

Family Promise of South Sarasota County Newsletter - August 2023

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Family Spotlight

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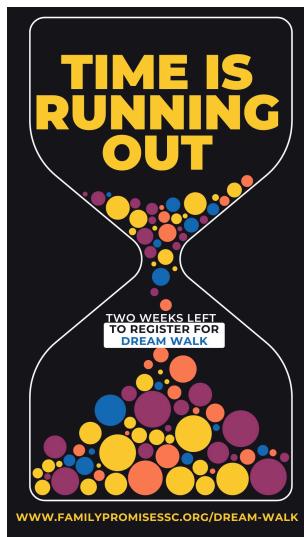
Natasha's Family

Natasha lives in South Sarasota County with her child. Natasha reached out to Family Promise for assistance after exhausting any ideas/funds she could come up with, including family and friends. She recently was rushed to the hospital and ended up having emergency surgery removing over 150 gall stones. Due to the emergency Natasha missed two weeks of work so she could recover. One week after she was able to go back to work, her car broke down. She was left with no other option and lost employment due to having no transportation, which played a key part in her employment. Natasha was able to pull funds together and fix her vehicle along with securing new employment. Due to the surrounding circumstances, Natasha was unable to pay her rent. Family Promise was able to assist her family with \$1,099 towards rent assistance to help her family get back on their feet after such challenging setbacks.

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7th Annual Dream Walk

In the News



Two Weeks Remaining!



In August, a new research report was released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the National Housing Initiative at Penn, and the Reinvestment Fund on the US Department of Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Results showed, to no surprise, that the Program offered a "vital lifeline to tenants and

There are only two weeks before our 7th Annual Dream Walk!

What do I need to do?

- 1. Register to walk!
- 2. Make a donation.
- 3. Build your team.
- 4. Share the event.
- 5. Bring a friend, or 10!

Please join us!

Other Ways to Support Dream Walk

If walking isn't an option, consider one of these ways to help!

- **Volunteer** to help at the event. We have Route Monitors, among other positions, that can sit and direct walker traffic.
- **Donate** to another team.
- Spread the word! **Share!**

Registration & Information

Sponsorship

landlords during the pandemic, improving outcomes in areas well beyond housing stability, including financial security, child well-being, access to healthcare, and overall health."

The outcomes seen for children were staggering. Feelings of anger were reduced from 23.7% to 18.6%. Feelings of sadness and anxiety were reduced by 8%. Over 50% of children in the survey felt more than one of the behaviors/feelings.

Landlords had mixed feelings, mentioning frustration with the application process, long wait times, and communication.

Overall, tenants and landlords that received funding experienced positive short-term outcomes. The report acknowledges that as the Programs come to a close, the need for funding assistance remains. "The affordable housing shortage, high rents, and a lack of local, state, and federal tenant protections all place a strain on low-income renters." Recommendations for the future include investments in program infrastructure, reducing application barriers for landlords and tenants, policy solutions to retain the ERA infrastructure, establishment of a permanent emergency rental assistance program, and the implementation of long-term

housing solutions such as affordable housing.

[Read the Full Report](#)



From the Director



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I had a wonderful visit with Jerome Fletcher, City Manager at the City of North Port, and Janet Carrillo, North Port Social Services Manager, this month. I love the partnership and collaboration in our Sarasota County Community and how we are all trying to identify ways to work together toward the common goal of serving our community in the best way possible.

FPSSC partners with all of the local governments, foundations and too many nonprofits to list. All of us are working diligently to find a solution to the current housing crisis and give our community the support it needs.

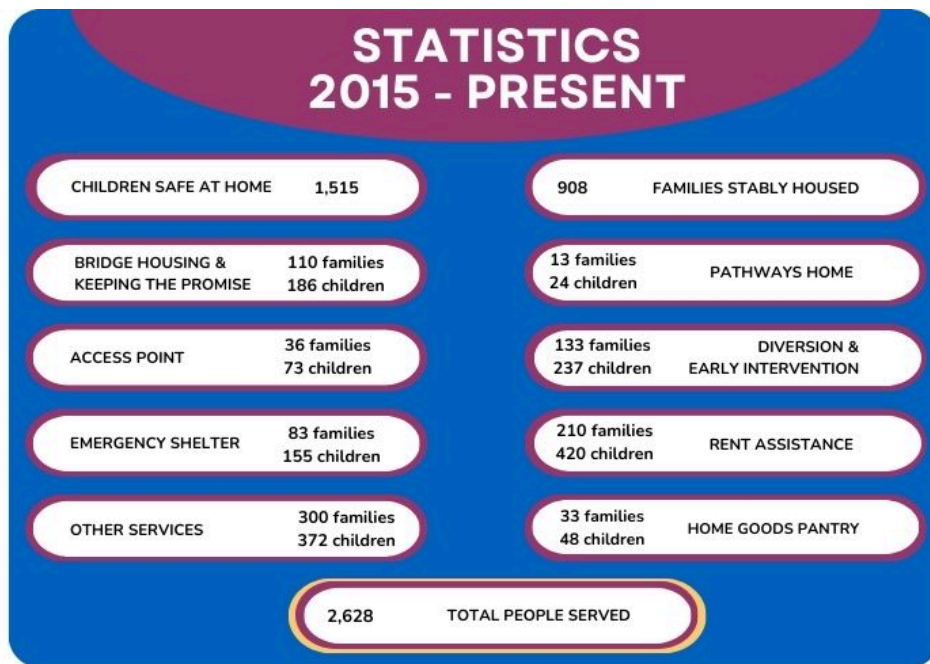
If you are interested in discussing the work we have planned or would like an opportunity to be a part of it, please call or email me. Currently, our Board is full, but you can also go to our website or click the button below to apply to be on our Development Committee and help us raise the funds needed to make the impact our community so desperately needs.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fagenbaum, Executive Director

[Click Here for the Board/Committee Application](#)

By The Numbers





\$10,000 Noble Neighbors Sponsor



\$5,000 Community Crusader Sponsor



We're securing our 2024 Housing Hero Annual Sponsorships!

There are great benefits and recognition for your business.

You can be a Housing Hero too!



WHO IS A HOUSING HERO?

- A Community Partner who believes in the mission of FPSSC
- A Community Partner who assists FPSSC to ensure we are able to continue to help the families that need our support
- A Community Partner who wants affordable housing and financial stability for their employees

BENEFITS OF BEING A HERO

- Advertisement on all printed materials
- Announced at all events
- Recognized on website and social media
- A sense of joy in forever altering the circumstance of a family in need

WHY FPSSC?

- FPSSC is a leader in the area in creating affordable workforce housing
- 92% of the families we serve have remained stably housed after receiving services
- Since opening in 2015, we have assisted 908 families including 1,495 children
- We strengthen families and enhance family's self-sufficiency



WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Jennifer Fagenbaum, Executive Director, at:
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Become a Housing Hero

THE PROMISE

MONTHLY DONOR CLUB

Thank you!

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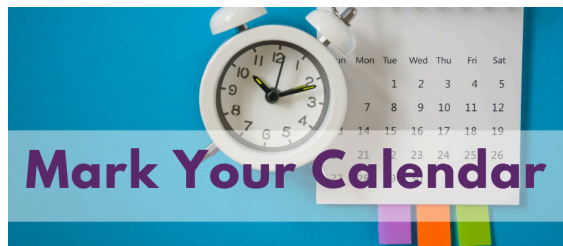
KIM ULRICH

MADALYN WILSON

Become a Monthly Supporter. Join The Promise.

Mark Your Calendar

Volunteer Corner



10/10/2023 (3:00-4:30) - **Volunteer Training** - Training for Support and Host Volunteers

10/10/2023 (5:30-6:30) - **Coordinator Meeting** - Meeting for Host and Support Coordinators



Hello Volunteers!

We need you!! Please reach out if you're able to offer your precious time

10/14/2023 - **7th Annual Dream Walk**

10/15-21/2023 - **Family Promise Week**

10/20-21/2023 - **Oscar Scherer's Haunted Trails**

11/28/2023 - **Giving Tuesday**

volunteering to help us. We have a few open opportunities right now, including events (Dream Walk on 10/14/23) as well as program volunteers and more! Sign up and we'll reach out to discuss the opportunities with you!

Thank you!

[Volunteer Information & Sign Up](#)

Wish List

Please donate these items for our families.

Body Soap
Disinfecting Wipes
Sponges
Publix Gift Cards
Walmart Gift Cards

Laundry Detergent/Pods
Dryer Sheets
Tampons

Family Promise
of South Sarasota County

Please drop off/send items to:
FPSSC, 850 Cockrill Street, Venice, FL 34285

Thank You for Your Support

Our programs are supported in full or in part by:

COMMUNITY



**United Way
of South Sarasota County**



**Bank of American Client Foundation, Bank of America,
N.A. Trustee**

Jerome & Mildred Paddock Foundation

Venice-Nokomis Rotary

Wells Fargo Foundation



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Match your gift!! Every dollar matters. Right now, you can make your gift to FPSSC through the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust and watch your gift double! This is a wonderful opportunity to expand our ability to help families that are at risk of becoming homeless. Our affordable housing projects are a critical piece to building stability for families in South Sarasota County. We can do this!

Through the end of this year, click to donate to FPSSC through the [Flanzer Trust for Family Promise of SOUTH Sarasota County](#) to make your donation double. We are grateful for our partners at the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust!



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Venice Golf & Country Club Foundation

Venice Nokomis Rotary

Venice Police Department

Venice Presbyterian Church

Venice Print Center

Venice United Church of Christ

Venice Yacht Club

VFW Auxilary 8118

The WaWa Foundation

Wells Fargo Foundation

Adele A. & Harold J. Westbrook Foundation

Oscar Scherer's Haunted Trails

Family Promise of South Sarasota County will be at Haunted Trails!

Come see us there!

10th Annual

Haunted Trails



at Oscar Scherer State Park

October 20 & 21, 2023 • 8:00pm - 10:00pm
for the kids Trick or Treat Trail open 7:30-9:30

Haunted Trail winds along the *dark*, haunted road to

A *terrifying* **Haunted House** for

those who truly *dare* to be scared

(both open at 8:00pm)

A fun kids Area and **Lil' Monster Manor**

Food is Available, more Games, more Fun!

TICKET SALES ONLINE ONLY

(beginning Sept. 4, 2023)

Limited tickets available at:

www.halloweenhauntedtrails.com

Get yours before they're sold out!

Food Drive to support South County Food Pantry

nonperishable items only

- Adult: \$14
- Child ages 6-12: \$6
- Ages 5 and under:
FREE



All proceeds benefit the Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc., Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department, and the Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce

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Take Action



Affordable family housing is severely lacking in South Sarasota County. We are working toward comprehensive solutions, one of which is purchasing and building homes for working families. We need your help.

Every Child Deserves a Home.

[Capital Campaign Information](#)

Newsletter Feedback Needed!

Please take one quick minute to answer a few quick questions. Your feedback is important to us as we continue to grow and improve. Thank you!

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