



**HOUSING  
CONNECT**

# **AGENCY REPORT 2024**

## **OUR MISSION**

To connect people and communities to quality affordable housing opportunities while promoting self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization.

## **OUR VALUES**

Integrity - Accountability - Innovation - Excellence - Humility

## **FROM THE CEO**

JANICE KIMBALL

As we reflect on the milestones of 2024, I am filled with gratitude for the collective efforts that have strengthened our mission to connect individuals and families to quality affordable housing. Housing Connect made significant strides in expanding opportunities for self-sufficiency and fostering innovative partnerships. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our team, the trust of our residents and participants, and the unwavering support of our partners.



# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

## \$54 Million

Rental Assistance Payments  
to Community Landlords (12-months)

### 10,000+

Individuals  
Served

### 6,091

Total Households  
Served

### 1,258

New Households  
Leased Up



### \$13,959

Average Income of  
All Families Served

### 17.8%

Entered from  
Homelessness

### 3.9 Years

Average Length  
Receiving Assistance

# SUPPORTING RESIDENTS



Financial Wellness Case Management

**\$13,956**

**Debt Reduced**

Provides 150 participants an opportunity to learn financial skills, moving them closer to financial self-sufficiency.

On-Site Family Services

**12 Community Events**

Hosted resource and self-sufficiency focused events with a total of 750 attendees among 12 events.

Housing Support Specialist

**196 Participants**

Assists participants with high barriers to housing in assessing their needs and navigating housing applications and rental assistance programs.

Permanent Supportive Housing

**93% Maintained Housing**

Residents receive on-site supportive services through individualized case management and resource connection.

# NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BRINGS 89 UNITS TO MIDVALE

Housing Connect completed East 72, a transformative affordable housing development in Midvale, Utah. This state-of-the-art project replaced 24 outdated public housing units with 89 modern, energy-efficient apartment homes, addressing critical housing needs for low-income families and vulnerable populations.

- 100% of units are leased to households earning at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), with targeted affordability tiers (25%-45% AMI).
- 10 ADA-accessible units, plus dedicated homes for formerly homeless individuals (5 units), disabled residents (5 units), and survivors of domestic violence (5 units).
- Certified as an Enterprise Green Community, featuring energy-efficient appliances, green spaces, and a playground.

East 72 exemplifies the power of partnership. Housing Connect thanks the key collaborators:

- Funding Partners: Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) via The Richman Group, construction financing from Zions Bank, and support from Utah's Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund and Rocky Mountain CRC.
- Development Team: Chelsea Investment Corporation, ej architecture, and Kier Construction.
- Government Allies: Salt Lake County, Midvale City, the State of Utah and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



# EXPANSION OF THE FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAMS

Housing Connect was awarded 50 new Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers and 52 new Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers to support vulnerable families and youth at risk of homelessness in Salt Lake County. With the addition of these new vouchers, Housing Connect has a total of 336 vouchers for these families and youth.

The two initiatives play a crucial role in promoting family stability and empowering young adults by providing dedicated rental assistance to two key populations:

- Families at risk of separation due to inadequate housing
- Youth (ages 18-24) who have aged out of foster care or are experiencing homelessness

Recognizing that stable housing is essential for long-term success, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established these programs to address housing instability as a barrier to family unity and self-sufficiency. Housing Connect collaborates closely with local agencies to identify eligible participants, ensuring they receive not only housing assistance but also supportive services to foster stability and independence.



## 50

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## 52

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to Independence  
(FYI) Vouchers



# PARTNERSHIPS CREATE CONNECTIONS

Housing Connect's Services team established a strategic partnership with Eye Care for Kids to address unmet vision care needs within our community. This collaborative initiative successfully provided 104 complimentary comprehensive eye examinations, revealing significant demand for vision services among vulnerable populations.

Key outcomes:

- 89 individuals (86% of participants) required corrective lenses
- All prescribed eyewear was provided at no cost to recipients
- Many beneficiaries received their first-ever vision correction, directly enhancing their educational, professional, and daily living experiences

This initiative reflects Housing Connect's broader commitment to removing barriers and fostering health equity through innovative collaborations. By connecting participants with vital resources, we are creating pathways to access services and success for the community.