

# Rapid Re-Housing

"A new way to head off homelessness"



Dear Friends of THC,

Monday's (8/19/13) front page Washington Post article "Rapid Re-Housing: A new way to head off homelessness" features a THC client and her success in finding housing through Rapid Re-Housing. As a lead organization in DC's Rapid Re-Housing movement, THC works with more than 130 families like that of Contessa Allen-Starks, supporting them in the challenging struggle of finding permanent housing and sustainable employment.

Rapid Re-Housing is a program that serves the interest of both individual families and the larger community. By providing generous, but shorter term, support for subsidized housing with comprehensive employment services and case management, Rapid Re-Housing moves families from homelessness and unemployment to housing stability and economic viability.

"Pointing the way out can work"... Rapid Re-Housing candidates are finding permanent housing. The latest data reported by the Washington Post show 83% of families "are stably housed two years after their subsidies ended." THC clients show even better outcomes with 88% maintaining housing stability after completing the program.

Not all families fit the Rapid Re-Housing model and THC offers additional options on the housing continuum to serve families with transitional and permanent supportive housing needs.

For the complete text of the Washington Post article (on-line edition), as well as related on-line stories, visit:

**[Rapid rehousing: A new way to head off homelessness](#)**

*By Brigid Schulte*

"At a little after 7 on an August morning, Contessa Allen-Starks puts on her beige scrubs, pours coffee into a plastic foam cup, locks the door to her apartment and hurries to the A4 bus stop on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SW for an hour-long commute to her job in Dupont Circle."

Sincerely,

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