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## MTW Collaborative Member News

The MTW Collaborative is proud to share the impact our members are having in their communities! See below for the latest news and updates from MTW agencies across the country.

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### **New Initiatives in San Diego Expand Shelter Options, Create Additional Paths for People to End Homelessness**

San Diego officials recently unveiled new initiatives aimed at expanding shelter options and providing pathways out of homelessness. As part of these efforts, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) is adding 363 new shelter beds, including 165 beds for single adult men, seniors, and veterans at Veterans Village of San Diego. SDHC is also launching a homelessness diversion program designed to quickly connect shelter participants to long-term housing. These initiatives are part of a broader Short-Term Action Plan on Homelessness, developed with input from community stakeholders, and aim to provide targeted solutions to support those experiencing homelessness in San Diego. [Read more here.](#)

### **U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, Home Forward, and Urban League of Portland Celebrate the Fairfield Apartments Grand Opening in Downtown Portland with Partners**

U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, Home Forward, the Urban League of Portland, and other partners celebrated the grand opening of The Fairfield Apartments, a 75-unit permanent supportive housing community in downtown Portland. The historic building has been renovated to provide affordable housing and supportive services, with a focus on helping individuals exiting chronic homelessness, particularly within the Black/African American community. The project, funded in part by a \$2 million Congressional Direct Spending award, includes 66 single-room occupancies and 9 studio apartments, along with on-site management, 24-hour client services, and culturally specific services provided by the Urban League of Portland. [Read more here.](#)

### **Atlanta Housing and United Way Cut Ribbon on Early Learning Program for Youth**

Atlanta Housing (AH) and United Way of Greater Atlanta recently

celebrated the grand opening of a new Learning Spaces location. The Learning Spaces initiative, launched in 2016, has facilitated over 8,000 meaningful play experiences across 13 locations in Greater Atlanta. The program offers quality early learning opportunities for children, including educational activities and age-appropriate play, as well as coaching for parents to empower them as their child's first teachers. The Learning Spaces program is a part of the revitalization of the University Choice Neighborhoods, benefiting families in AH-assisted housing and fostering community connections. [Read more here.](#)

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#### **Additional Member News:**

**Minneapolis Public Housing Authority's Veterans Housing Program Helps End Veteran Homelessness in Hennepin County**

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**King County Housing Authority Releases New Booklet Highlighting Their Usage of MTW Flexibility to Prevent Homelessness**

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**Chicago Housing Authority Launches User-friendly New Website and Streamlined Waitlist Application Process**

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