

Dear friend,

As a Kindlewood resident, youth ambassador, and board member, I have been deeply engaged with Piedmont Housing Alliance for many years. I am astonished by the positive impact that affordable housing can have on families and individuals. Now that I am a college freshman, other youth from the community will take up my mantle—and I want to see us become even better at fostering future leaders!

Let's continue to work alongside each other, just like the youth of Kindlewood did when we designed a new community park for our neighborhood. This year, we were awarded an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to design a permanent art installation in the park to honor our community's history. The hard work of our residents on the Kindlewood redevelopment was recognized with two major awards: HAND's Racial Equity In Action award and Virginia Housing's Best Multifamily Housing Development.

As board members, this year we supported several exciting new development projects, including:

- Welcoming families into the 106 new apartments and townhomes in Kindlewood Phase 1
- Breaking ground on Hickory Hope at Southwood, providing 121 homes for new families next year
- The purchase of Carlton Mobile Park with Habitat for Humanity, avoiding displacement of low-income families in 66 homes.

The many milestones we've reached could not have been achieved without you! Thanks to your leadership and dedication to the community and its residents, Piedmont Housing will be able to further its work of bridging the gaps in affordable housing. I invite you to join me in making a tax-deductible gift to support our neighbors in the coming year.

Sincerely,



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