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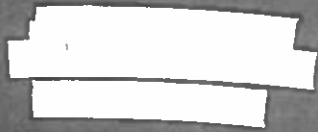
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*Growing Communities One Family At A Time  
For 70 Years*

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If you would like any information on the programs offered in this brochure, you may contact the number listed above.



**RESIDENT  
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RELATIONS  
DEPARTMENT**



LOCATED IN  
**SEMINOLE SERVICE  
CENTER  
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## RESIDENT SERVICES MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE THE FAMILIES IN OUR HOUSING COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING THEM WITH RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND ENHANCE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.


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### FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary program designed to assist Huntsville Housing Authority residents in becoming financially independent and free of public assistance. With the support of local agencies and businesses, FSS combines individual case management, education, and training to aid families in becoming self-sufficient.

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### HOMEOWNERSHIP



The Pre-Homeownership program is offered to provide education, guidance, and a support group for participants while allowing them to reside in single family homes. The program also includes the Homebuyers Club and Individual Housing Counseling.

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### SECTION III

Section 3 is a means by which HUD fosters local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. Under Section 3, HHA awards contracts to business, as well as provides employment opportunities to low-income individuals residing in public housing or the surrounding community.

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### ADULT EDUCATION/ JOB READINESS

We have three Neighborhood Network Sites that provide Adult Education Instruction and Job Readiness Training to the families residing in our housing communities. LIFE Inc., Calhoun Community College, and J. F. Drake State Technical College offer classes in the morning and evening at the Oscar Mason Center, Butler Terrace Office, and Northwoods J. F. Drake Training Center.

### READY TO WORK PROGRAM

J. F. Drake Technical College facilitates classes at Searcy Homes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon for 8 weeks. This program will provide a career pathway for adults with limited education and employment experience. All participants must have a High School Diploma/GED or be able to function on an 8th grade level. During the 8 week period the participants will gain knowledge in applied mathematics, reading for information, locating information, work ethics, organizational skills, problem solving, workplace behaviors, computer skills, job acquisition skills and manufacturing skills. Participants that successfully complete the program will earn an Alabama Certified Worker (ACW) Certificate and a State of Alabama Career Readiness Credential (CRC) which are recognized by employers in the State of Alabama.

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### RESIDENT COUNCIL/ RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

The purpose of the councils are to improve the quality of life and participate in activities that will create a positive living environment for the families residing in their communities. Resident Advisory Board is comprised of the resident council board members from all areas.

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### YOUTH SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS

### OSCAR MASON BRANCH LIBRARY/ COMPUTER LAB

A branch of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HPL), located at the Oscar Mason Community Center, serves public housing residents as well as the general public. The library provides a professionally-selected, age-appropriate collection of library materials for patrons. It captures non-traditional users through community outreach and offers a computer lab to stimulate the interests of adults and youth.

### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER HUNTSVILLE



In partnership with the Huntsville Housing Authority, the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Sparkman Homes Teen Center serve children from all of Huntsville Housing Authority's public housing communities by providing a safe place where youths can receive assistance with homework, improve leadership skills,

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### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Boy Scouts of America Troop 400 provides services for boys ages 6-18 and girls 14-21 in the public housing communities who have an interest in scouting and scouting activities. Troop 400 works to decrease the number of youth dropping out of school by providing after-school homework assistance, and providing transportation to and from school.

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### GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA



Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama's objective is to help develop a broad range of youth support in public housing communities by administering educational, recreational, cultural, economical, and civic leadership opportunities amongst students, parents, community leaders, and mentors. Girl Scouts is open to girls ages 5-

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### HUNTSVILLE YOUTH ORCHESTRA (HYO)



Through Project SAM (Social Action Through Music), the HYO helps to provide a creative outlet for children in public housing. Hosted at the Oscar Mason Center, this program is for children in grades 4 through 8.