

# Infusing Racial Equity Into the Affordable Housing System

– Working at the National Housing Trust in Washington, D.C.



20th Anniversary Celebration of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship

## The Institute for Responsible Citizenship

- National cohort of premier African American male college students
- Comprehensive leadership seminar
- Private briefings with the nation's private and public sector leaders
- Community bonding and sightseeing events around Washington, D.C., including a walk of the National Mall and a tour of the White House



## Happenings

Read more at [www.nationalhousingtrust.org](http://www.nationalhousingtrust.org) and [www.theinstitute.net](http://www.theinstitute.net)

## The National Housing Trust Community Development Fund

The National Housing Trust Community Development Fund (NHTCDF) promotes the long-term preservation of quality housing by providing financing to entities engaged in developing and maintaining quality affordable housing.



## Internship Components

10

10 new loans clinched this summer!



Conducted site visits to assess the conditions of properties



Developed and in-depth understanding of the loan process



Prepared a grant proposal that would allow the loan fund to launch a new energy loan product



Updated marketing materials to efficiently summarize their loan products



## Key Takeaways

- learned how to use affordable housing to increase wealth building in communities of color
- Ideated how to use my dreams, visions, and passions to serve others
- Understood how affordable housing world intersects and influences other sectors



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