



## Housing America Celebrates Homeownership Month

I often read statistical reports and research studies on the positive outcomes of homeownership for low-income families. Most detail the measurable and significant benefits of homeownership, such as a household's increase in net assets and the academic achievements by children of homeowners.

These outcomes are published by nonprofit housing providers like us across the country. Here at home, I am privileged to have witnessed these outcomes (and many more) for almost a decade at Housing America. Organizations like ours are tasked with addressing impediments to fair and affordable housing. When we do it well, we need to tell our stories and highlight our accomplishments.

At Housing America, we celebrate homeownership on a daily basis. However, each June we join our colleagues in the month-long celebration of homeownership. We have plenty of reasons to celebrate Homeownership Month in 2023.

Eleven of our 42 current Self Help home families are receiving their keys and Certificates of Occupancy on June 23. The remaining families will be joined by an additional 20 families by the end of the month.

Our Neighborhood Revitalization efforts on State Avenue in Somerton continue with a new home at 404 N State. The project is a leveraged USDA RD 502Direct loan which has received much support from private and public partners.

We were recently awarded \$3 Million in combined grants from USDA Rural Development and the US Department of Urban Development for the continuation of our housing programs. The funds are to provide technical assistance to program participants and for the development and/or acquisition of single family lots in Yuma County.

Our mission to provide affordable rentals and homeownership opportunities for low-income families in rural Arizona is as strong as it was in 1976 when our agency was incorporated. Our partners, like you, make it possible. On behalf of the Housing America Board of Directors and our dedicated staff, thank you for your continued support.

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