

FAMILY RENEW COMMUNITY

2022 Impact Report



- ♥ 106 children in 49 families that had been without appropriate shelter had a safe, stable place to stay while the parents worked toward permanent housing.
- ♥ None of these families paid rent or utility bills, so that they could save quickly for their move to permanent housing.
- ♥ 50 percent of families significantly increased their monthly household income between move-in and move-out.
- ♥ Families increased household savings in bank accounts by \$6,000 on average between move-in and move-out.
- ♥ These impacts were achieved even though five of Family Renew Community's 32 apartments were rendered uninhabitable by flooding and wind damage from Hurricane Ian in the fall and not restored to service until early 2023.

Giving families a safe, stable place to sleep ... and to dream!

Childhood comes only once, and no child should spend any of it caught up in family homelessness. Family Renew Community brings together individuals, religious congregations, businesses, civic groups and others committed to restoring hope to families experiencing homelessness in Volusia County. The program provides housing, but more importantly, helps homeless parents on a path toward supporting their families in places of their own.

Family Renew Community has 32 apartments at three residential campuses in Holly Hill, Daytona Beach and DeLand where families may live for six months or more. Before coming to Family Renew Community, many of these children and their parents sleep in cars, on floors in overcrowded homes of exasperated loved ones, in seedy motels, or worse.

While Family Renew offers about 60 families a year safe haven from these desperate situations, the program is not all about shelter. In the security and modest comfort of private, furnished apartments, families heal. Children go to school rested, bathed, in clean clothes and ready to study and play. With intensive yet compassionate guidance from case managers, mothers and fathers improve their employment, money management and parenting. They pay down debts, repair credit and build savings.

When they move back out on their own, they are better equipped to handle whatever challenges life may send their way.

