

When we are dreaming alone, it is only a dream. When we are dreaming with others, it is the beginning of reality.

- Dom Helder Camara

When you first started out in business, what were your dreams? Who dreamed with you? What support did you receive from your friends, family, and others? How did they help you get from the dream to the reality?

If you have a desire to help others see their dreams become reality, FreshStart Foundation needs you.

What is FreshStart?

Everyone has dreams, but some do not have all the necessary support, knowledge or tools to realize them. That's where FreshStart Foundation (FSF) comes in. Our goal is to assist families by getting them off welfare and assisting them on the road to self-sufficiency through employment.

FreshStart is the Community Supportive Services arm of Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority (KHRA), dedicated to helping under-privileged families see their dreams become a reality. By participating in FreshStart, families have the chance to work

toward their goal of self-sufficiency while receiving support, growing in knowledge, and acquiring the tools needed to succeed. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designed Community Support Services to promote employment and savings among families receiving rental assistance and welfare.

What About the Families?

FreshStart Foundation offers participants the chance to become self-sufficient by equipping them to be homeowners and helping them to gain suitable employment, all while saving money. But FreshStart cannot do it alone - each and every participant must work with FSF and strive to reach this goal. All participating families sign a five-year contract with FreshStart that unites them with our agency. A family that does not fulfill their contract loses all benefits of the FSF program. Together with other agencies, service providers and community programs, FreshStart evaluates which services are needed to help each family succeed. Whether it be transportation, childcare or job training, we join with numerous partners to provide for each family's needs.



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**How High
Did Your
Dreams
Take You?**
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How can my business help make dreams come true?

Without the support of the local business community, there can be no program. Your business can complement the program for a family seeking self-sufficiency.

The following are ways your business could contribute to FreshStart:

Employment Opportunities - Providing job opportunities for FreshStart participants is the number one way your business can assist. Because FreshStart is an employment program, our participants need good jobs with growth potential.

Monetary Donations – Assisting participating families with the costs of day care, transportation, special work needs, books, car repairs, or a thousand other little things is another way you or your business can help. Some businesses may offer short-term, low or no-interest funds to loan participants.

Equipment & Products – Equipment, such as computers that can run basic office software, and other supplies are always appreciated.

Services – Your business may choose to provide reduced-rate or free medical services, day care, or a variety of other services for participants.

Training – You may elect to offer your business expertise to our participants by teaching a class or by giving on-the-job training opportunities.

These are just a few ways your business could help. If you or your business are interested in assisting in these endeavors or would like to know more about FreshStart, please contact us.

Some of the services offered through FreshStart

- Financial education and training
- Job referral services
- Escrow accounts
- Goal Development Assistance
- Case Management
- Service referrals
- Interview Skills Training
- Resumé Writing

And much more.



What do you dream about?

Many of us dream of new cars, bigger homes, larger businesses, and prestige. For others, the dreams are much more simple.

“I want a place that my family and I can call our own.”

- FreshStart participant

“First, I want to get my high school diploma, then I want to go to college.”

- FreshStart participant



“I imagine my kids having opportunities that I never had. It may sound simple, but I don’t want them to think the American dream is just that...a dream.”

- FreshStart participant

“I just need a chance.”

- FreshStart applicant

“I want to get a job. I want to get up every morning, put on nice clothes, and go to a place where I put in an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay. Sounds simple, but sometimes it isn’t.”

- FreshStart participant

Program Partners

A wide range of both government and privately-owned agencies join with FreshStart and KHRA to provide services and programs to those in need in the community. Add your business to the list! Contact us for more information on how to become one of our Program Partners.

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For a complete list of our current Program Partners, visit our web site at www.khraredevelopment.org/HOPEVI



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