

Blount County Chamber of Commerce Web Site Information Blount County Affordable Housing Resources (11-2010)

Foothills Community Development Corporation — Foothills Development Corporations is a not-for-profit agency providing affordable homes for qualified families residing in Blount County, Tennessee. Founded in 2002, the Maryville, Tennessee based agency has constructed dozens of new, low-cost homes throughout the county. As a community development corporation, FCDC has broader authority to not only accommodate families that earned above (\$30,000 - \$50,000) those that Habitat could serve, but also more freedom to renovate and construct homes for the low income population. FCDC is an IRS-designated 501 ⊚ (3) non-profit. In partnership with local agencies, FCED also provides housing counseling and homebuyer education services as well as development and construction services to housing projects.

www.foothillscdc.org Phone: 865-982-8692

Blount County Habitat for Humanity – Blount County Habitat for Humanity is an independent, nonprofit, Christian housing ministry. They have served Blount County since 1992 as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Each year Habitat builds simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with those in need. As an affiliate, they are an independent grassroots organization and rely on local donations to provide these opportunities for members of our community. Habitat's mission is made possible through the support from individuals, churches, businesses, and groups. Volunteers and the future homeowners provide the labor for building these homes.

www.blounthabitat.org Phone: 865-982-8717

Blount County Planning Department – Responsible for land use and transportation plan for Blount County. Building Permits are issued by the Blount County Planning Department.

www.blounttn.org/blounttn.org

Phone: 865-273-5750

Blount County Family Promise – Provides temporary housing to the homeless. Family Promise is one of over 150 affiliates of the National Family Promise organization which has been serving homeless families for 20 years. Family Promise's goal is to help homeless families find lasting employment and housing through a network of congregations and local resources within Blount County that provide overnight accommodations and meals to families on a week-to-week basis. Blount County Family Promise, with the assistance of staff and volunteers, has been able to assist over 100 individuals since beginning service in Blount County 1 year ago in June. They currently work with 13 host churches and 12 support churches. www.blountfamilypromise.org

Community Action Agency – The Community Action Agency is dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. There are several programs and services available, they include:

- Emergency Assistance Program They provide emergency help with utility bills from various funding sources. Funding sources include the federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program and local utility company programs.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Provides an annual one-time assistance with home energy costs to eligible low-income households (200% of federal poverty guidelines).
- Weatherization Assistance Program Assists in making energy efficiency improvements to homes of eligible low-income households to offset heating and cooling consumption. * CAC has received an additional \$1,260,904 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the grant period of June 9, 2009 September 30, 2010. www.tn.gov/humanserv and click on Weatherization.

www.blountcaa.org Phone: 865-983-8411

Blount County Housing Repair Collaborative – was initiated by the United Way of Blount County. The purpose of the HRC is to provide home repairs and household rehabilitation for low includes families in Blount County by:

- Coordinating the work of local volunteer crews from churches, civic groups, businesses, and non-profit organizations.
- Assisting volunteer crews in identifying resources to fund Projects.
- Providing a consistent means of assessing, planning, and evaluating projects.

www.LiveUnitedBlount.org

HRC Hotline: 865-982-2251 Ext: 12

ETDD – The East Tennessee Development District's housing program is funded through a grant from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) for the provision of technical assistance services. They provide assistance with grants and ongoing housing related services and activities.

www.discoveret.org/etdd/housing.htm

Phone: 865-273-6003

Maryville Housing Authority – provides decent and safe rental housing for eligible families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development administers Federal aid to local housing agencies that manage housing for residents at rents they can afford. public housing is limited to income qualified families and individuals.

www.mhatn.com Phone: 865-983-4958

City of Alcoa – Their 2009 Home Grant Program has resulted in the demolishment of six homes and rehabilitation of one home. (\$500,000 loan) Private Investment has included 31 improvements in homes in the Springbrook area and spurred other private home owners to invest in improvements. www.cityofalcoa-tn.gov

Phone: 865-380-4700

Crossroads – The program is designed to provide housing and prepare the men to enter the community on their own.

Additional Links/Resources

General:

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – 865-545-4370 www.hud.gov Fair Housing – www.fairhousing.com Tennessee Housing Development Agency – www.tennessee.gov/thda

Subsidized Housing:

Maryville Housing Authority– 983-4958 Section 8 Program & Public Housing Atchley Apartments – 982-0572 Grant Property Apartments – 982-2474 PATH – 640-4794

Disability Housing:

Child & Family TN/Women – 524-1312 Horizon House2 (Peninsula) – 681-1443 Volunteers of America – Knox – 546-4813 Homeless Veterans – 546-4813

Home Ownership:

Blount County Habitat for Humanity – 982-8717 Foothills Community Development – 982-8692 Housing and Urban Development – 545-4370