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MTW Collaborative Member News

The MTW Collaborative is proud to share the impact our members are having in their communities! See below for the latest news and updates from MTW agencies across the country.

May 2025

AHA Unveils New Garden Beds for Residents

In celebration of Older Americans Month and in service of elder residents at their 186-unit Independence Plaza development, the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) recently planted the seeds for something special, unveiling new garden plots to grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers.

Research consistently shows that time spent gardening increases inner peace and physical health through outdoor exercise and social interactions. These new plots are sure to cultivate joy and help residents grow together!

[Lettuce congratulate AHA by liking and leaving a comment on their post to support this budding success!](#)



Tacoma Celebrates the Grand Opening of Patsy Surh Place

Tacoma Housing Authority celebrated the grand opening of Patsy Surh Place which was designed and constructed to offer a culturally inclusive environment for Asian Pacific Islander elders and other low-income seniors earning up to 30% and 50% AMI. With 47 studio apartments and 30 one-bedroom units, the new six story building also features a community lounge, multipurpose room, gallery space, outdoor courtyard, and on-site laundry facilities. Through Tacoma Housing Authority's partnership with the Asia Pacific Cultural Center and the VA, 20 units will house homeless or at-risk Veterans through the VASH program.

[Click here for photos from the event.](#)

[Click here to watch a video montage of the opening, featuring remarks from Patsy Surh O'Connell and to read more about the new building.](#)

[Click here to read more about Patsy Surh O'Connell's journey as an artist and as a community building and cultural icon.](#)



Additional Member News

Auburn Housing Authority Residents Enjoy Older Americans Celebration in the Park with Food, Music, and Fellowship

[Click here to see photos from the event.](#)

The Greenville Housing Authority and Louisville Metro Housing Authority Make the Case for Full HUD Funding, Warn of Funding Cut Consequences

[Click here to see TGHA's social media post highlighting their local impact and the cost of funding cuts](#) and [click here to see a local news report featuring TGHA Executive Director Terri Bates.](#)

[Click here to read an op-ed on the cost of housing cuts authored by EDs from Kentucky Housing Corporation, Lexington Housing Authority, and Louisville Metro Housing Authority.](#)

Lincoln Housing Authority Celebrates 31 Years and 31 Homes Built by Lincoln Northeast High School Students and Community Partners

[Click here to watch a video and read more about this long-running community building tradition.](#)

We're Making it Facebook Official!

The MTW Collaborative joins Facebook to celebrate and share the success of MTW agencies.

In addition to following us on our [LinkedIn](#) page, we invite you to please follow us on our new [Facebook](#) page! Our goal for these social media sites is to create

a picture of MTW that showcases your innovations and highlights your dedication to serving the individuals and families in your communities.

Feel free to tag us in your posts and / or share your success stories with us at mtw@mtwcollaborative.org.

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