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**POAH FUND** Strategic investments to grow promising practices and strengthen partnerships in our communities.

The Fund's 5 year goal is to invest \$6 million in our communities and to leverage other public and private resources to improve the lives of our residents. POAH will reach out to local, regional and national foundations who share our strategic priorities to coordinate and maximize our investments.

### The Fund will:

Sponsor activities that support POAH's commitment to upward mobility and personal achievement of residents and their children, seniors and people with disabilities.

Identify exemplary program models and grow them to scale across our portfolio.

Identify barriers to success that can be removed with new state and federal policies.

Collaborate with program and policy advocates who share our goals of resident success and community improvement.



# COMMUNITY IMPACT



At POAH, we believe that access to affordable and healthy housing is critical, but it's only one part of the answer. To truly take on the challenges of poverty and barriers to opportunity, we must understand, support and engage our communities in finding solutions.



We believe in **people** and we believe in **thinking big.**

When given access and opportunity, residents who live in our communities show us again and again the power of this investment.

We believe our communities can be **more than just a home.**



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We approach this work in these four strategic ways:

# 1

## OUTCOMES INITIATIVE

A portfolio-wide approach that mobilizes every site team towards shared goals with residents and community partners

### OUTCOME AREAS:



EDUCATION



EMPLOYMENT



HOUSING



FINANCIAL STABILITY



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



HEALTH



# 2

## SENIOR HEALTH

Working to strengthen health outcomes for senior residents within our communities through locally-based services and strategic partnerships in healthcare and advocacy

*Partnerships with Aging Service Access Points and local hospitals in Massachusetts are expanding healthcare and in-home services for senior residents as they age in place.*

# 3

## FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FAMILIES

Investing in financial coaching and employment access to promote family stability

POAH Communities collaborates with community partners to remove barriers to stability including lack of affordable childcare, and to transportation, healthy foods and public benefits. We work with local, regional and national partners to provide financial coaching and employment development that support income and asset growth.

### Examples of these initiatives:



At Woodlawn Park in Chicago, POAH has delivered job training, placement services, and financial education to over 350 individuals through its Woodlawn Resource Center.

We have successfully placed over 200 residents in quality positions and increased wages for 62% of those placed. A LISC Bridges to Career Opportunities Social Innovation Fund grant and a Citi Progress Makers grant have helped deepen our impact.

POAH Communities has partnered with Compass Working Capital to provide financial coaching and other opportunities in our New England properties as part of HUD's first Project Based Rental Assistance Family Self-Sufficiency Program.