



Mission Statement: Investing in neighborhoods, providing housing solutions, and building partnerships to improve the lives and build community in Hamilton County.

HAND BY THE NUMBERS:

Founded in **2003**

5 apartment communities with **94** units classified as affordable

Waitlist of over **200** people – up to **3** years

Section **42** Housing (Low Income Housing Tax Credit) is different than Section **8** Housing (Housing Choice Vouchers)

Only **2%** of all units built in Hamilton County in the last **5** years are affordable housing – HAND’s goal is to get to **10%** of all units

Median Rent of a unit in Hamilton County is **\$919** – affordable rent is **\$488**

Support provided to over **18** families for single family homes

5 staff members and **1** NHS Intern

12 board members

INVEST IN NEIGHBORHOODS

Our work impacts people and the built environment. Not only are future residents impacted by our construction, but there is an economic impact during construction, a social and community benefit when vacant buildings are restored, and our residents become long-term members of the community. Two distinct examples of neighborhood investments are the rehab of three buildings on 8th Street in Noblesville and the support provided to help launch Keep Fishers Beautiful.

We creatively address housing needs using tools made available by public, private and philanthropic sectors. New home repair commitments enable us to assist seniors with home modifications, energy improvements, and genuinely impact their quality of life. Furthermore, community leaders are more sensitive to housing needs and are becoming more receptive to the smart application of our housing programs.

PROVIDE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

HAND’s impact grew exponentially since we started incorporating a collaborative work practice into our core operations. Partnerships with municipalities, corporations, and individuals now volunteering to assist with Helping HAND or Neighborhoods NOW are evidence of this impact. The path to sustainability requires that we not depend too much on any one partner, so the diversity of our new partnerships is vital.

We own and operate 94 apartments in Hamilton County at five locations. Many of our residents experienced real financial hardship prior to moving in. Now when we meet regularly with our tenants, we hear their stories of stability and health which demonstrate how well they thrive in our housing. These folks are not only living a more full, robust life, but they are also contributing to their families and communities in ways they could not do before. While we strive to improve our ability to measure these benefits, we also want to keep our focus on meeting the needs of the thousands who are still struggling.

IMPROVE LIVES

BUILD COMMUNITY

HAND believes in a healthy Hamilton County where all persons have access to quality, affordable housing and a high quality of life. We understand the resources are finite, but we also know that our community has the potential to overcome these challenges. HAND coordinates neighborhood clean-ups, socials and volunteer projects to reinforce the fact that we are all in this together. Building community is not just a side benefit of our mission, it is central to how we achieve our mission.

For more information:

<http://www.handincorporated.org/>

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/54155-hamilton-countys-residential-boom-leaves-affordability-behind>