



# We are excited to announce Utah Housing Coalition has a new website!

[www.utahhousing.org](http://www.utahhousing.org)



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*Please take a good look at the website and reach out for suggestions, changes and links that do not work. Please note, our website sponsor logos are being added and are coming soon!*

## **Week #2**

**Exciting week.** Representative Ward, Social Services Appropriations Committee's Chair came and spoke to the Family Investment Coalition (FIC) on Wednesday. It was nice to have him be able to talk

about the budget process and his views as the chair on making very difficult decisions, priority rankings for his committee. There is so much need out there and not enough money.

**Tara's View** There is plenty of money in the entire budget they just choose to spend it differently. There is a \$160M tax cut on the table. My question is how much of an impact will that really have? Will people feel the cut? We need to invest in the people of our state!

**Friday was a highlight!** The Rural Caucus starts at 6:45am every Friday. The Utah Housing Coalition is a sponsor of this meeting which serves **THE** Best Breakfast. This caucus meeting is not an official meeting of the State Legislators. It is a meeting where rural and urban leaders come together to hear what is happening in the rural areas. It is a fascinating meeting.

This week Single Family Housing for the rural areas was on the Agenda. We had Viki Ori from Southeastern AOG and Suzi Witt from Habitat for Humanity of Northern Utah present on Habitat and Self Help programs. We wanted to make sure rural legislators knew there were programs in the state that helped with the Governor's goals of 35,000 homes in 5 years.



Directly after that in Social Services Appropriations Committee, Shelli Burras from Habitat for Humanity Summit and Wasatch County and Ed Blake from Salt Lake Habitat for Humanity presented on a 5M request for all Habitats in the state. Senator Sandall is sponsoring this request.



***This week we will be providing snack on February 2nd in the afternoon. If you are interested please contact us. It will be between 2:00 - 3:30***

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