

# Celebrating 30 Years

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Jacksonville  
HOUSING



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1993

Special housing committee formed by **Mayor Ed Austin**. Resulting in a resolution calling for the creation of an independent housing authority. **Ronnie Ferguson** was asked to head the agency as President & CEO.

1994

**Jacksonville Housing Authority (today's Jacksonville Housing)** established, along with an independent board, headed by **David Hicks**, to get the agency off HUD's troubled list.

1995

Demolition of Old Blodgett public housing site and construction of **Blodgett Villas** began, in a property exchange with the state of Florida coupled with a state grant of \$21 million.

1996

Improvements continued with the city's oldest public housing complex, Durkeeville. A \$21.5 million federal grant was awarded for the development of **The Oaks at Durkeeville** apartments & commercial/retail complex.

2002

JHA purchased the **Gregory West Apartments** to help bridge a gap in federal funding and to generate rental income to support Public Housing programs.

2003-2007

The agency began plans to completely redevelop **Brentwood Park**. The project was funded through a \$20 million federal grant and included 325 new apartments and 96 single-family homes. The first residents of the brand-new **Brentwood Lake Apartments** moved in. By March 2007, the renovations at Brentwood Lakes Apartments were completed.

2009

JHA received HUD funding through **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009** to create energy efficient communities by rehabilitating existing public housing units.



Ronald Ferguson  
First JHA President

Blodgett Villas  
Before & After



The Oaks at Durkeeville



New Brentwood  
Groundbreaking

Brentwood Lake Apartments  
& Senior Center



Hogan Creek Before & After

2011

JHA purchased **Carrington Place Apartments**, near downtown and beaches.



Carrington Place Apartments

2013

**Ronnie Ferguson** retired as President and CEO of JHA, leaving behind a safer and sounder public housing community and set the agency on a path to success.

2019

JHA worked with developer, Vestcor Companies, to build the **Waves at Jacksonville Beach** for affordable housing.



The Waves at Jacksonville  
Beach Ribbon Cutting

2020

JHA received a \$2.3 million Jobs Plus grant from HUD to fund a new job-training program at **Southwind Villas**.



Centennial Towers  
Ribbon Cutting

2020

JHA announced it would proceed with renovations at **Centennial Towers** to improve housing for seniors and the disabled, in partnership with Vestcor Companies.

2021

A new look and brand was introduced for JHA and its affiliate entity Jax Urban Initiative Development, LLC.

2021

HA families received free WiFi-enabled tablets and internet service through ConnectHomeUSA in partnership with T-Mobile.

2021

JHA received approval and funding to begin redevelopment of **Hogan Creek Towers**. The property received a \$19 million overhaul to the interior and exterior.

2022

JHA received an **A+ Credit Rating** from Standard & Poor's, which enables the agency to issue bonds to further efforts to develop affordable housing.

2023

**FAHRO** (Florida Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials) honored JHA with awards for Best Practices (Large Agency) and Outstanding Large Agency.



FAHRO Awards

2024

**Today**, JHA strives to attain its mission to provide safe, clean, affordable housing and effective social services to low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

Our dedicated team of employees and board members, in partnership with our residents, utilize accepted business principles and all available resources to improve the quality of life for all participants.

**We encourage employment, self-sufficiency, and, where possible, assist in the transition to other housing alternatives.**





## Senior Management



*Vanessa Dunn*  
Acting President/CEO

*Dennis Lohr*  
Chief Financial Officer

*Kort Parde*  
Chief Administrative Officer

*Evann Morris*  
Director of Information Technology

*Daniel Mitchell*  
Director of Public Housing

*Laila Darby*  
Director of HCV

*Reynold Peterson*  
Director of Modernization & Development

*Cordelia Parker*  
Director of Resident Services

## Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

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Commissioner



The *Mission* of Jacksonville Housing is to provide safe, clean, affordable housing and effective social services to low- and moderate-income families and individuals. Our dedicated team of employees and board members, in partnership with our residents, will utilize accepted business principles and all available resources to improve the quality of life for all participants. We will encourage employment, self-sufficiency, and, where possible, assist in the transition to other housing alternatives.

*One Agency  
One Community  
One Mission*



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