



# **Family Spotlight**

### The Wilson Family

Shana and her family moved to Venice from Vermont in April of 2016. A year after moving here Shana separated from the children's father. Shortly after, Shana was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer which required four surgeries and six weeks of radiation. During this unfortunate time, Shana and her children continued their involvement with serving at area churches, coaching in sports, part of Venice Little League, as well as other organizations and community events. Shana thought she was finally back on her feet. However, Hurricane Ian had other plans. The hurricane damaged the apartment that Shana and her children were residing in. There were several areas of the apartment that received water damage. Due to the repairs, Shana and her children had to find other housing to live in. Shana budgeted to get a refund of a rent overpayment to transfer over towards a deposit on the new rental after speaking with the property management. However, this did not end up being the case and Shana was attempting to piece together resources to help her move. Family Promise of South Sarasota County was able to assist the Wilson Family with a total of \$1,695 towards rental assistance.

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Shana stated that she is so grateful for Family Promise. Despite all the challenges and setbacks her and her family have faced, they continue to maintain positivity and believe good things are around the corner.

### 7th Annual Dream Walk



### Thank you for a great Dream Walk!!

We had a wonderful turn out for our 7th Annual Dream Walk event. We will be able to do some great work helping families in Osprey, Nokomis, Venice, Englewood, and North Port. We are incredibly grateful for all of your support!

#### The Stats

- Fundraising Goal Reached!
- 121 Walkers
- 21 Teams
- 16 Sponsors
- Yummy Breakfast
- 9 New Awards



Check out more pics on our website! www.familypromisessc.org/dream-walk

### In the News

## Affordable Housing Data Available through the University of Florida





According to a recent article published in SRQ Magazine, Affordable Housing Data Available through University of Florida, by Christine Robinson, there is a plethora of data on housing in Florida available through the University of Florida. The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at the University exists "to facilitate the provision of safe, decent, and affordable housing and related community development throughout the state of Florida."

Here is a segment from the article we pulled to share with you:

"The market rent tracker reflects that onebedroom units experienced a medianmeasured peak rent of \$1,642 in February 2022. Since that time, median rent has been slowly declining. In 2023, rent is down 2% from 2022, and the latest data in August reflects the median rent to be \$1,474."

Two-bedroom units are seeing a similar trend. The median-measured peak rent for two-bedroom units occurred in February 2022. The median-measured rent was \$2,019. Now, median rent is down 2% from last year and is currently at \$1,812.

However, rent measured at market rate, tells you what a new apartment hunter is actually facing when they look for a place to rent. The Zillow Observed Rent Index reflected a high, occurring in January of this year, at \$2,590. In both June and July of this year, it was at \$2,509.

Those differing measurements reflected very different numbers and timing trends."

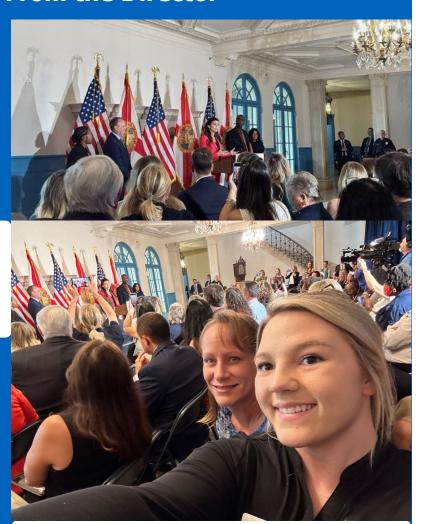
Read the Article from SRQ

Explore the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at the University of Florida

## **From the Director**



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Kim and I were recently invited to attend a press conference in Sarasota at New College of Florida for the First Lady Casey DeSantis and her HOPE Florida announcement. Then later that evening there was a dinner honoring First Lady Casey DeSantis as 2023 Stateswoman of the Year.

What a great project that is helping so many people! Our partnership with this project will allow the families we serve even greater access to other services they need.

You can click the button below to visit the site and learn more about HOPE Florida but here is a snippet.

"Hope Florida - A Pathway to Prosperity: Uniting communities through Hope Navigators to guide Floridians on an individualized path to prosperity, economic self-sufficiency and hope.

Spearheaded by First Lady Casey DeSantis and implemented by the Florida Department of Children and Families, Hope Florida utilizes Hope Navigators to guide Floridians on an individualized path to prosperity, economic self-sufficiency and hope by focusing on community collaboration between the private sector, faith-based community, nonprofits and government entities to break down traditional community silos, in an effort to maximize resources and uncover opportunities.

These Hope Navigators are essential in helping individuals identify their unique and immediate barriers to prosperity, develop long termgoals, map out a strategic plan, and work to ensure all sectors of the community have a 'seat at the table' and are part of the solution.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fagenbaum, Executive Director

Click Here to go to HOPE Florida



We'll be sharing our team members and our Board members with you so you can get to know who is working so hard to protect children from becoming homeless. We work tirelessly to provide the best care, programs, and plans for our families.

### Who is Kim Ulrich?

For those who do not know me, my name is Kim, and I am the Assistant Director here at FPSSC. I have been with Family Promise for just about two years. I was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, where most of my family still resides. My husband and I moved to Florida in 2021. My pride and joy are my niece and nephews, and my doggies. When I am not at work, you can find me joy riding around town on my motorcycle, casting a line to fish, or traveling to new places (or Disney again).

When relaxing at home you can find me reading a book on my lanai or with power tools in my hands because I found a new Pinterest project to start and have my husband finish.

I love coming to work every day knowing I get to work with such a hardworking and dedicated team.











# **By The Numbers**

# STATISTICS 2015 - PRESENT

CHILDREN SAFE AT HOME 1,535 935 **FAMILIES STABLY HOUSED** 13 families 110 families **BRIDGE HOUSING &** PATHWAYS HOME 24 children KEEPING THE PROMISE 186 children 134 families 36 families **DIVERSION &** ACCESS POINT 73 children 240 children EARLY INTERVENTION 223 families 83 families **EMERGENCY SHELTER** RENT ASSISTANCE 428 children 155 children 36 families 300 families OTHER SERVICES HOME GOODS PANTRY 57 children 372 children 2,470 **TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED** 

## The Promise got a few NEW members this month! Thank you!

Become a Monthly Supporter. Join The Promise.

# THE PROMISE MONTHLY DONOR CLUB

CATHERINE CARCATERRA
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## **Mark Your Calendar**



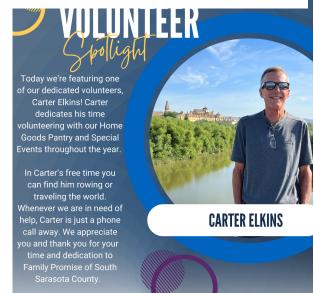
11/28/2023 - Giving Tuesday



11/1- 30/2023 - Buy This Bag Campaign

11/14/2023 - 3:30 PM - **Volunteer Training,** Held at 720 Shamrock Road, Venice

### **Volunteer Corner**



When asked why Carter chooses to support FPSSC, he said, "Hopefully it frees up FPSSC staff time to more easily accomplish their worthwhile goal of

housing or finding housing for families with children. It's such a pleasure to help such a dedicated staff who are always positive and gracious in their work."

Thank you for all you do, Carter!

Volunteer Information & Sign Up

# **Buy this Bag!**

# Speaking of November...We've been selected!!!

Support us throughout the month of November just by buying your groceries!!! Grab this bag at the Winn Dixie at 1254 Jacaranda Blvd and we get \$1! It's so simple!





### \$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!



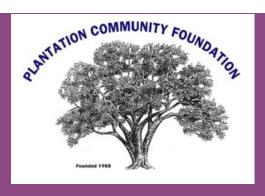


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**Match your gift!!** Every dollar matters. Right now, your personal donation of \$5-\$500 may be eligible for matching funds through the Louis and Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust, doubling your impact to FPSSC!\* This is a wonderful opportunity 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 <u>Flanzer Trust for Family Promise of SOUTH Sarasota County</u> to make your donation double. We are grateful for our partners at the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust!

\*Restrictions apply – please review the Trust's terms and conditions to see if your contribution qualifies!



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### **Take Action**



# Every Child Deserves a Home. Don't you agree?

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