

## **A bold move to confront a serious problem**

Thousands of young people “age out” of foster care each year. Without proper supports, all too often, this puts them on a dangerous path to disruption of their education, or to unemployment, poor health, violence and abuse, and even homelessness. We cannot abandon these emerging adults when they need us the most.

Just outside of Lawrence, Kansas, a group of skilled social innovators is fashioning a bold, new community to help young people leaving foster care prepare for productive lives with purpose, work, and—one day—make decisions about families of their own.

## **Home Works USA: “Small living” with a big goal**

Home Works USA is a whole new approach to living for emerging adults leaving foster care. Drawing on cutting-edge excellence in “small living” design and “green” technology, this purposeful community will provide affordable rental housing along with essential supports young people need to make the challenging transition to adulthood.

With safe, stable housing as the foundation, residents of the Home Works USA community will have the chance to improve their earning capacity through education, training, work experience, and entrepreneurial ventures. With the addition of strategic health and social supports both onsite and nearby, they will have the chance to imagine and get ready for productive, fulfilling lives ahead.

Home Works USA Community  
26050 Chieftain Road  
Lawrence, Kansas

See more at [Home Works USA Website](#)



## **We're well on our way, but we need you**

Using solar power and high efficiency design, we are poised to open 10 inaugural “net zero energy” units during 2020 to showcase this model community for Kansas, and for the nation. We recently reached a milestone. With architectural and permitting work completed, site preparation is underway, health and social supports are coming into place, and soon the first 10 living units will go up. Five additional units with “improved design” will be complete in 2021, giving original residents the opportunity to give feedback and participate in construction. The 26-acre grounds will include spaces for residents to gather for group activities, including supports for education, employment, personal finances, and entrepreneurship; open pastoral areas for recreation and relaxation; and Community Food Gardens to provide an “edible landscape” to encourage awareness of sustainable living.

This exciting venture is privately funded by individuals, corporations, and philanthropic foundations committed to launching an effective, high impact solution for the growing numbers of emerging adults aging out of foster care each year. We're on the threshold of success, but we need to secure final funding as we reach the finish line.

## **Make your move now**

Please make a donation of any amount through Pay Pal by visiting the website of our non-profit partner, the Bassuk Center (<https://www.bassukcenter.org/#donate>). Or send a check or money order (payable to The Bassuk Center) mail to: The Bassuk Center, 200 Reservoir Street, Suite 200, Needham, MA 02429. Please note that your donation is for HOME WORKS.