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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.

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Atlanta Housing Breaks Ground on First Phase of Bowen Homes Choice Neighborhoods Redevelopment

Atlanta Housing put shovels in the ground earlier this month to kick off a redevelopment effort sixteen years in the making. Built in northwest Atlanta in 1964, the old Bowen Homes were named after John W. E. Bowen Sr., one of the first African Americans to earn a Ph.D. in the US. One-time home to Evander Holyfield and rapper Shawty Lo, Bowen Homes was demolished in 2009. Supported by a \$40 million HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) grant award in 2022, the redevelopment of Bowen Homes has garnered over \$523 million in public and private commitments to bring new life to the community including 756 mixed-income housing units, retail, green space, civic amenities, and high-performing schools.

[Read more about the ground breaking here.](#)

[Read about Bowen Homes and other 2022 CNI grants here.](#)



Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority Brings After-School STEAM Activities to Kids

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) and Huntington National Bank have partnered to bring a new after-school learning opportunity for children ages 8-13 to the Summit Lake Reach Opportunity Center. More than keeping kids engaged during after-school hours, STEAM Club is opening doors for young minds to discover Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) in an exploration-based program. Special volunteers from the local PBS affiliate joined for the inaugural meeting of the first cohort's 10-week journey to teach kids about space through interactive activities. Future projects will feature robot building, rocket launching, nature exploration, and more!

[Read more about STEAM Club here.](#)

[See pictures from the first meeting of STEAM Club here.](#)



Additional Member News

The Housing Authority of Champaign County Celebrates Hardworking YouthBuild Graduates in Style

[See Pictures from the Ceremony Here](#)

[Read More about HACC's YouthBuild Program Here](#)

Opportunity Home San Antonio Celebrates the Opening of a Second After-School Learning Center in Partnership with Leaven Kids

[Read More About the Grand Opening Here](#)

[Learn More about Leaven Kids Here](#)

Spokane Housing Authority Purchases Vacant Land, Begins Journey Toward Developing 100 Units for Low-Income Older Americans

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