

Program Overview



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What is Skillpoint Alliance?



Mission:

Skillpoint Alliance is a 501(c)3 social enterprise that builds partnerships among industry, education and the community, leading to college and career success for Central Texans, while meeting employers' needs for a qualified workforce.

- Workforce development non-profit founded in 1994
- Build partnerships with industry, education, and the community
- We focus on college and career success, delivering **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math** programs in:
 - *Construction Technologies*
 - *Green Tech*
 - *Computer Technology*
 - *Digital Media*
 - *Health Care*
 - *Manufacturing*



What is Empower?

A 10-week Digital Literacy Program that assists adult learners in gaining the computer skills needed to compete in today's job market, participate in increasingly computer-based civic activities, and pursue learning opportunities.



We focus on:

- Proficiency
- Project-based computer skills training
- Connecting classroom learning to career applications
- Sharing best practices from industry & education
- Assisting participants with professional development services
- Inclusivity of all levels of knowledge and ability



What Sets Empower Apart?

Our instructional and service model differs from other Community Technology and job readiness programs

We Provide:

- Evening and Daytime classes
- English and Spanish classes
- 90% hands-on learning environment
- Low cost training (\$35 for entire program)
- Structured 10-week training from beginner to advanced
- Completion ceremony where certificates are awarded
- Mobile labs to provide services where they are needed most



Who We Make A Difference To

Whitney Thompson

**Empower Participant &
Thurman Heights Resident**

***“My life has taken on a new
direction since my ROSS
Specialist recommended
Skillpoint Alliance”***



A Partnership That Works



Our Shared Goal:

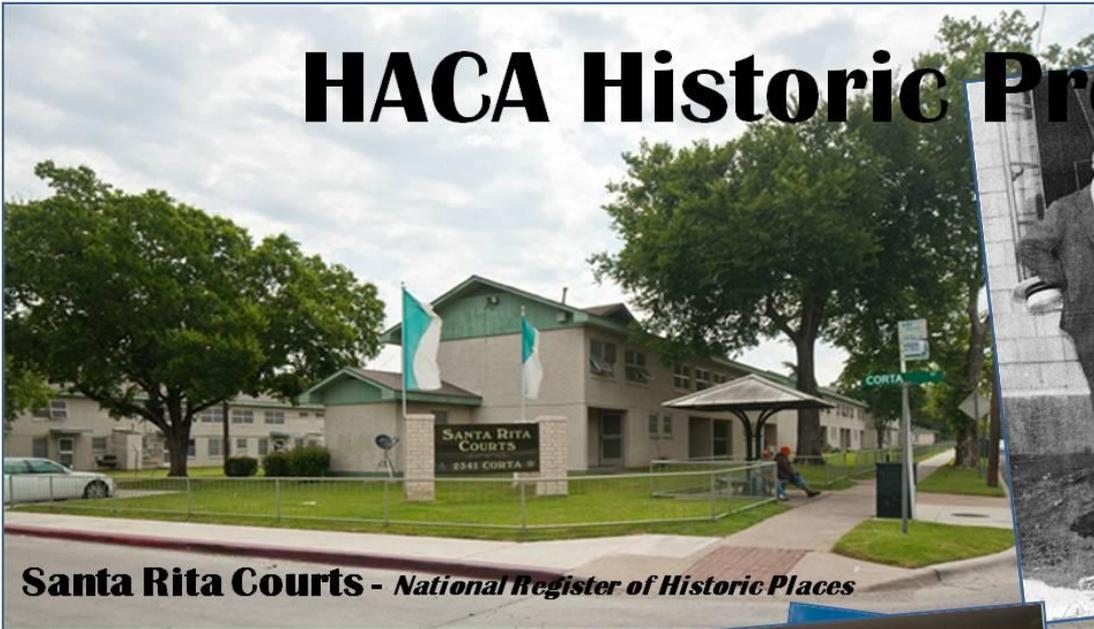
- To assist people to self-sufficiency
- Hard-to-employ – SB3
- 84 people served at HACA facilities from January– August
 - 13 HACA residents served in Empower
 - 9 Housing Authority residents now employed



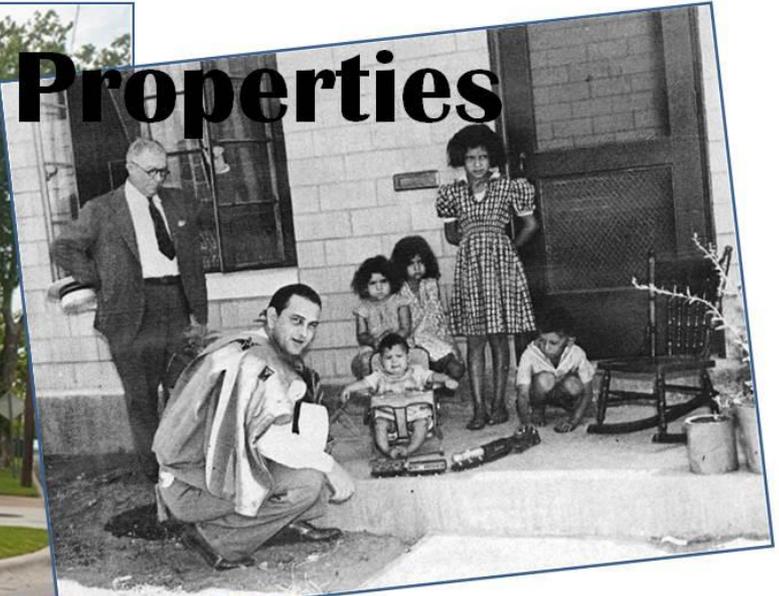
Housing Authority of the City of Austin



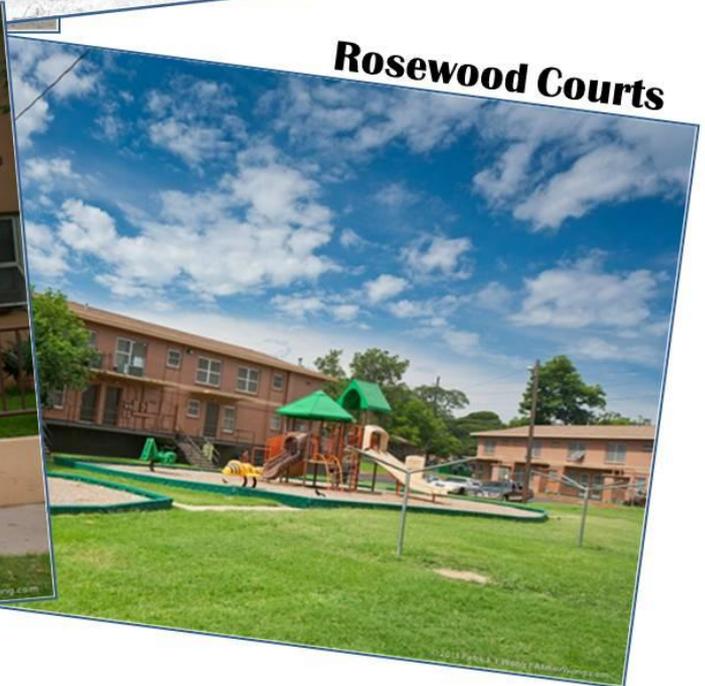
HACA Historic Properties



Santa Rita Courts - *National Register of Historic Places*



Chalmers Courts



Rosewood Courts

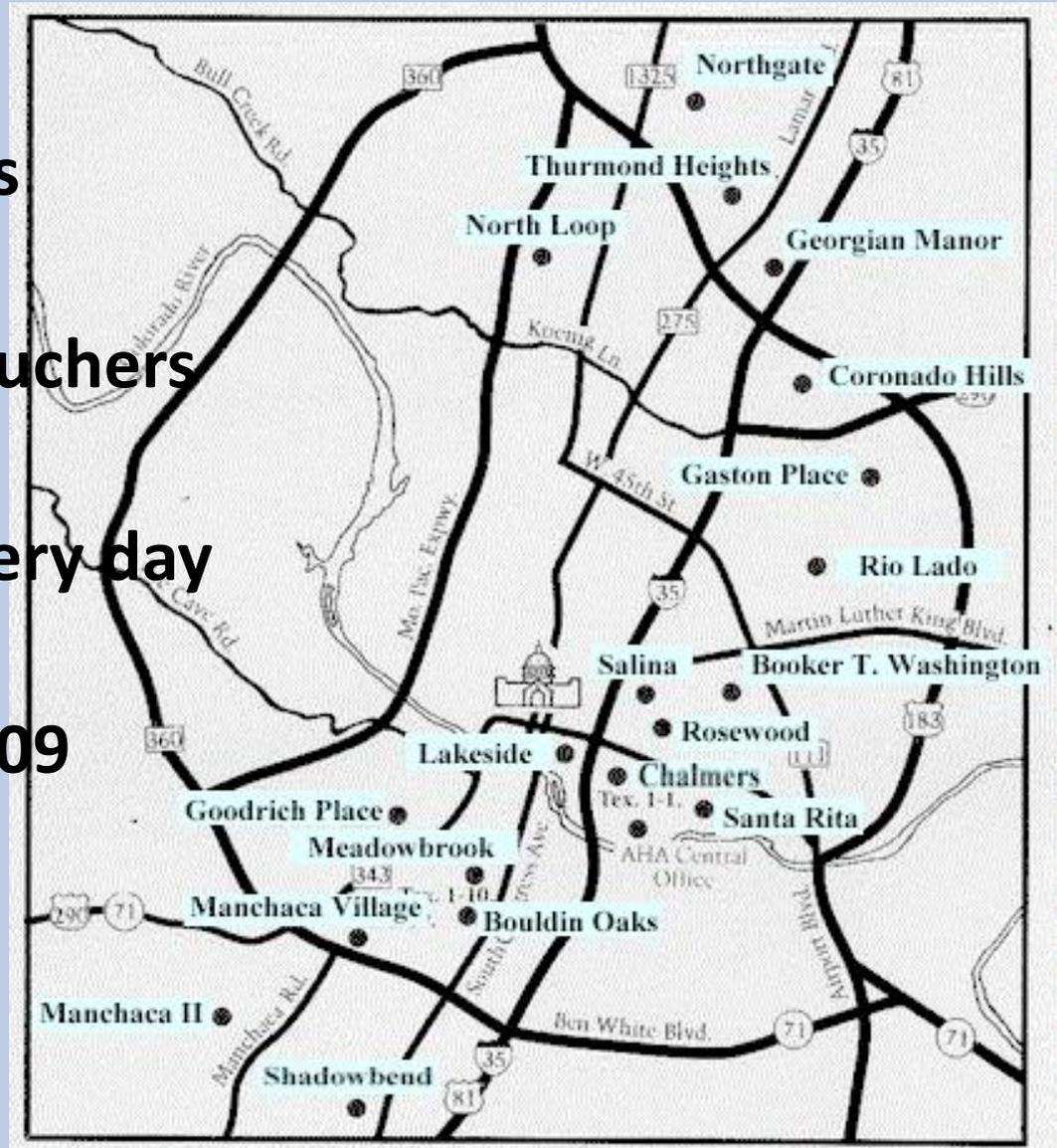
Housing Authority of the City of Austin

- 1838 public housing units

- 5,904 Housing Choice Vouchers

- 19,404 people served every day

- Average income of \$13,709



Austin Affordable Housing Corporation

- **Non-subsidized Apartment Complexes**

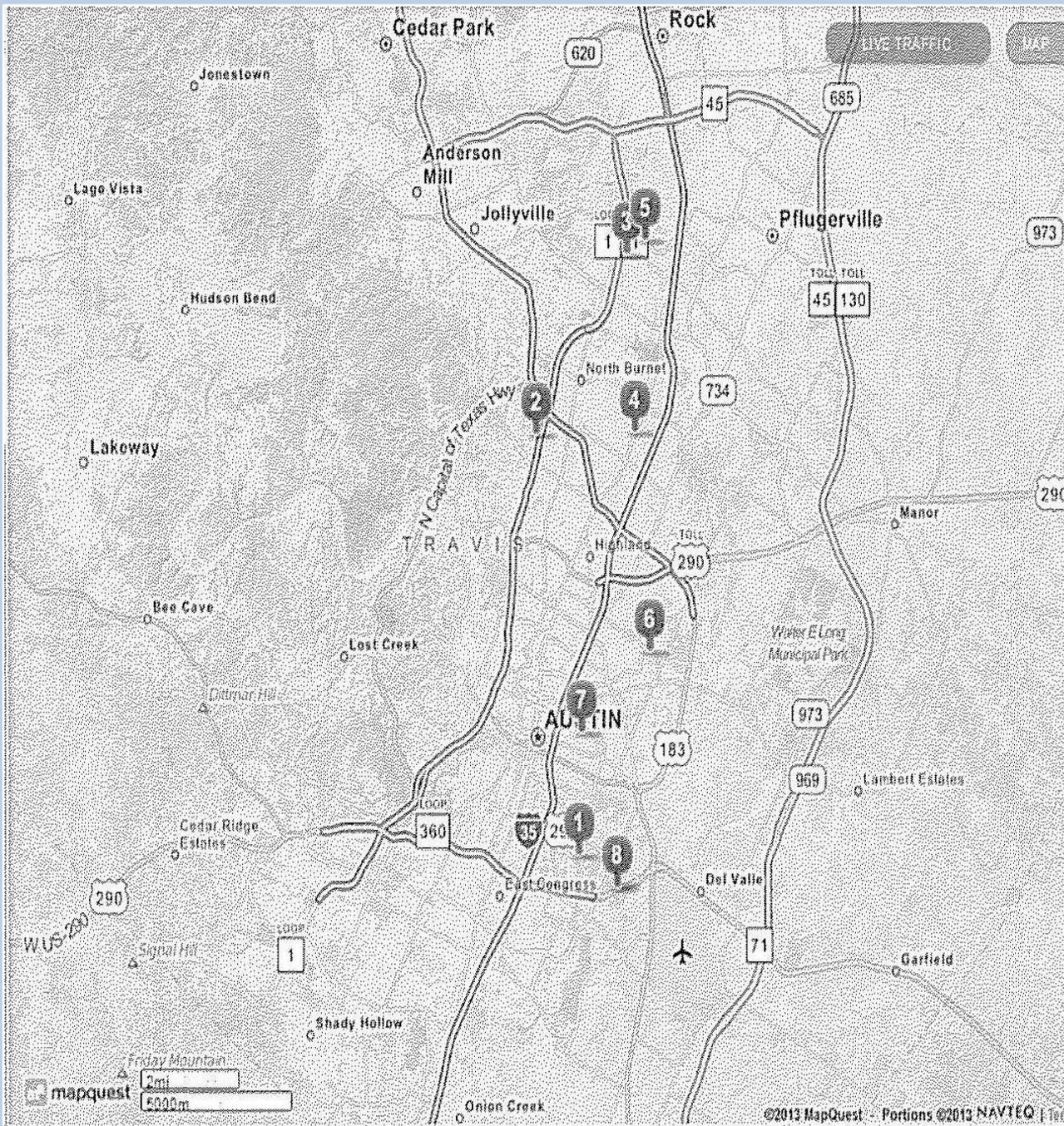
- Sterling Village – 207 units; purchased 03/2004
- Sweetwater at Wells Branch – 152 units; purchased 09/ 2007
- Bent Tree – 126 units; purchased 08/ 2004
- Park at Summers Grove – 240 units; purchased 10/2008
- Leisure Time Village – 23 Units

- **17 Single Family Rental Homes**

- **Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Program**

- **Community Land Trust**





1 **Lexington Hills Apartments**
 2430 Cromwell Cir
 Austin, TX 78741-6078

2 **Bent Tree Apartments**
 8405 Bent Tree Rd
 Austin, TX 78759-8255

3 **Park at Summers Grove Apartments**
 2900 Century Park Blvd
 Austin, TX 78727-1251

4 **Sterling Village Apartments**
 10401 N Lamar Blvd
 Austin, TX 78753-3459

5 **Sweetwater Apartments**
 2323 Wells Branch Pkwy
 Austin, TX 78728-6787

6 **Rio Lado Apartments (RAD)**
 2929 E 51st St
 Austin, TX 78723-4600

7 **Rosewood (Choice Neighborhood)**
 1143 Salina St
 Austin, TX 78702-2768

8 **The Pointe at Ben White and Villages of Ben White**
 7000 E Ben White Blvd
 Austin, TX 78741-7706

Lining up for lower-cost housing



Austin American Statesman

How Would You Use a Computer?

