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## **SAHA UNVEILS A NEW ERA OF SENIOR EAST SIDE LIVING AT GRAND OPENING OF W.C. WHITE APARTMENTS**

SAN ANTONIO – Today, after a total of six years of sitting vacant and extreme renovations the past two years, the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) officially drew open giant curtains and opened the doors to its newest senior living housing development – the W.C. White Apartments.

Elected officials, East Side residents and the Voices of Praise choir from Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church are among the attendees that joined together in celebration of the much-anticipated grand opening of the completely renovated apartment complex.

Originally built in 1977, W.C. White Apartments was stripped down to its concrete frame and rebuilt. It now offers elderly and the disabled a highly desirable, affordable living option on the East Side. With units overlooking the San Antonio skyline, W.C. White has 75 apartments complete with several large community rooms where residents can relax, participate in arts in crafts and spend time with family and friends.

Twenty-nine families have moved into W.C. White, including six former residents, as of August 15.

“This is a proud moment not only for the San Antonio Housing Authority but also for the residents and the community we serve on the East Side,” said Ramiro Cavazos, SAHA Board Chairman. “This property has undergone an amazing transformation and it’s part of our commitment to providing high-quality, affordable housing for the people we serve.”

The grand opening ceremony included speaking remarks from Representative Ruth McClendon, Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, City Councilwoman Sheila McNeil and T.C. Calvert, President of Neighborhood First Alliance. Other organizations that participated in the event were the Dignowity Hills Neighborhood Association, Carver Community Cultural Center, members of Ella Austin Community Center, members of Childress Memorial Church of God in Christ, members of Saint Paul United Methodist Church and members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church choir.

SAHA owns and manages approximately 6,400 public housing units and 3,200 affordable housing units. SAHA also administers nearly 12,000 Section 8 vouchers, all with a \$130 million annual operating budget and more than \$300 million in assets.

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