



HOUSING FAMILIES. TRANSFORMING LIVES.

UPWARD: SPRING 2017

Happy spring from Housing Up! We hope you've been enjoying the warmer weather and blooming cherry blossoms. At Housing Up, we've been busy planning summer programming for our residents, developing new supportive services initiatives and training new volunteers.

Most importantly, we've kicked off planning for our biggest fundraiser of the year, **Living in the City**, with proceeds directly supporting the more than 600 families we serve. This year's event will be held on May 31, 2017 – check out the details below, and we hope to see all of you there!

LIVING IN THE CITY 2017

Living in the City 2017 will take place at Long View Gallery (1234 9th Street, NW) on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is our most important fundraising event of the year and by becoming a sponsor, you'll play a key role in the work that we do: helping our District's most vulnerable families create stable homes and brighter futures.

This year, we're excited to honor Demetra Brooks and her family with our 2017 Client Achievement Award. Ms. Brooks first entered our rapid re-housing program with her four children after fleeing a domestic violence situation. From the start, she was determined to create a better life for herself and her children. Ms. Brooks always aspired to be an emergency medical technician (EMT), and thanks to her dedication, was accepted into the Prince George's County Fire Department's EMT program as the top candidate in her class. She is now training others to become EMTs and settling her family into their brand-new home after successfully exiting our program. We know you'll be as inspired by her boundless positivity as we are.

The achievements of families like the Brooks family are possible because of support from Living in the City sponsors and attendees. If you are interested in being a Living in the City sponsor, please visit our [website](#) to view the available opportunities and ticket information.

Young Professional Tickets for Living in the City

We're introducing a special young professional discounted ticket rate for Living in the City this year! Visit our [website](#) to buy tickets and spread the word.

Volunteer with Housing Up!

Looking to engage with your community and support homeless families? Volunteer with Housing Up! We're looking for dedicated volunteers to staff resident services programs, like youth & adult tutoring. Contact Emily Koppel at ekoppel@housingup.org for more information.

CONGRATS TO OUR FUTURE COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Last week, we honored two of our rapid re-housing clients who were recently accepted to college. Our education and training coordinator, Crystal Stewart, worked with both clients throughout the past year to prepare them for testing, guide them through the application process and provide encouragement. Both clients, Sasha and Arlette, worked hard to overcome challenges and barriers to their education, and we're so proud of their hard work and persistence!

Read more about their stories [here](#).



INTRODUCING OUR FAMILY SUCCESS PROGRAM

At Housing Up, we are constantly improving our services and adapting to the needs of the families we serve. We have recently implemented a new initiative, the Family Success Program (FSP), to accelerate our families' progress toward independence and financial success.

The incentive-based program, which is currently being offered to residents of our affordable housing properties, assesses participants' needs and strengths in areas such as education, employment and financial management. The FSP team then coordinates the necessary services and resources to help families achieve their goals, and routinely monitors their progress.

We look forward to sharing the accomplishments of families enrolled in the program throughout the year.

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