STRONG COMMUNITIES
START WITH YOU.
HOMEPORT TRANSFORMS LIVES BY BUILDING STRONGER HOMES.

ON THE COVER
“Strong Communities Start with You” is a play on Homeport’s tagline (Strong Communities Start at Home). It means everything we do to strengthen Central Ohio depends on support from people like you. This year we put all of the 2014 donors on the cover in the shape of Homeport’s logo, because our mission and success are supported on hundreds of individual and corporate donations and the engagement of hundreds of volunteers who support our work directly. Your support makes a real difference in people’s lives.

The boy featured on the cover was photographed during children’s summer program at Homeport’s Framingham Village, a program that helps children retain knowledge and build healthy relationships in a safe environment.

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
Homeport helps low-income people build the foundation for a better life. We build homes for people like working single mothers who need a healthy environment for their kids, or seniors on a fixed income who need quality, fully accessible homes. In short, Homeport creates homes for people seeking to improve the quality of their lives. Homeport’s development is also geared towards community revitalization. We reinvest in neglected Central Ohio neighborhoods, improving living environments for hundreds of families and promoting a healthier, safer city for all.

RESIDENT SUPPORT
Providing a roof over someone’s head is only the start of building a healthy home. Part of Homeport’s multi-pronged strategy for building stronger communities is to provide connections to vital resources. Every year Homeport facilitates thousands of these connections by linking residents to employment readiness services, eviction prevention resources, financial coaching, and much more. Homeport staff and partners also bring out-of-school programming, nutritious meals, books, and school supplies right to the doorstep of hundreds of children in our rental communities.

CLASSES & COACHING
Strong homes need financial stability, but not everyone has the tools to be successful. Homeport provides classes to the general public on how to responsibly own a home, manage personal finances, and deal with foreclosure. Through classes and one-on-one coaching, Homeport provides lessons from every background with invaluable, practical tools for a better life.

Our strategies
Homeport’s reach across Central Ohio continued to grow in 2014, bringing opportunity to low-income families and energizing neighborhoods.

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**REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT**

**PRE-DEVELOPMENT**

Hilltop Homes III and IV took shape in neighborhood revitalization efforts, including 32 new energy-efficient homes in the Hilltop neighborhood on Columbus’ West Side. Homeport worked with the Hilltop Neighborhood Association and others to prepare the land for the development. The properties will undergo much-needed renovations while the surrounding site will be rezoned for future development.

**COMPLETED**

**FOR SALE**

- Victorian Heritage – 25 homes for families in Weinland Park and the University District.
- Trabue Crossing – 52 homes for families in the far west side of Columbus.
- Eastway Court – 32 homes for seniors in the Hilltop neighborhood.
- Victorian Heritage – 36 homes for seniors in Whitehall.
- Fieldstone Court – 39 single-family homes in the Whitehall Hills area.
- New construction.

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

- North of Broad – 32 homes for families.
- Victorian Heritage – 36 homes for seniors.
- Fieldstone Court – 25 homes for families.
- Eastway Court – 32 homes for seniors.

**IN CONSTRUCTION**

**PRE-DEVELOPMENT**

- Trabue Crossing – with construction expected to begin by 2015.
- Eastway Court – Phase II.

**Homes Built**

- Homeport built 23 for-sale homes as part of its neighborhood revitalization efforts, including 17 historic homes.

**RENTAL**

- Eastway Court – 32 homes for seniors.

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**Development Activity (2014)**

- **Homes for Sale**
- **Homes for Rent**

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**When a Senior Couple Faced a Health Crisis, the Challenges of Life Compounded Rapidly. Finding a Homeport Home Made a Difference.**

When Michael, a Vietnam veteran, and his wife, a resident of Hilltop, were faced with a health crisis, their needs and their family’s needs were met with love, care, and compassion.

Michael had served in Vietnam and had been diagnosed with cancer. His wife, who was battling chronic health issues, was not able to care for herself. The couple had lived in their apartment for 12 years and were looking for a place that would meet their needs and their mobility challenges.

They came to Homeport’s Fieldstone Court community, which Michael said he and his wife felt was a “wonderful place to live.” Michael said he and his wife had “fallen in love” with Homeport’s Fieldstone Court community, which Michael said he and his wife “fell in love” with as soon as they saw it.

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Celebrating 10 years of the penguin.

For 10 years, concentrated investment in North of Broad has transformed entire streets, breathing new life into a community rich with history. The image of a penguin was used to help brand North of Broad (or “NoBo”), and today is a part of the neighborhood’s identity and a symbol of better things to come.

TRANSFORMED STREETS, A STRONGER NEIGHBORHOOD, AND A PENGUIN.

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COMMUNITY REPORT 2014

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Volunteer Acccomplishments

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65 Owner-Occupied Home Renovations
15,000 Hours of Volunteer Time
$8,160,000 in Additional Investment

TEN YEARS AT NORTH OF BROAD: AN OVERVIEW

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$11,600,000 Construction Investment

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Homeport staff connected residents to more than 2,600 services in 2014, providing greater stability for low-income families and seniors.

Partners and volunteers help bring on-site services to life at Homeport communities. One way Homeport surrounds residents with services is by organizing on-site resource fairs with practical provisions such as fresh produce, school supplies, and connections to healthcare services.

**Service Connections (2014)**
- **Gifts of Kindness**: From September to December of 2014, Homeport residents received over $30,000 in assistance for rent, utilities, and transportation through a special assistance fund managed by The Columbus Foundation and its attractive partners. Awards were based on special need and were contingent on residents attending Homeport Finance classes and coaching.
- **Produce Markets**: Volunteers from within Homeport’s communities and from our corporate partners gave their time to put on 12 Fresh and Free Produce Markets in Homeport’s communities, serving over 6,000 people. Each of the 1,316 families who attended a produce market received fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and baked goods.

**Homeport Residents: An Overview**
- **Residents**: 5,565
- **Children**: 2,794
- **Seniors (65+)**: 334
- **Average Annual Income**: $17,148
- **Children in Single Parent Homes**: 80%

**Homeport Service Coordinators**
- Made over 2,600 service connections to approximately 800 residents living in Homeport’s rental communities.
- Most connections were related to eviction prevention.
- Residents also were linked to services such as employment assistance, housing, health, personal needs, and education classes and coaching.

**WHERE THEY LIVE: HOMEPORT RENTAL COMMUNITIES**

*Family*  *Senior*  *Single-Family Lease Option*
Every child deserves a fighting chance.

HOMEPORT WORKS TO GIVE AS MANY KIDS AS POSSIBLE the best chance of succeeding. Every year, hundreds of kids in Homeport rental communities benefit from caring staff who provide homework help, mentoring, educational activities, and a listening ear at after-school and summer camp programs.

In 2014, Homeport formed new partnerships with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus and Columbus Area Integrated Health Services to strengthen our programs for children. Thanks to these partners and the generosity of Homeport supporters, children have received care and attention they desperately need; but many families in Homeport communities still lack access to these programs, and expanding out-of-school services over the coming years remains a critical objective to ensure the health of families.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (2014)

Bright Ideas Book Bank
812 children received over 2,000 books from Homeport’s award-winning Bright Ideas Book Bank, which exposes kids to some of the best new children’s literature available.

School Readiness Assessments
Homeport and the United Way of Central Ohio provided school-readiness assessments to more than 500 pre-kindergarten children through the United Way, Franklin County Head Start programs.

Scholarships
Greater Columbus Community Foundation awarded six scholarships to Homeport residents to cover college-related expenses.

Ohio Capital Impact Corporation provided grants to The Y (YMCA) Head Start and the United Way of Central Ohio for scholarships to four Homeport residents, including one tuition-assistance scholarship, three college-assistance scholarships, and one GED scholarship.

After-School / Summer Camp Enrollment (2014)

170 Enrolled in After-School Programs
203 Enrolled in Summer Camps
14,000 Meals Served

“Homeport in my opinion is very special. Homeport represents a very comprehensive approach to addressing our community’s poverty struggles.”

Jack Partridge
Chief Policy Officer, Nisource

AFTER-SCHOOL, SUMMER CAMP, AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

ENRICHING CHILDREN’S MINDS: HOMEPORT CHIEF POLICY OFFICER, NISOURCE

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Homeport helped over 200 people buy a home in 2014, and taught over 1,300 people the basics of finance, home maintenance, and credit management.

Hundreds of others facing foreclosure received one-on-one counseling, giving families across Central Ohio their best chance at keeping their homes.

**CLASSES & COACHING**

Participants in Homeport’s 18-hour homebuyer education class learn each step of the home buying process.

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**FINANCIAL COACHING PILOT PROGRAM**

Homeport began a new financial coaching program in 2014 to expand the impact of its financial education services by providing participants with longer-term accountability and guidance. The program, supported in part by the United Way, had its inaugural year in 2014. Each client commits to monthly meetings to track progress on goals set during financial counseling sessions. The free follow-up sessions are held for a minimum of one year and continue for up to two years. “We don’t want people to quit when they run into barriers. We want to work through them together,” said Beth Whorton. Executive Director of Homeport. The program offers real hope and realistic solutions as many residents, as possible, file long-term financial stability, and independence.

Homeport helps Maurice Mauck work through a loan modification application and avoid foreclosure.

WHEN MAURICE HUNTER ENTERED Homeport’s office he was running out of options. Hunter’s income had taken a hit and faced the distressing possibility of losing the home he’d lived in for nearly 20 years. He applied several times for a loan modification with his lender but the requests were denied because he was struggling to understand the paperwork involved.

“I was in desperate need of help to figure out what was I doing wrong,” Hunter recalled. “It just wasn’t working.”

Finally Hunter showed up at Homeport’s office looking for help. Even though he didn’t have an appointment, Homeport Housing Advisor Kyra Crook met with him and contacted his lender. She helped him work through a loan modification application and avoid foreclosure.

“I was hoping for a miracle to happen and it did.”

Today, Hunter is working two jobs and breathing easier. “It was a load off my mind,” he said. “(Facing foreclosure) is just like going down a dark alley. You don’t know the turns and twists. You just want somebody to shine a light,” Hunter said. “I did a lot of praying. I was hoping for a miracle to happen, and it did.”

MAURICE WAS ABOUT TO LOSE THE HOME HE’D LIVED IN FOR 20 YEARS.

WITHOUT A HOMEPORT ADVISOR, IT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED.
We believe that stable, healthy homes are foundational to improving lives. But many in Central Ohio still don’t have access to the resources that Homeport provides, whether it’s a safe home, an after-school program, or the basic financial training that many of us take for granted. No step is too small. You can have a meaningful impact by giving to Homeport, getting involved as a volunteer, or simply learning more about the needs in Central Ohio.

HELP US PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER LIFE.

WE COULDN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF HOMEPORT IN 2014!