



## **Summer Youth Internship Program offers HACA residents real-life skills**

The **HACA Summer Youth Internship Program** is currently underway, providing 9 residents with the opportunity to **gain professional experience and give back to the community.**

The internship program partners with local businesses – like the **Boys & Girls Club, Meals on Wheels In-Home Care, Neighbors Dog Park & Cafe, and Economic Growth Business Incubator** – and gives young adult residents **real-world job training.**

"The program provides professional training, such as **interview skills and first impressions** workshops before working with one of the program partners," said **Nancy Garcia**, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coach at **Booker T. Washington**, who helps manage the program. "Some tasks the youth do while at their jobs include **clerical work, dog training, and assisting staff.**"

The internship program runs through July 26 and has been made possible by support from **Saatva Mattress.**

To learn more or to **sign up for the program next summer**, contact Garcia at (512) 762-5627 or [nancyg@hacanet.org](mailto:nancyg@hacanet.org).



Participants in this year's HACA Summer Youth Internship Program

## Successful i-Moms graduation made possible thanks to volunteers

Putting together the recent i-Moms graduation took a lot of work.

We'd like to thank these i-Moms who made it happen: Lupe Garcia, Ashley Sandoval, Elsie Medina, Erika Saenz, Tonya Del Los Santos, Carmen Riojas, Yulliana Riojas, Monse Villalobos, Juana Cantu, Commissioner Mary Apostolou, Angie Moreno and Jessica Benties.

A group of 15 students from Eastside Memorial High School also helped, along with 22 volunteers.

Everyone who assisted, along with the support of 18 sponsors, made this event a big success.





TOP: Lupe Garcia joins Girl Scouts who performed at the graduation  
ABOVE: June's i-Moms graduates

## 4 Booker T. Washington residents earn their high school diplomas

Congratulations to 4 Booker T. Washington residents who recently received their high school diplomas.

They are:

### **Franklin Garcia**

- KIPP Austin Brave High School
- What's next?: Studying music production, video editing, and graphic design at Austin Community College

### **Leon Vasquez**

- Travis High School
- What's next?: Nursing school

### **Abresha Woods**

- Goodwill Excel Center for Adults
- Next: Medical coding and billing

### **Elijah Garcia**

- Del Valle High School
- What's next: Certificate in plumbing

Again, a hearty congratulations to these 4 amazing Booker T. Washington residents and all of our 2024 HACA graduates.



Booker T. Washington's Class of 2024

## Seize your opportunity: Register for new FSS program

Quick reminder for HACA PBRA families: the FSS program is now open to residents at a number of HACA properties.

Thanks to a U.S. HUD grant earlier this year, residents can sign up for FSS at these properties:

- Pathways at Booker T. Washington
- Pathways at Chalmers East and West
- Pathways at Goodrich
- Pathways at Manchaca Village
- Pathways at Manchaca II
- Pathways at Bouldin Oaks
- Pathways at Shadowbend
- Pathways at Santa Rita Courts
- Pathways at Coronado Hills
- Pathways at Northgate
- Pathways at Georgian Manor



To register, or for more information, contact the HACA Resident and Client Support Center at 512-588-8298 or email [fss\\_pathways@hacanet.org](mailto:fss_pathways@hacanet.org).

## 3 Pathways residents win \$3,500 college scholarships

Three Pathways residents will be getting college scholarships thanks to the National Affordable Housing Management Association.

The scholarships amount to \$3,500 per student.

Recipients are:

**Mehrdad Arasteh (2023 recipient renewal)**

- Goodrich Place

**Bizimana Musa (2023 recipient renewal)**

- Santa Rita Courts

**Lisa Sosnowski**

- Meadowbrook Court

Congrats to these **hard-working** students. It's great to see their efforts pay off, **making college more affordable.**

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## **Bringing healthy choices and support closer to home**

HACA is excited to share these **valuable resources** to enrich the **health and well-being** of our residents. Embrace a variety of support services designed with you in mind:

**Fresh and Affordable Produce:** Explore local farmers markets where **Lone Star SNAP and WIC benefits** are accepted. Make your grocery budget go further with the **Double Up Food Bucks program**, which doubles the amount of fresh produce you can purchase. Visit **Sustainable Food Center** website [HERE](#) for more information.

**Baby Formula Assistance:** If you have infants or young children, assistance with **baby formula** is available to ensure your little ones receive the nutrition they need. Check out the flyer [HERE](#) for more details.

**Food Pantry Access:** No one should have to worry about their next meal. Access the **food pantry** available through the **Austin Public Health Neighborhood Services Unit** [HERE](#) and fill your pantry with nutritious food options.

**Self-Sufficiency and Case Management:** Take control of your future with Self-Sufficiency and Case Management services. From **job search assistance** to **budget counseling**, gain the tools and guidance to thrive. Find more information on becoming self sufficient click [HERE](#).

**Holistic Support:** Find information and access to **Neighborhood Centers** that provide a suite of services to cover various needs, from basic necessities to personal development [HERE](#).

Each of these services is a step towards a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle.

For more information on how to access these resources, please refer to the flyers provided or get in touch with the **Resident and Client Support Center**.

Let's continue to build a supportive and nourishing community together.

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## Got a story? Share it with OneVoice!

If you or someone you know has a story of triumph, community, or growth at HACA, we'd love to feature it. Your story could inspire our community in the OneVoice newsletter. Contact our communications team to share. Let's celebrate our stories together!

Contact us



### IMPORTANT HACA Phone Numbers

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| HACA Administration              | (512) 477-4488 |
| Maintenance Work Orders          | (512) 477-8518 |
| Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher | (512) 477-1314 |
| Fire/Police                      | call 911       |
| Non-Emergency Police             | call 311       |
| Poison Center                    | (800) 222-1222 |
| Quit Smoking                     | (877) 937-7848 |

HACA RESIDENT & CLIENT SUPPORT CENTER:

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