Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.

- Martin Luther King Jr.
Norwalk Housing Authority

Norwalk Housing Authority (NHA) provides a cradle to career approach by offering a strong afterschool experience complimenting and aligning with the Norwalk Public Schools that support student success.
NHA Learning Centers

- The NHA Learning Centers are located at resident properties for grades K-5th.
- The NHA Learning Centers provide a free, year round program including afterschool, school vacations, and summer programs.
- More than 3,000 students have participated in the Learning Center program since its inception in 1997.
- Over 200 students attend the Learning Centers daily during the school year.
- 150 students participate in the Learning Center Summer program.
- 100% of rising 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders participate in a Summer Success reading program to help prevent the summer slide in reading.
- Certified teachers work with our K-5th grade students everyday in literacy and math.
20 West Bridge to College and Career Program

- The Bridge to College and Career (BTCC) program is open to all Norwalk public housing youth in 6th to 12th grades as well as public housing college students who need access to computers or support in academics.
- The program is structured to address both grade level and developmental needs of middle and high school students.
- Middle school students attend the 20 West Learning Center daily and high school students meet monthly to engage in workshops and community meetings on college and career preparation.
- Four core areas:
  - Academics
  - Life skills
  - Character development
  - College and career (teaching about high school, post-secondary education, and career track regarding requirements and responsibilities).
We break the cycle of poverty through higher education. The ultimate goal being to transition out of public housing.

“Apart from finding a first job, college graduates seem to adapt more easily than those with only a high school degree as the economy evolves and labor-market needs change.”

- Derek Bok
Our comprehensive program helps students...

❖ get to college
❖ pay for college
❖ stay the course and graduate with the minimum level of student loan debt

“IT’S YOUR ATTITUDE, NOT YOUR ADDRESS, THAT MATTERS MOST.”
- Parent of Scholarship Recipient
Impact

Since 1998, $1.7M has been awarded to 221 NHA residents.

- In the current academic year, $206,000 was awarded to 49 recipients, in undergraduate and graduate programs, certificate programs, and medical school.

- Our undergraduate students have attended the following institutions, just to name a few:

  - UConn
  - Housatonic Community College
  - Lasell College
  - University of Hartford
  - University of Bridgeport
  - Western Connecticut State University
  - American University
  - Norwalk Community College
  - RIT
  - St. John’s University
  - University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Impact

- In 2015, we expanded our program to include graduate-level study.
- Our graduate-level students have attended the following institutions, among others:
Choice Neighborhood Initiative

Empowerment through community renewal
Washington Village Reconstruction

273 Apartments
- 136 public housing units (one-for-one replacement)
- 67 moderate income rental units (60% AMI)
- 70 market rate rental units

Phase 1 Construction – 80 apartments at 13 & 20 Day Street
- 40 public housing units, 18 moderate income, 22 market rate
- Projected completion: Spring/Summer 2018

Phases 2 & 3 Construction – 193 apartments at Washington Village
- 96 public housing units, 49 moderate Income, 48 market rate
- Projected completion: 2019 & 2021
CNI Washington Village Resident Services

- 133 Households (180 Adults and 102 Youth) served actively receiving:
  - Case Management (3 Case Managers)
  - Job Development (1 Job Developer)
  - Relocation Services (2 Relocation Specialists)
  - Educational Support (1 Educational Coordinator)
Empowerment through community renewal

CNI Service Providers and Partners

Norwalk ACTS
NCC Community College
nhf Planting Seeds for Success
The CARVER Foundation of Norwalk, Inc.
CAHS Connecticut Association for Human Services
The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk
Career Resources Preparing Workers for Life
Norwalk Public Library System
Stepping Stones Museum for Children
Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust
Cornerstone Hospital
nha Planting Seeds for Success
Norwalk, Connecticut
Family & Children's Agency
Community Health Center, Inc.
Person-to-Person
Bridgeport Rescue Mission
Riverbrook Regional YMCA Wilton YMCA Branch Norwalk YMCA Branch
The WorkPlace
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Housing Opportunities Unlimited
Norwalk Hospital
CAHS Connecticut Association for Human Services
Human Services Council
The Senior Umbrella
Homewish Hope
The Resident Makes The Difference
Family Self-Sufficiency & Homeownership Programs

Empowerment through self-sufficiency
Family Self-Sufficiency Program

HUD-sponsored 5-year goal setting and savings program

- Clients save a portion of their rent in an escrow account when earned income increases
- Personalized goals including education, employment, home ownership credit repair/savings, and more
  - 320 households enrolled
  - 76 graduates
  - Average escrow at graduation $9,200
NHA has helped 30 families become first-time homeowners since 2007

- Initial household incomes generally between $25,000 and $50,000

**Empowerment through self-sufficiency**

Section 8 Homeownership Program offers a mortgage subsidy to eligible Norwalk Housing Authority families that need financial assistance in order to realize their dream of homeownership.

- You must be a first-time homeowner or not have owned a residence in the last 3 years.
- The head of household must be working 30 hours or more and have been employed for the last 12 months.
- You will pay 30% of your monthly income towards your mortgage payment and NHA will pay the balance monthly mortgage payment.
- 15-year commitment for homes located 20 years or longer.
- There is no term limitation for disabled or elderly.
Norwalk Housing Authority

*Working Together for Empowerment*

Housing and so much more - NHA, together with NHF, maintains an innovative and expansive vision for what subsidized housing should look like, beyond simply safe and affordable living. We actively promote educational initiatives, improvement opportunities, self-reliance, self-sufficiency, and much more – this is empowerment.
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Empowering through academic enrichment, higher education, community renewal and self-sufficiency.

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