

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Record number of residents set to graduate from HACA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Life-changing initiative links housing voucher recipients to job training, childcare, financial literacy classes, health services, more

AUSTIN, TEXAS – Nearly 50 residents will graduate from the Housing Authority of the City of Austin's Family Self-Sufficiency Program this week.

This is the program's 27th graduating class.

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program offers HACA residents personalized coaching to help them invest in their futures. Coaches offer referrals to a variety of community services that can help participants achieve short- and long-term goals, such as furthering their education, starting a new career or purchasing a home. As income increases, residents can become eligible to establish interest-bearing escrow accounts.

HACA President and CEO Michael Gerber and HACA Board of Commissioners Chairman Carl S. Richie Jr. will welcome guests.

When:

Thursday, October 24

10 a.m.

Where:

Joe C. Thompson Conference Center

The University of Texas at Austin

2405 Robert Dedman Drive ([map](#))

Austin, TX 78712

ABOUT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

Established in 1937, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin works to cultivate sustainable, affordable housing communities that inspire self-reliance, growth, and optimism for those we serve: families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons experiencing homelessness.

HACA envisions neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, residents are healthy and safe, and all people have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The agency serves nearly 37,000 Austinites through 21 Project-Based Rental Assistance Properties, Voucher Programs, and the Austin Affordable Housing Corporation.

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