

Founded in 1995, the East Lake Foundation demonstrates that with the right combination of collaboration, community, and support, incredible things are possible. For nearly thirty years, the Foundation has helped to create mixed-income housing and infrastructure, educational opportunities from cradle to college, and community wellness activities such as entrepreneurship, career readiness, and financial literacy, among others, to ensure the East Lake neighborhood is recognized for what is possible and not defined by its past. Our collective work is proof that a community that had experienced disinvestment and a lack of opportunities for decades can be transformed into a neighborhood where children and their families thrive and experience increased upward mobility, improved health outcomes and greater racial equity.

A POWERFUL TRANSFORMATION



AN INTEGRATED, HOLISTIC APPROACH WITH PARTNERS

CRADLE-TO-COLLEGE EDUCATION

Drew Charter School and its early learning partners represent the cradle-to-college pipeline in the East Lake community, educating more than 1,900 students each year.



HIGHLIGHTS: Drew Senior, Junior, and Elementary Academies each rank in the **Top 10 in all of Atlanta Public Schools**. Drew consistently ranks in the **top 10% in APS** and **top 20% in the state of Georgia**.

MIXED-INCOME HOUSING

What was once a dilapidated, dangerous public housing project is now a vibrant mixed-income rental community with 882 apartments.



HIGHLIGHTS: The Villages of East Lake (VOEL) finalized an extensive renovation to its legacy properties that were constructed in the mid-late 90s. **This investment in VOEL is one of the largest preservations of affordable housing in the city of Atlanta's history.**

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

First Tee® of Metro Atlanta along with health, economic stability and entrepreneurship programs enhance personal and professional outcomes for residents.



HIGHLIGHTS: The Resident and Community Support Program **offered more than 50 economic stability, mental health, and homeownership programs.**

The success of the East Lake initiative has served as the blueprint for a national model of holistic community redevelopment through Purpose Built Communities. Today, there are 27 additional Purpose Built Communities across the country — all of which are successfully creating opportunities for residents and building strong, economically diverse communities.