



Championing Great Neighborhoods Through Homeownership

National Community Development Month – April 2017

One house at a time, the **Development Corporation of Tarrant County**, is transforming a low-income area of Central Arlington into a more stable and livable neighborhood. DCTC was awarded **HUD HOME Investment Partnerships Program** funds by the City of Arlington to develop new, energy-efficient, single-family homes. HOME funds are combined with private sector donations to increase the supply of affordable housing.



Families who make less than 80% of the area median income may qualify to purchase the homes with the help of the Arlington Homebuyer Assistance Program. This program is administered on behalf of the City of Arlington by a local non-profit, **The Housing Channel** (formerly Tarrant County Housing Partnership). For more information

about how to qualify, contact HC at 817-924-5091 or visit www.housingchannel.org.

Since 2012, DCTC has built 10 new homes for first-time homebuyers. Each of the homes has unique and sustainable features, including solar panels, rain catchment systems, and tankless hot water heaters, thanks in part to donations from groups such as Wells Fargo Foundation, BB&T Bank, BBVA Compass, and History Maker Homes.

The homes are located near the entertainment district and job centers in Arlington, and near City Hall, the University of Texas at Arlington campus, and the medical district. Federal funds, such as **Community Development Block Grants**, have been used to revitalize this low income area with new streets and sidewalks, neighborhood parks, job creation, and human services.



The City was able to demonstrate tangible results when the newly appointed Secretary of HUD, Dr. Ben Carson, visited Arlington at the end of March. In the target neighborhood alone, CDBG and HOME funds have provided 72 new units of housing, over 60 blocks of new and improved infrastructure, cleared 9 blighted structures, created 58 new jobs, and provided job skills training to over 120 people annually.

These public investments have been an incentive for more private investment in the area as evidenced by the new Mixed-Use Development next to City Hall, the new Urban Union development near Division Street, and new businesses and restaurants along Abram and Center Streets. CDBG and HOME funds continue to play a vital role in making neighborhoods great in Arlington.

Location of New Homes in the Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, Developed by DCTC

