

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Working together, Central Ohio can close our affordable housing gaps and create a stronger community. Each month we will feature ways to get involved in the affordable housing movement.

You can also view our [Events Calendar](#) or search for local [Hiring Opportunities](#) in affordable housing.

Nonprofits to Watch

[Community Development for All People](#) grew out of a message of unconditional love and an atmosphere of radical hospitality with the mission of improving the quality of life for persons on the South Side of Columbus.

[Jewish Family Services](#) helps individuals and families achieve economic self-sufficiency and emotional stability.

[The Refuge](#) has helped thousands of men struggling with drugs or alcohol to start a new life. The long-term results have been incredible.

Advocate

[Gather a group and visit](#) the City of Columbus' immersive *Zone In* Gallery, an interactive space on Front Street to learn all about the crucial zoning modernization project that is designed to help Columbus meet its housing needs and prepare for our growth. Learn more about the project and find out how you can use your voice and experiences to shape our laws!

Donate

Homeport is working to support literacy in their housing communities, striving to increase literacy with the 2,700+ children they serve. A \$100 gift can help buy 10 books for the [Book Drive](#) to help a child learn.

The Franklinton Development Association educates residents in the Financial LifeSkills Program to help them navigate the complex worlds of finances and housing. The impactful program is supported through [community donations](#) and grants.

Volunteer

Community Development for All People is welcoming volunteers to serve in the All People's Fresh Market, the United Methodist Free Store, or with the "Thrive to Five" program making sure South Side babies flourish to their first birthday. [See where you can lend a hand!](#)

Engage

Listen to WOSU's new podcast, [Untangled](#), which is asking why members of Gen Z feel like they will never be able to afford a house, why older millennials and GenX feel stuck in their starter homes, and why boomers find themselves priced out by property taxes. After listening, you can [use this template](#) shared by PolicyLink to reflect on your own housing journey and discuss with friends.

Can new suburban housing make urban areas more affordable? Let's find out together! Join Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies for a [webinar on April 12th](#) with experts from across the country exploring that question.