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Although 2017 has brought many changes to the world of affordable housing, some things remain the same: the need for quality, permanent housing for the lowest-income members of our community has never been greater, and we could not continue our mission without supporters like you. Summer is not a slow time for SAHA, as we break new ground and build community. I hope you can join us for some of our special events this summer.

Breaking Ground: Housing News

We celebrated Affordable Housing Week on May 18 with a groundbreaking for Redwood Hill Townhomes. We were delighted to be joined by Vice Mayor Campbell Washington (third from

left in photo). Located near Mills College in Oakland, these 28 townhomes and flats will provide permanent affordable homes for low-income families and households experiencing homelessness. Once completed in the fall of 2018, SAHA and Building Futures (www.bfwc.org) will provide supportive services for our residents, including survivors of domestic or family violence. Check out some photos from the event here. ^[4]

Save the date of Thursday, July 20 for SAHA and the City of American Canyon's groundbreaking of Valley View Senior Homes, 70 new apartment and cottage-style homes for low-income veterans and seniors. Please join us at 2:30 to celebrate this new start at 31 Theresa Avenue in American Canyon!

[Click here to learn more about what's in development.](#) ^[5]

Opening Doors and Changing Lives

Thanks to recent changes in the guidelines for properties with HUD financing, we're now able to give priority to homeless seniors and vets like James McAtee at some SAHA properties. A resident of the Bay Area for more than 60 years, Mr. McAtee is a retired veteran who became homeless after an accident in 2015 left him with serious and permanent injuries. Up until last April, James was living at a local homeless shelter. But thanks to SAHA's new tenant selection plan, he is a happy resident at Valdez Plaza in downtown Oakland. Learn more about James and how we are implementing this new tenant selection plan here. ^[6]

Senior Field Day Celebrates Summer!

It would not feel like summer here at SAHA without our annual Senior Field Day. Each year, more than 300 seniors (we expect up to 400 this year!) from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties come together to connect with other seniors, community resources, and their neighbors. SAHA provides round trip transportation, breakfast & a BBQ style lunch, a variety of games, and physical activities such as yoga and Tai Chi. Join us as a sponsor, community resource, or volunteer ^[7] on July 14! Contact Hang Mosier for more information: hmosier@sahahomes.org ^[8] or 510-809-2717

A Million Thanks to our Supporters!

On June 29th, more than 160 guests joined SAHA staff, board members and volunteers at the Tribune Tavern in Oakland for our annual SAHAppy Hour. Thanks to these generous donors, we raised more than \$150,000 for vital programs and services that support our residents:

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