


# South City Memphis, Tennessee



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## Building Community in South City

Since the 1940's, the South City neighborhood has experienced a rapid decline in stability for residents as result of a dramatic concentration of poverty over time. In particular, the formerly Foote Homes housing development has become associated with high poverty, crime, and lack of opportunity.

**47% of South City residents are employed**



### Economic Mobility

USI has helped to coordinate and facilitate a number of community events for Foote Homes residents, including the Foote Homes All Zones Residents Meeting, and a Career, Education, and Job Fair. As of 2022 the average annual amount of income in Foote Homes income is \$21,856.00.

**94% of resident have seen the doctor in the past 12 months**



### Improving Health & Wellness

As of March 2021, 261 residents have received their 1st dose of COVID Vaccine.

**88% of Foote Homes seniors graduated in 2020**



### Propelling Educational Success

Of the 205 of the South City school-aged youth enrolled in school during the 2019-2020 academic year, 91% completed the school year. This number is reflective of those who chose to stay in the 38126 area as well as those who relocated. There were 0% dropouts and 88% earned their high school diplomas. Despite the challenges that relocation presents, the school aged youth stayed committed consequently, the daily attendance remains on average at 93%. We are proud of the discipline and dedication our youth are exhibiting.

**350 residents are enrolled in Family Support**



### Enrolling Families in Family Support

Currently, USI has 350 families from the South City neighborhood actively participating in Family Support. Families have begun returning to South City. As of January 1st, 2023, 73 families have returned to South City and the former Foote Homes.

### Fostering Strategic Partnerships

Collaborating closely with local service providers and using data to drive towards results is key to the success of every Choice effort. In Memphis, USI has forged partnerships with 16 distinct organizations, and has completed surveys on healthy living, safety, transit, and civic participation with 350 families of South City.