



# **NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF WEST VOLUSIA AMBASSADOR TRAINING**

**Advocating for Hunger Relief and  
Homelessness Prevention in West Volusia**



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



**FOUNDED:**  
1969

**MOTTO:**

"A place with a  
heart"

**MISSION:**



Feed the  
Hungry

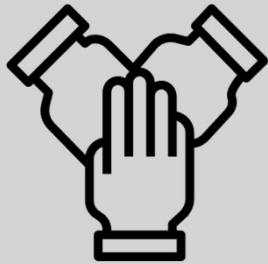


House the  
Homeless



Prevent  
Homelessness

# **PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES**



**Define and Support  
Ambassador Roles**



**Awareness on root  
causes of  
homelessness and  
services  
NHCWV provides  
the community**



**Inspire  
Action**

# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A NHCWV AMBASSADOR?



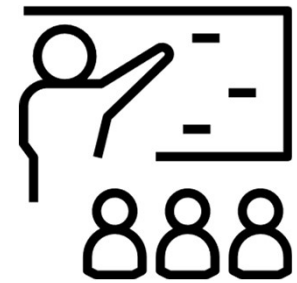
Raise awareness about local issues of hunger and homelessness



Fundraise and mobilize resources



Provide support and guidance to individuals in need

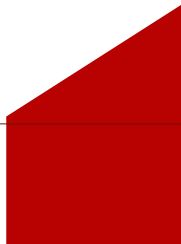


Educate and train others

# WHY IS THE AMBASSADOR ROLE IMPORTANT?

- Expands our reach in the community
- Inspire individuals to support our organization
- Expansion of programs and services due to resource development
- Help achieve our mission of reducing hunger and homelessness in our community

# **WHY DO PEOPLE EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS?**





# Housing

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The two major contributors to the homelessness crisis are a lack of low cost housing nationwide and the limited scale of housing assistance programs.

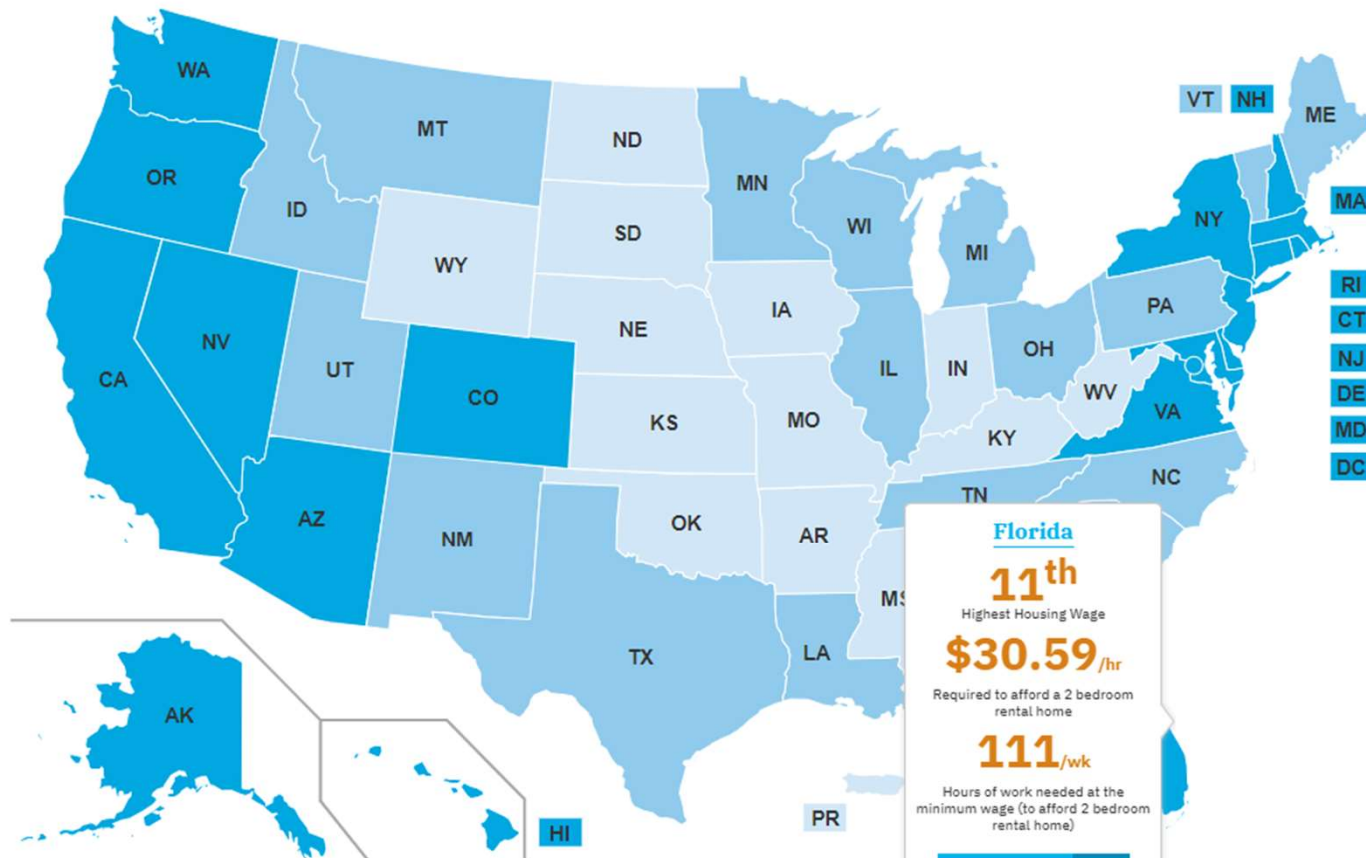
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## How Much Do You Need to Earn to Afford a Modest Apartment in Your State?

Hourly wage required to afford a two-bedroom rental home by state.

Below \$19.00    \$19.00 - \$26.00    Above \$26.00



National Low Income Housing Coalition: <https://www.nlihc.org/oor>



### State Facts

MINIMUM WAGE	\$11.00
2-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE	\$30.59
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS	2,736,789
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 30% AMI	550,124
PERCENT OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 30% AMI	20%
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 50% AMI	936,573
PERCENT OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BELOW 50% AMI	34%

### Affordable Rent for Low Income Households

Minimum Wage Worker	\$572/mo
Household at 30% of Area Median Income	\$645/mo
Household at 50% of Area Median Income	\$1,076/mo

### Fair Market Rent

1-Bedroom Fair Market Rent	\$1,312/mo
2-Bedroom Fair Market Rent	\$1,591/mo

Working at minimum wage

**\$11.00/hr**

Each week you have to work

**92 HOURS**

To afford a modest 1 bedroom rental home at Fair Market Rent

DOWNLOAD STATE REPORT 

CONNECT TO NETWORK  
Florida 



Compare Jurisdictions

SELECT 2 JURISDICTIONS TO COMPARE:

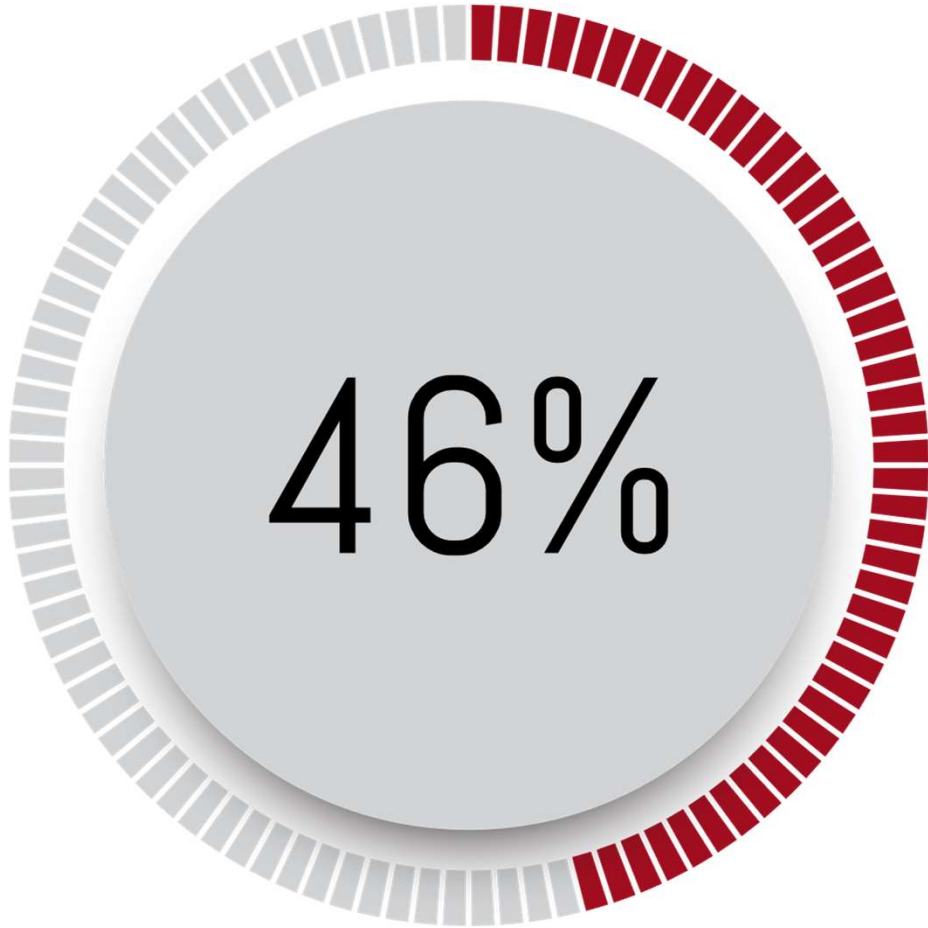
	Florida
<b>Number of Households</b>	
TOTAL	8,157,420
RENTER	2,736,789
PERCENT RENTERS	34%
<b>Housing Wage</b>	
ZERO-BEDROOM	\$22.85
ONE-BEDROOM	\$25.23
TWO-BEDROOM	\$30.59
THREE-BEDROOM	\$40.29

National Low Income Housing Coalition: <https://www.nlihc.org/oor/state/fl>

# Poverty

Homelessness and poverty are inextricably linked. Poor people are frequently unable to pay for housing, food, childcare, health care, and education. Difficult choices must be made when limited resources cover only some of these necessities. Often it is housing, which absorbs a high proportion of income that must be dropped.

**What percentage of individuals do you think live pay check to pay check in Volusia County?**



**46% of individuals  
in Volusia County  
are living pay  
check to pay  
check.**

United for ALICE: <https://www.unitedforalice.org/county-reports/florida>

# Point In Time Count Data



**17% increase in homelessness in Volusia County in 2023**



**1,053 individuals in Volusia County are homeless**



**147 in DeLand**

# **Additional factors that contribute to homelessness**



**Lack of  
Affordable  
Health Care**



**Addiction**

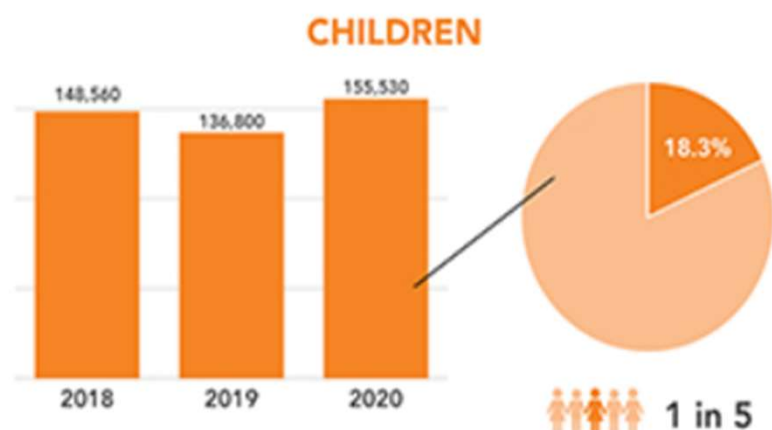
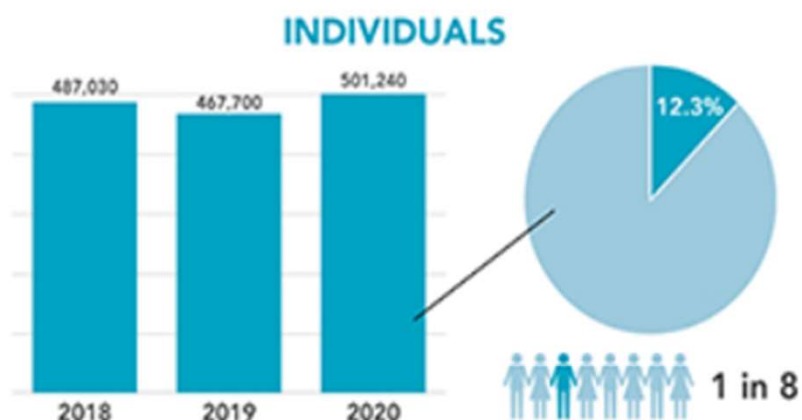


**Domestic  
Violence**

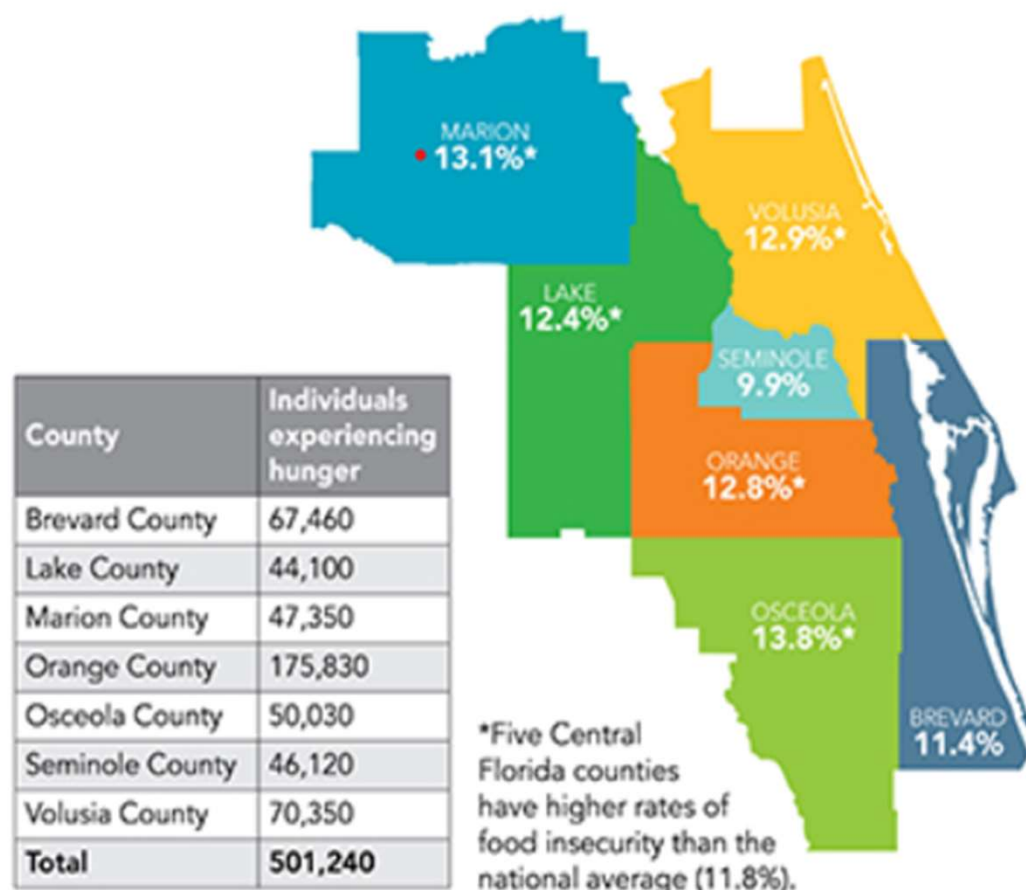


**Mental  
Illness**

## Changes in Food Insecurity IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



## Food Insecurity Rates IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



Source: Map the Meal Gap 2022



What are ways  
we could end  
hunger and  
homelessness  
in our  
community?



# Strategies to End Homelessness

1

Collaboration  
between  
government,  
business, and  
non-profits

2

Increase  
Affordable  
Housing

3

Homeless  
Prevention  
Programs

4

Supportive  
Services



# Partnerships



# FEED THE HUNGRY

Food Pantry

Second Harvest Mobile Food Drops

Daily meals served out of the Bridge Shelter  
Kitchen



- *312,516 meals were distributed through our food pantry in 2023*
- *45,075 meals were served in the Bridge Shelter in 2023*

# Housing the Homeless

## Philosophy: "Housing First"

30 Beds

**Emergency  
Shelter**



47 Beds

**Transitional  
Housing**



64 Beds

**Permanent  
Supportive  
Housing**



55 Beds

**Rapid  
Rehousing**



- *We house over 200 clients a night in our housing programs*
- *We housed 408 individuals collectively in 2023*



**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: DELAND**

CINCINNATI #1 HOUSE  
CINCINNATI #2 HOUSE  
EUCLID #1 HOUSE  
EUCLID #2 HOUSE  
LACEY HOUSE  
KENSINGTON HOUSE  
GAP HOUSE  
MULBERRY

**NSP HOUSING: DELAND**

BROOKS HOUSE  
NEW YORK AVE  
STONE HOUSE  
HOME HOUSE AMELIA HOUSE  
NEW STREET  
NEW YORK AVE

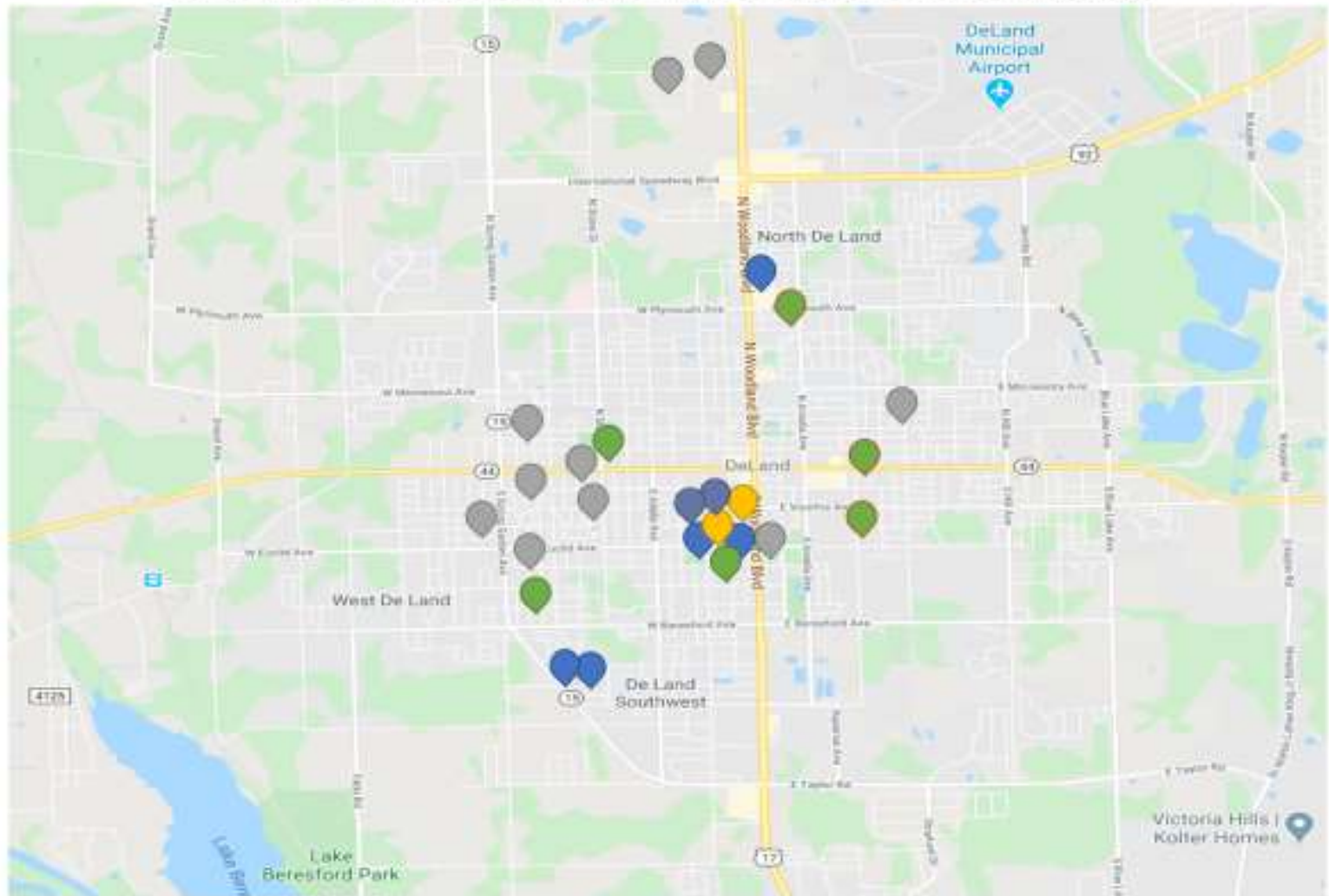
**HUD HOUSING: DELAND / DELEON**

SPRING GARDEN HOUSE  
BOSTON APARTMENTS  
MARYDELL HOUSE  
LEXINGTON APARTMENTS  
DELEON SPRINGS APARTMENTS  
LENOX HOUSE  
SOUTH ORANGE HOUSE  
NORTH ORANGE HOUSE  
WOODLAND UHYP

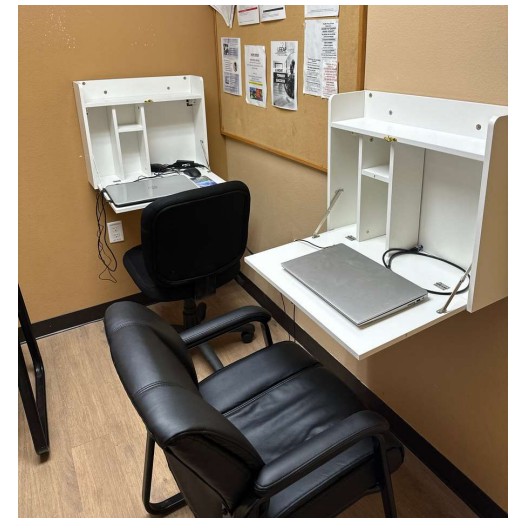
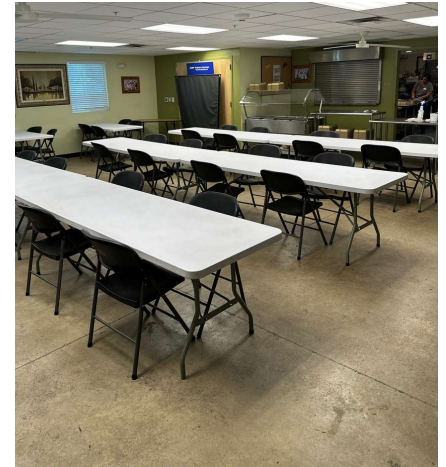
**EMERGENCY SHELTER**

HOMELESS ADULTS  
HOMELESS FAMILIES

## NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER HOUSING LOCATIONS







- *196 individuals received emergency shelter in 2022*

# Specialty Housing Programs

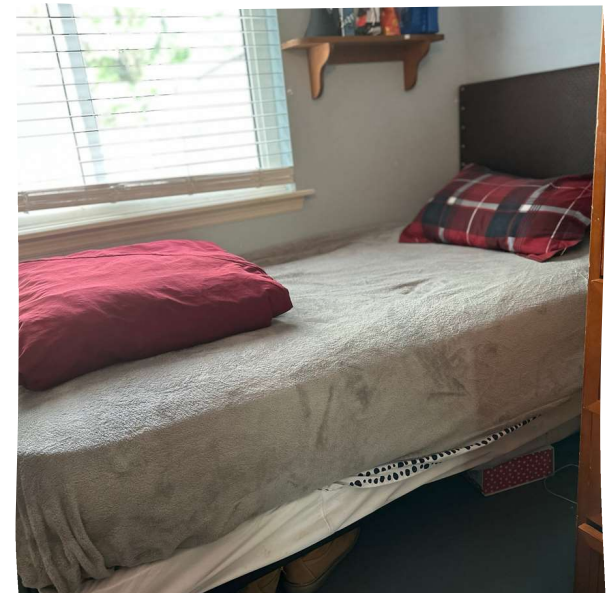
These are Housing Programs geared toward special populations.



**Domestic  
Violence Rapid  
Rehousing**

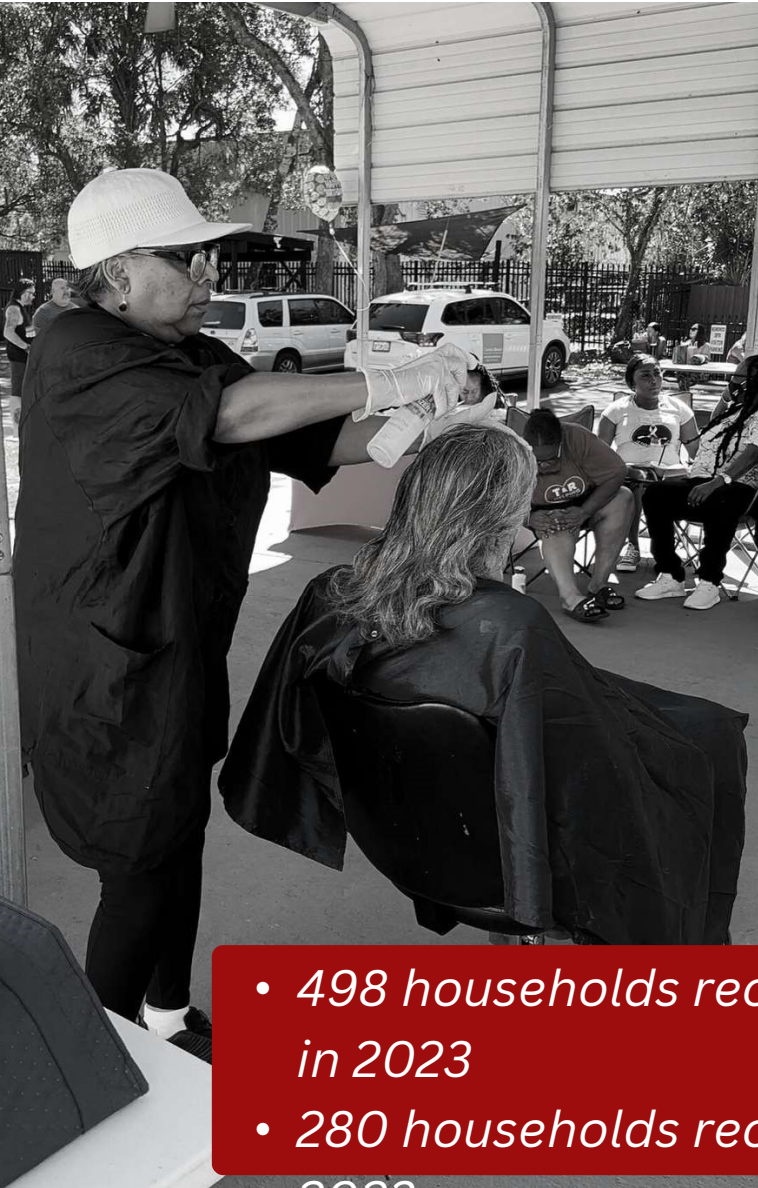


**Lacey House for  
Women and  
Children**



**Growth and  
Achievement  
Program**





# Prevent Homelessness

- Financial Assistance - Rent, Utilities
- Hygiene and Diapers
- Free Laundry Facility
- Clothing
- Showers, haircuts, mentoring
- Recovery Meetings (AA, NA)
- Case Management and Support
- Disaster Relief
- Healthcare Referrals

- *498 households recieved financial assistance with utility bills in 2023*
- *280 households recieved financial assistance with rent in*

# THRIFT STORE

*"Thrifting to Benefit the Homeless"*

386-734-8120 EXT 201

550 S. Spring Garden Ave. DeLand, FL 32720

- Donate furniture, clothing, household items
- Volunteer
- Shop
- Clothing Vouchers

Provided at no cost to clients, 172 vouchers, over 3,298 items =  
\$10,295 (at store value) of clothing, furniture and household items



# CHALLENGES AND NEEDS



Severe and  
Persistent  
Mental  
Illness



Family  
Housing



Affordable  
Housing



Increase in  
Need

## WHAT'S NEXT...



Family  
Emergency  
Shelter



Tiny Home  
Community



Food Pantry  
Redesign



Mental  
Health  
Partnerships



# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## FAMILY EMERGENCY SHELTER



- 5 Family Units
- 2 full bathrooms
- Shared kitchen and living room
- Anticipated opening date of August 2024

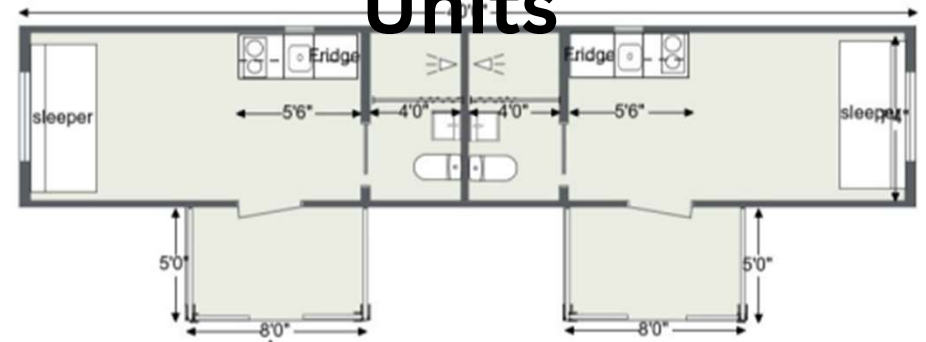


# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## TINY HOME COMMUNITY



## 2 Single Units



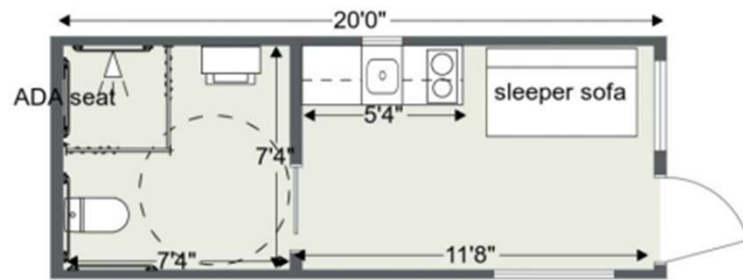
Maximizing space opportunities



Have a deadline you need to work with? We can make it happen.

# TINY HOME COMMUNITY

## ADA Unit

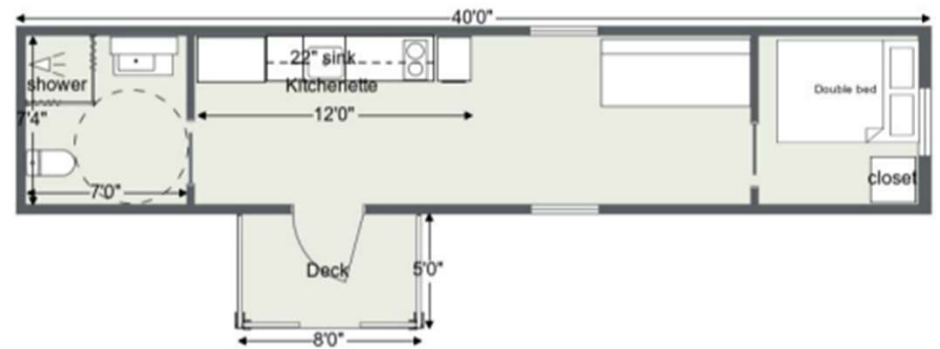


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## Family Unit



Maximizing space opportunities



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# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## FOOD PANTRY REDESIGN



- Converting food pantry from handing out bags of food to client choice
- Creating a nutrition program within our food pantry that highlights healthy food
- Updating language
- Partnering with Stetson University Public Health Program

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# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## **THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**



The House Next Door is piloting a program to provide two mental health counselors two days a week to provide mental health counseling to our clients. If the outcomes of the program are positive we will grow the program.

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# TAKE ACTION



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- 1 Donate Products
  - 2 Volunteer your time
  - 3 Attend an event
  - 4 Shop in Thrift Store
  - 5 Follow and share social media
  - 6 Make a financial contribution
  - 7 Advocate for affordable housing





# Campaign Participation

**Goal:** Raise \$55,000 in 55 days

**Time Frame:** June 18th - August 11th

## How can you help?

1. Create fundraising profile and share across your network
2. Send emails/letters to friends/family to support efforts
3. Share on social media

[Give Lively](#)  
[Platform](#)