Building affordable homes and strengthening communities

Avenue was founded in 1991 by a group of neighbors dedicated to developing affordable homes, preserving historic buildings and revitalizing Houston’s Old Sixth Ward. Our work has since expanded to serve the Greater Houston area, with a particular focus on the greater northside communities.

What Are Our Core Programs?
- Affordable housing
- Family asset-building
- Comprehensive community revitalization
- Economic development

What Are Our Major Achievements?
- Building 196 affordable, single-family homes in our target neighborhood and providing low- and moderate-income families with safety, security, and a place to call their own.
- Creating 746 affordable rental units and homes, with seven multi-family, mixed-income complexes to help residents maintain stable, quality residences near friends and family in their preferred neighborhoods.
- Offering 89 apartments for very low-income seniors, allowing them to live independently in a positive and healthy community and maintain a high quality of life.
- Supporting 7,845 households on the path to becoming first-time home owners through homebuyer education courses, financial counseling and pre/post-purchase classes at our Homeownership Center.
- Providing supportive services to over 1,600 residents across seven apartment complexes. Services include after-school enrichment activities, recreational activities, health and wellness services and financial coaching for adults.
- Supporting artists who are vital to community revitalization by partnering to create more than 134 affordable studio spaces at Winter Street and Spring Street Studios.
- Providing affordable living options for artists through our historic preservation efforts at the Elder Street Artist Lofts (formerly Old Jeff Davis Hospital).
- Showcasing hundreds of local artists each year at our annual Art on the Avenue fundraiser, and giving back by generating over $600,000 in income for Houston artists over 22 years.
- Repairing 165 homes for low-income homeowners including homeowners affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Who Benefits?
- We work directly with residents to provide the tools and resources necessary for them to advocate for and work towards the changes they want in their community.
- We coordinate over 14,000 community volunteers in more than 33,900 hours of service, completing more than 200 community-led projects in the Near Northside.
- We collaborate with more than 200 partner agencies to further our impact in the Northside community.

Do You Want to Partner with Us?
To partner or volunteer with Avenue, contact us at info@avenuecdc.org.