

The Housing Industry Foundation believes people shouldn't lose their home because they fall on hard times or are poor. Every day, we fund emergency grants for the working poor to remain in their homes or return to stable housing because everyone deserves a home.



Our mission is to help individuals and families either remain in or return to stable housing and to assist with special housing projects or renovations in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. In addition, HIF supports efforts to identify long term solutions to the lack of affordable housing in our community

- Since 1989, HIF has been a **multi-family housing industry-based organization** with its support coming from local companies and individuals, such as apartment owners, builders, Realtors, mortgage bankers, accountants, attorneys, insurance companies and other related businesses.
- HIF has helped over **10,000 households overcome a housing crisis** through emergency grants for housing expenses and by rehabilitating housing units for the working poor and other special needs populations.
- HIF leverages the board's contacts and expertise to minimize costs and maximize output to the community. All administrative costs are supported by contributions from the board of directors. **100% of all additional funds go back to the community.**
- HIF collaborates with a network of partner agencies that provide the casework for our emergency housing **grants of up to \$1,000 benefiting low-income households threatened with homelessness**. Grants are funded within 24 hours of request and may be used for rent, mortgage, security deposit or utilities. Requests must be due to an unforeseen emergency and clients must demonstrate their ability to meet future expenses. Last year, HIF made 298 grants totaling \$256K helping 420 adults and 449 children avoid homelessness.
- HIF **completes renovations at no cost to non-profit housing providers** to improve the living conditions for their clients. Drawing upon in-kind donations of labor and materials, HIF accomplishes these projects at significantly reduced costs. Projects range from providing furniture to major renovations of buildings and landscaping. Groups assisted include homeless veterans, women in recovery, victims of domestic violence, seniors, single adults and families. In 2010, we completed four renovation projects valued at \$93K for approximately 37% of the market cost, investing \$33,972 cash, plus \$58,973 in-kind donations.

HIF Membership Levels and Events*

Corporate Champion \$5,000: A company-sponsored employee volunteer workday where staff can participate in a team-building experience helping HIF on a renovation project.

Board Director \$5,250: Our Board is comprised of multifamily industry executives who manage the organization. Attend bi-monthly meetings and give back to our community.

Associate Board Member \$2,500: Our Associate members are regular ambassadors of HIF including speaking to those in his/her "sphere of influence" about who we are and what we do.

VIP (Volunteer Investment Partnership) \$1,000: Personally assist a struggling family with an annual donation of up to \$1,000. Each month, HIF runs out of funding for Emergency Housing Funds. So our VIP's step in and help HIF save another family from homelessness.

CAA Tri-County Golf Tournament – June 27, 2011 at Palo Alto Hills Country Club
Receive recognition of your peers and the industry, while networking, working, golfing, having fun and giving back to the community.

Annual September Summit – September, 7, 2011 at San Francisco Airport Marriott
The bay area's premier multifamily networking event with over 800 industry professionals.

*Annual contribution of \$3,500+ ensures an invitation to our exclusive Donor Appreciation networking event with industry executives on May 25th.

Emergency Housing Grants.....



A single mother of three girls was laid off from work because of the poor economy. She spent 4 months in transitional housing where she saved money to purchase a moderately priced vehicle. She returned to work part-time on a contract basis until her company was able to hire her back full-time reinstating her tenure and full benefits. Today, Karen is incredibly happy and excited to pay her rent each month.

“I can’t say enough of how grateful I am to receive this grant. I have my own place for the first time in ten years! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to have my own place.”-Mark

An 8 month pregnant mother and her toddler were forced to leave their rental home without advance notice when the house foreclosed. They moved into a shelter where the baby was born with multiple medical conditions. The mother was able to find services to help with the baby and returned to work. She did not receive child support. They found an affordable apartment, but needed assistance with the high move-in costs. HIF made it possible for the small family to return to stable housing.

“Your grant helped me get the house. Thank you for your help, it gives us security. It is great that organizations, such as yours help low income people, like us exist. Thank you! Thank you! – Manjit

“Your grant prevented us from losing our home of almost four years. My husband had just graduated from college and had been looking for a job for a few months. He found a job, but he wouldn’t be paid in time for us to pay our rent. Thank you very much!” – Jan

.....and Shelter Renovations

CityTeam Ministries’ House of Grace is a transitional house for women in recovery helping women suffering from addiction, abuse, abandonment, crisis pregnancy, and homelessness.

HIF remodeled seven bathrooms with \$15,386 cash and \$18,831 in-kind totaling \$34,217. Work included bathroom demolition; sheet rock repairs; installation of new vanities, counter tops, GFI receptacles, faucets, toilets, plumbing, and vinyl flooring.

Shelter Network’s Haven Family House provides safe, clean, and modern shelter, nutritious food, comprehensive counseling services, programs for children, and job and housing searches. The programs ensure that the community’s most vulnerable members have the opportunity to return to self sufficiency and a place they can call “home”.



HIF installed and finished a small building complete with furniture to be used for children counseling. Landscaping upgrade included weed removal in garden area, along fence line, and at front of property, along with ground cover installation and minor landscaping repairs. Cost of work estimated at \$20K was completed with less than \$500 after in-kind donations and Corporate Champion sponsorship.

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