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## SAHA Neighborhood News

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Across the Bay Area, our communities have raised their voices by voting for new funding to support affordable housing, recognizing that it is necessary for a just, fair, and inclusive world. We are inspired by our voters' reaffirmation and support of SAHA's mission and energized by our continuing role in fighting for housing justice. We are off to a strong start in 2017 with expansion of our program services and several new projects breaking ground this year. We could not do it without you!

**SAHA Launches Food Recovery Partnership for Seniors**

SAHA kicked off a pilot food recovery program at three of our senior properties in collaboration with The New War on Poverty, the Alameda County Public Health Department, the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Daily Bread, and others. This pilot explores methods for improving food security for seniors and will also help inform the design of a county-wide approach to food recovery. We feel honored to be part of this innovative and impactful program. Check out some great news stories on the program here. [3]

## **Breaking Ground: Housing News**

Thank you to everyone who attended the October groundbreaking of Tabora Gardens Senior Apartments in Antioch. This exciting project addresses the growing need for affordable housing for California's veterans and is part of Contra Costa County's Zero: 2016 campaign to end veteran homelessness. Tabora Gardens is scheduled to open in 2018. Learn more about our commitment to housing veterans. [4]

Construction is nearing completion on Harper Crossing [5] in Berkeley, with a Grand Opening celebration being planned for late spring! And stay tuned for invitations to two SAHA groundbreakings early this spring: Redwood Hill [6] in Oakland and Valley View [7] in American Canyon.

Thanks to funding from an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) award, known as "cap and trade" funds, we are one step closer toward breaking ground on Grayson Street Apartments [8] in Berkeley. And we are delighted to announce that SAHA is being honored by the San Francisco Business Times as one of the Top 50 Developers [9] in the Bay Area.

Click to learn more about SAHA projects in development. [10]

## **Computer Literacy Program for Seniors & Families Kicks Off**

Launched at the beginning of 2016, SAHA's innovative computer-training program, funded by the California Public Utilities Commission provides the skills and equipment to unlock the internet's transformative potential for low-income people. Offered to SAHA residents at three buildings, more than 100 seniors and families have graduated from the 4-week course and received a free home laptop. SAHA is preparing to train another 400 households at seven SAHA buildings over the next year. Read more about how computer literacy is transforming the lives of SAHA seniors. [11]

## **HUD Guideline Changes Help Nonprofits Break the Cycle of Homelessness**

Thanks to recent changes in the guidelines for properties that receive HUD project-based subsidies, nonprofits like SAHA can now give a preference to homeless applicants. Research has shown that combining affordable rents with strong program services helps to break the cycle of homelessness experienced by many in our communities. SAHA has adopted this new preference policy at one of our senior buildings in Oakland and hopes to expand it to 3 or 4 more properties in 2017. Read more about this program here. [12]

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