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### Our Mission

Provide quality & affordable housing opportunities as a strong foundation for all to thrive.

### Our Vision

Be the leader in providing housing opportunities for the community we serve by leveraging strategic partnerships.

Columbia Housing and Cayce Housing provide housing to more than 6,500 families in its Housing Choice Voucher Program, Public Housing Program, and Tax Credit Properties encompassing more than 16,000 individuals across 24 properties in Columbia and Richland County. Columbia Housing is governed by a 7-member board with day-to-day operations under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Leadership Team.

### Board of Commissioners



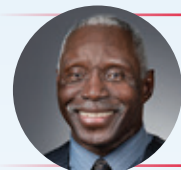
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1930s



1940s



1950s



1960s



1970s

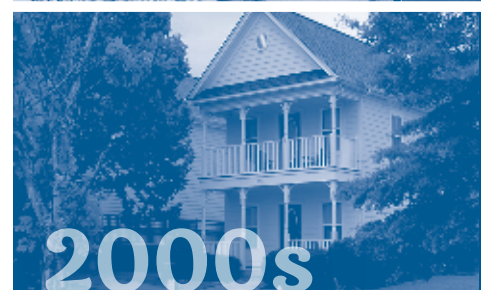
### Cayce public housing communities dedicated



1980s



1990s



2000s



2020s



## Celebrates 90 Years of Rich History

**Tuesday, April 30th, 2024**  
90th Anniversary Program: 11am  
Open House & Tours: 12:30pm-2pm

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# Columbia Housing Celebrates 90 Years of Rich History



## 1930s

In April 1934, the Columbia City Council created the Housing Authority of Columbia (today's Columbia Housing), a 5-member housing committee to "eradicate certain slum conditions." Columbia Housing's first development, **University Terrace**, opened in 1937—the third of its kind in the U.S..



University Terrace Site Plan



Board L to R: Thomas Moore, Geddings Crawford, Samuel Latimer, William Hendley, Professor EC Coker, Cooper Smith

## 1940s

Columbia Housing Authority opened two new public housing developments: **Gonzales Gardens** built for White residents and **Allen Benedict Court** built for Black residents.



Gonzales Gardens Site Plan



Allen Benedict Court Site Plan

## 1950s

**Hendley Homes** opened in 1952 with 300 units off Rosewood Drive. **Saxon Homes** soon followed with 400 units and in 1958, **Jaggers Terrace**—a 74-unit development on Barhamville Road was built.



Rev. Charles Jaggers



Julius and Inez Taylor's family is first to move into Jaggers Terrace

## 1960s

During the 1960s, Columbia Housing made elderly housing a priority. **Oak Read High Rise** opened in September 1967.

The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 legislation was passed to make it easier for all Americans to have access to quality housing.



Oak Read High Rise

## 1970s

**Latimer Manor**—built for large families and the 16-story **Marion Street High Rise** opened in 1975 and **Hammond Village** followed. In March of 1976, an agreement was ratified to administer the new Section 8 Housing Program. 75-single family homes scattered throughout Richland County were bought from HUD to decentralize low-income families.



Latimer Manor Plaque Unveiling



Marion Street High Rise

## 1980s

Federal approval was granted to build four new smaller 250-unit communities: **Archie Drive**, **St. Andrews Terrace**, **Fontaine Place**, and **Atlas Road**. Later, **Arrington Manor**, **Wheeler Hill**, **Arsenal Hill**, **Fair Street**, **Dorrah-Randall** and **Lewis Scott Court** were also built.

Columbia Housing begins managing the new **Cayce Housing Authority** in neighboring Cayce, South Carolina.



Arrington Manor High Rise

## 1990s

For more flexibility to finance new developments as HUD dollars decreased, the Board of Commissioners created a non-profit development arm—**Columbia Housing Authority Developments, Inc. aka CHAD**. Several new developments are built and acquired through CHAD. One of those developments—the Congaree Vista community was dedicated in October 1995.



Congaree Vista Community

## 2000s

The HOPE VI program was a game changer in the first decade of the 2000s. The demolition of older public housing communities gave way to new developments like the **Celia Saxon** and **Rosewood Hills** communities featuring single-family homes and townhouses with modern amenities.

In 2020—Columbia Housing Authority rebranded and became known as **Columbia Housing**. **Vision 2023**, a \$500M development plan to reposition, renovate and rebuild the agency's public housing inventory was launched.



Celia Saxon Community

In October 2021, the 80-year-old Allen Benedict Court public housing community was demolished. Two years earlier, two residents tragically succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning at that site. In April 2022, development began on **The Oaks at St. Anna's Park** and the **Haven at Palmer Pointe**—a \$100M investment to develop 435 new affordable townhomes and senior living facilities. In June 2022, a new CEO—Yvonda Bean was appointed by the Board. In 2023, Board Chairman Ernest W. Cromartie III, Esq was named Commissioner of the Year by the Carolinas Council and the Southeastern Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). In 2024, Bean was named the country's Outstanding Affordable Housing Professional of the Year by NAHRO.



New Construction at Haven at Palmer Pointe



Chairman Ernest Cromartie III Commissioner of the Year



CEO Yvonda Bean Professional of the Year

