Homeport believes it’s all about people.

Homeport is the largest locally-focused nonprofit developer of affordable housing in Central Ohio, having served the area for over 30 years. We own 2,387 affordable rental apartments and homes, and house over 5,700 people. Almost half of our residents are children.

Research shows a stable, safe, and affordable home is the best indicator that a child will succeed in school, will experience less risk of developmental delays, and will not go to sleep hungry.

**THE NEED**

- 1 in 4 of Central Ohio households spend more than 50% of their income on housing.
- 1 in 3 Columbus children under the age of six lives in poverty.
- 26% increase in child poverty in Franklin County in 2015.
- 48% of low-income children live in at least three different homes by the time they start kindergarten.
- 43% of Central Ohio households can’t afford their basic needs each month.

**THE MULTIPLYING IMPACT OF HOUSING**

- A Center for Housing Policy study linked frequent resident mobility with behavioral problems in children, risk-taking behavior, extremely poor academic performance and disruption in access to health care in teens.
- Children in families behind on rent were 52% more likely to be at risk for developmental delays, compared to those in housing-secure families.
- Children in families who had moved two or more times in the past year were 59% more likely to have been hospitalized, than were children in housing-secure families.
This lack of affordable housing in Central Ohio has created a compounding effect on education, employment and neighborhood and family stability. It is a nationwide crisis playing out in Central Ohio.

Today, 54,000 additional affordable homes are needed in our region.

Home is the cornerstone that provides security, opportunity, and dignity for people.

Together, we can help break the poverty cycle.

With your support, we can continue to provide stable housing at affordable prices, where people can make a home for themselves over the long term. We can continue to provide supportive educational services to ensure the success of each person.

Like a pebble tossed in a pond, affordable housing has a ripple effect impacting generations.
HOMEPORT’S APPROACH

Strong communities start at home
Homeport believes that quality affordable housing is the foundation of dignity, security, and opportunity. Research shows that stable, affordable housing improves a child’s health and family well-being. Investing in affordable housing can reduce societal healthcare and education costs now and in the future.

Worry-free housing
Homeport’s resident-focused approach helps reduce the toxic stress that often plagues low-income families. Our staff and property management experts are committed to promoting resident stability and well-being, and minimizing housing-related worries. By supporting people like working single mothers who need a healthy environment for their kids, or seniors on a fixed income, we help break the poverty cycle.

Right at home
By offering services ‘right at home’, Homeport helps residents achieve economic independence, reach academic potential, and raise physically and mentally healthy families. Through partnerships with a network of organizations, we equip our residents with services right where they live, including access to social services, out-of-school and after-school programs, transportation and programs for our seniors, and educational enrichment opportunities. Homeport knows firsthand that quality affordable housing together with access to social services creates stability now and for the future.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Homeport starts with building homes: Apartments, Single-Family Ownership, Senior Living, Lease to Own, and Single-Family Rentals. Whether it’s a new build or a much-needed rehab, the end goal is always the same: helping people gain access to homes that will provide the foundation for a better life.

Real Estate Development
Creating Homes and Neighborhoods that Provide the Foundation for a Better Life

Real Estate Capital Fund
Real estate development is the core of Homeport’s mission. This perpetual fund is used exclusively for real estate development to provide support, expansion, and opportunities for development of homes.

Neighborhood Revitalization Investment Fund
No community should be left behind; when a neighborhood suffers neglect, the effects aren’t isolated. This fund will support low to moderate rehab of homes in an existing neighborhood and/or the building of new homes.

Gift your Real Estate, a portion of your business’s sales, or other assets
Work with our local Foundation Partners to discuss how you can give through your various assets.

Homeport developments like Eastway help seniors like Marilyn (pictured) find a home that she says was otherwise unavailable.
Resident Support
Going Beyond a “Roof Over the Head”

For many of Homeport’s residents, getting into a safe, stable home that they can afford is only the beginning. Our goal is to keep all residents housed and thriving. Homeport links our residents to experts based upon need.

1. Support our Network of Experts
Invest in the future of children through after-school and summer camp programs, and provide greater dignity to seniors through an investment in supportive services and educational opportunities for the elderly.

2. Eviction Prevention: Reducing Homelessness
Homeport provides families with services that promote housing stability. These services include access to valuable resources, such as emergency financial assistance, childcare, financial coaching, food assistance, furniture assistance, early learning services, parenting resources, and public benefits. Providing social services for families who need a hand helps reduce the cycle of homelessness.
Home ownership is a critical part of building strong, stable communities. But not everyone has the tools needed to be successful. Homeport responds by providing public classes on how to responsibly own a home, manage personal finances, and prevent foreclosure. Through classes, one-on-one counseling, and goal setting, Homeport provides people from all walks of life with invaluable, practical tools for a better life.

Educational Empowerment
Providing Tools for Long-Term Success

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Homebuyer Education Classes
The Key to Home Ownership

Financial Fitness and Credit Counseling
The Key to Managing Money

Home Maintenance workshops
The Key to Simple Home Maintenance

Foreclosure Prevention
The Key to Getting Back on Track

INVESTMENT CHANGING LIVES
Homeport classes help hundreds every year become responsible home-owners, fulfilling a dream that for many felt unattainable.

HOW YOU CAN INVEST

Sponsor a Class
We offer funding opportunities for the below classes that allow teaching time (for qualified institutions and individuals) to help educate on the home buying processes.

1. Homebuyer Education Classes
   The Key to Home Ownership

2. Financial Fitness and Credit Counseling
   The Key to Managing Money

3. Home Maintenance workshops
   The Key to Simple Home Maintenance

4. Foreclosure Prevention
   The Key to Getting Back on Track
Homeport hosts an annual event that supports our overall mission and builds awareness of the need for Affordable Housing.

JOIN US!

Voice & Vision Gala and Award Celebration

Homeport’s signature event honors the work of a community leader or organization for their visionary leadership and impact, and celebrates the mission of Homeport over the past year.

Together, we are Voice for the thousands of people in our city struggling to meet basic needs, and we are the Vision to see every person living in a vibrant community where they are empowered to dream and shape their own future.

Your sponsorships provide the needed support for real estate development, community revitalization, after school and summer camps for our children, education opportunities through our classes and more.

Ask for an information pack to learn how you can be the Voice & Vision for low-income families.
Whether you are interested in leaving a legacy through a bequest or specific fund, or designating a monthly gift, we encourage you to contact our partner Foundation to learn how together we can make a difference for families and seniors through affordable housing services and education.

Available through our partners at

The Columbus Foundation
Thank You
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