At the Portland Housing Center, we believe everyone deserves access to homeownership.

“Hello! It’s my pleasure to walk you through our successes - highlights, facts and figures for Portland Housing Center fiscal year 2014.”

This year we took action to become a sustainable homeownership center.

“The Portland Housing Center was selected to join SHOP, an initiative by NeighborWorks America to build sustainable homeownership centers. This fits with our ongoing effort to increase our earned revenues from lending activities, to build our operations and rely less on grants. We are on our way for earned revenues being 60 percent of our total revenues.”

New Home Owner Household Composition

- 74 Single Males
- 123 Single Females
- 100 Couples
- 175 Families
- 59 Female Single Parent
- 74 Other

605! New Homeowners

median age: 34
median income: $45,710
Minority home purchases increased as a result of expanding our culturally specific education services.

“In 2014 we launched Su Futuro, a Spanish language, financial education class. It was modeled after Getting Your House in Order, our culturally specific course designed for African Americans.

Both of these courses rely on Advisory Committees made up of leaders from culturally corresponding communities.

The classes were delivered in partnership with employers of large numbers of Latino or African-American employees.

From what we’ve learned creating these classes, we published a report, in collaboration with PSU; allowing us to share our expertise with the Portland community.”
In 2014 we proved that PHC can produce. We know how to grab on to new programs and get them out into the community.

“PHC was selected as the twenty second Wells Fargo Home Foundation NeighborhoodLIFT site. This is important because we finished the program early – 6 months, instead of the 2 years set in the contract. 470 households received a conditional 2 month reservation of LIFT funds and, by year end, 253 households bought homes. This is also a testament for the strong desire of people to purchase homes in Portland, considering there was one month of inventory of homes for sale.”

We practice racial equity in the services we offer because we believe that cultural equity among our team leads to equity in home ownership.

7 out of 16 staff members & 8 out of 13 Board members are People of Color.

253 LIFT loans were made in six months.

1.8% DELINQUENCY RATE PHC’S LOAN PORTFOLIO

We believe in the value of prepared home buyers.