

# Family Promise

of South Sarasota County



## 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](http://www.familypromisessc.org/dream-walk)

## In the News

### Affordable Housing Data Available through the University of Florida



UF Shimberg Center for Housing Studies  
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 one-bedroom units experienced a median-measured 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."

Looking for more? Check out the links below:

[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 term-goals, 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

BRIDGE HOUSING & KEEPING THE PROMISE 110 families  
186 children

13 families 24 children  
PATHWAYS HOME

ACCESS POINT 36 families  
73 children

134 families 240 children  
DIVERSION & EARLY INTERVENTION

EMERGENCY SHELTER 83 families  
155 children

223 families 428 children  
RENT ASSISTANCE

OTHER SERVICES 300 families  
372 children

36 families 57 children  
HOME GOODS PANTRY

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

*Thank you!*

CATHERINE CARCATERRA

MICHAEL CORNELL

JENNIFER FAGENBAUM

RACHEL FRANK

SALLY FRIBERG

JESS FRONCKOWIACK

COURTNEY GREEN

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BARBARA HUCKSAM

SUSAN HYLAND

DOUGLAS KASL

PAULA KNOTT

ANDREW LEISENRING

DEBBIE LEUZZI

JAMES NICELY

KELLY OLLIVER

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JOHN RUTHMAN

DAVID & JACQUELINE SHIPPS

JAKE TATE

KIM ULRICH

MADALYN WILSON

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# GIVING TUESDAY

**SAVE THE DATE**

**November 28, 2023**

## Mark Your Calendar



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

**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

**VOLUNTEER  
Spotlight**

Today we're featuring one of our dedicated volunteers, Carter Elkins! Carter dedicates his time volunteering with our Home Goods Pantry and Special Events throughout the year.

In Carter's free time you can find him rowing or traveling the world. Whenever we are in need of help, Carter is just a phone call away. We appreciate you and thank you for your time and dedication to Family Promise of South Sarasota County.

**CARTER ELKINS**

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!

**Buy  
this bag  
and  
we get \$1**

Every \$2.99 Community Bag sold at our Winn-Dixie this month donates \$1 to our organization.

*Share this with your friends!*

**Winn-Dixie.**



# Housing Heroes

**\$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



**Join Us Now!**

### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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



## Wish List

We are out of some supplies and our families are in need. Please drop off or mail:

Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Baby Wipes  
Size 5 & 6 Diapers  
Walmart Gift Cards

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Tide Pods/  
Laundry Pods  
Tampons



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:

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COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION



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of South Sarasota County



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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 [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!

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



Harold C. & Jacqueline F. Bladel Foundation  
Boldt Family Charitable Fund  
Boone Law Firm  
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The Bridge Church, Inc.

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## Take Action



**Together, We Can  
Make Sure Every  
Child Has a Home.  
Are you with us?**

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

Join us!  
Capital Campaign Information

## Connect and Share!



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