atlantic Housing has Student Housing! The team at Westfield hosted a Grocery Bingo Game for their Texas State Bobcats on February 27th to help their students cover food costs, while having fun!

"Participants had the opportunity to win essential grocery items, helping to reduce their overall living expenses. This event provided valuable support in managing food costs while fostering a sense of community among residents. By addressing students' practical financial needs, Grocery Bingo played a key role in enhancing their overall well-being and stability." – Carla Maggiolo, Westfield CEA



VILLAS AT SONTERRA

San Antonio, TX

Have a "Pizza" my Heart

In honor of all kinds of love out there - including neighborly love - the Villas at Sonterra team hosted residents for a pizza making class on February 12th. Residents learned a new skill, and made some new friends at the same time.

"February was all about fostering community engagement. It was fantastic to see everyone come together for our pizza-building event - a delicious way to connect with neighbors." – Edna Chavez, Villas at Sonterra CEA

SILVER LEAF VILLAS

Fort Worth, TX

Home Run: The Path to Ownership

Atlantic Housing loves helping our residents get to their forever home! In keeping with our Community Service Pillar of Financial Stability, the Silver Leaf Villas team hosted a home ownership workshop on February 22nd.

"We guided participants through the ins and outs of the home-buying process, from securing financing to understanding market trends. Attendees walked away with practical tips and newfound confidence in their journey toward homeownership." - Alma Navarro, Silver Leaf Villas CEA



AHF SCHOLARSHIP TESTIMONIAL



Atlantic Housing Foundation was eager to award a housing scholarship to Rebecca Plante while she finished the last year of her Bachelors in Education from Sam Houston State University. A first generation college graduate, Rebecca is off to do great things for her students and community!

"The Atlantic Housing Foundation Scholarship had made a huge impact for my life as well as my college experience. It allowed me to focus on school and I was able to graduate magna cum laude. This scholarship allowed me the opportunity to focus on my studies and have less financial stress."

Rebecca Plante - Bachelor of Education 2024 - Housing Scholarship Recipient

Since 2006, Atlantic Housing Foundation has awarded more than \$20 million dollars in academic and housing scholarships to over 1,200 students across the country. Scholarships are open to any student enrolled at an accredited university/technical school or in a certification program.

Students can apply for Academic and Housing Scholarships October 15th through February 1st. Please apply at [AHF Scholarships](#)

AHF GOOD GRADES PROGRAM GOOD GRADES = GREAT REWARDS



The Spring, 2025 Cycle of the Good Grades Program closed with 36 awards, across 16 communities! Congratulations to those families for their immense effort and success in school.

"I think [the Good Grades Program] gives me more confidence to try harder, because I realize I'm helping me and my family succeed. [Being awarded] helps me build confidence in trying really hard in school."

Harvey - Good Grades Recipient

Atlantic Housing offers rent discounts and/or incentives to families with students (K—12) who achieve perfect attendance or are on the A or A/B honor roll.

Applications open June 15th for Fall Discounts!

To learn more go to [AHF Good Grades](#)



Reading AND
Prizes.



That's a
Win-Win!



ANNOUNCING AH-MAZING SUMMER READING ADVENTURES

Engage in a Summer full of fun and learning with Atlantic Housing!

The AH-Mazing Summer Reading Adventure runs from June 1 to July 31st. Register your child(ren) for AH-Mazing Summer Reading Adventures and keep their curiosity and brain developing all summer long!

How It Works

- 1. Register:** Sign up online via Google Form or at the local leasing office. Our starter pack will be emailed and mailed straight to you!
- 2. Read:** Discover the world of books, and try something new with Reading Challenges.
- 3. Track:** Complete our AH-Mazing Summer Reading Log, and Reading Challenge sheets for points, to be turned in at the end of the Summer.
- 4. Participate:** Join any onsite activities.
- 5. Win:** Earn fantastic rewards for your reading achievements and participation.

Participation Eligibility

- Students must be entering kindergarten through eighth grade, living in one of Atlantic Housing Communities.
- Parents or Guardians must complete a registration form.
- Reading Logs and Challenges must be submitted by August 10th for prizes

Register [HERE](#) to start your journey through the wonderful world of literature.

<https://forms.gle/q1iWyxpFAjdcFbrT6>

SHARE YOUR STORY

Atlantic Housing is committed to improving the lives of our residents through education and service. Share your positive experiences with us! Email your testimonials to cs@ahfservice.org