

Mission Main

Mission Main was the BHA's first HOPE VI redevelopment. Built in 1940, Mission Main was originally a "superblock" type development that consisted of 38 three-story, brick buildings with common area hallways and entrances. These buildings have since been demolished and transformed into 535 townhouse style apartments with individual entrances and backyards. Of these, 445 remain public housing units with the balance being rented at market rate.

Part of the success of Mission Main is attributed to the resident services corporation, MissionWorks, which was developed under the HOPE VI program. Equipped with a community center to assist residents in gaining greater self-sufficiency through education, job readiness, career opportunities and elder services, MissionWorks has become an outreach center for surrounding neighborhoods and developments. As of February 2006, more than 600 adults and children had benefited from the services MissionWorks provides. MissionWorks' success lies in part to its fundraising ability; the group has been able to leverage more than \$3million for the direct benefit of Mission Main residents.

"[MissionWorks] helps you succeed at points in your life when you think there is no hope. I found my hope here and I found my dreams here. Thanks," said Everett O'Neil a Mission Main resident who participated in the social service program.

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