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Self-Help opens its first affordable rental community in north Visalia

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A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Tuesday for the grand opening of Self-Help Enterprises' Highland Gardens Apartments in north Visalia. Self-Help Enterprises

[Self-Help Enterprises](#) is getting ready to officially open its first affordable rental community in north Visalia.

Highland Gardens, 2423 N. Highland St., has 36 two- and three-bedroom apartments with a half-court basketball court, playground, community center and community garden. Self-Help and the city of Visalia will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour of the development at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Self-Help, a community development organization serving low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities, will coordinate health

education events at the complex including Zumba, health prevention screenings and healthy cooking classes.

The community center will be used to conduct after school programs, English as a second language classes, and financial literacy workshops. An on-site computer lab is open to adults and children for school work and educational activities.

The development was constructed with green building features such as Energy Star appliances, a solar power system, water conservation components and solar carports. It was also designed with walking in mind. The community is located within walking distance of Fairview Elementary School, Fairview Village Park, Visalia Health Care Center, Food 4 Less and Vallarta Supermarkets.

The monthly rent ranges from \$366 to \$830 and is based on family size and income. To apply for an apartment, families can call [559-651-2579](tel:559-651-2579). Applications are available in person at Goshen Village I, 30940 Road 72 in Goshen.

Highland Gardens is one of 28 affordable apartment rental communities operated by Self-Help in eight counties throughout the San Joaquin Valley.