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CHSA 35th Anniversary and Savannah Gardens Pinnacle Celebration CHSA History Video



The **CHSA 35th Anniversary and Savannah Gardens Pinnacle Celebration** was a fantastic trip down memory for our honored guests-- and an introduction to the next 35 years of housing opportunities for all of us! Please enjoy our video of the history of CHSA.

CHSA has had 35 years of success, but we are just getting started. The positive energy of hundreds of humble, talented, visionary people can be seen in our history. Together, we have laid a foundation for creating and retaining housing opportunities for the next 35 years!

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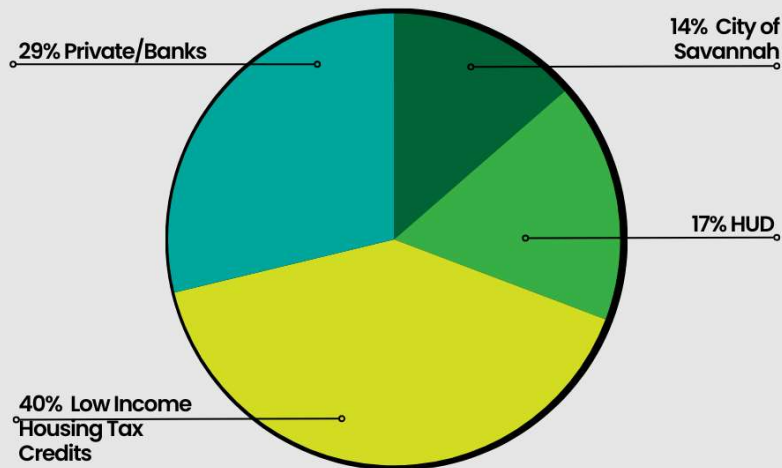
Our new logos!



DID YOU KNOW?
Savannah Gardens Funding Sources

From the acquisition of the former Strathmore Estates 44-acre site, to the completion of the last single family home - hundreds of people now call Savannah Gardens home. CHSA thanks the City of Savannah for its leadership in funding Savannah Gardens, as well as Mercy Housing Southeast and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the many banks who provided financing for the rental phases and the first-time home owners. **Together - we can do so much!**

Savannah Gardens: \$120,894,035



CHSA's success for 35 years is due to the quiet, humble leadership of so many people who kept advocating for quality, affordable homes in Savannah. Here are just a few of the pictures we pulled out of our archives!





\$40M drainage improvements in midtown Savannah!

Many of the major projects undertaken by CHSA were preceded by significant drainage improvements by the City of Savannah. These infrastructure improvements literally pave the way toward improved housing opportunities throughout Savannah!

Not Blight, but "Systemic Vacancy"

The Center for Community Progress outlined some reasons why the term, "blight," may not be the best way to describe vacant, abandoned, deteriorated buildings. Preferable: systemic vacancy. "Blight implies it is random and blameless," but often it's the "consequence of a legacy of intentional disinvestment, poverty, unjust policies, and racist systems."



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