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Helping Single Parents Navigate Today's Affordable Housing Crisis

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Mission & Vision

To assist, inspire and lend a helping hand to single parents looking to provide their family with a healthy home environment.

Purpose

At Shirley's Temple, we seek to provide financial assistance to single parents who are looking to obtain affordable housing in the Tampa Bay area. As a nonprofit, we have created an in-depth program design that will provide the structure for each single parent that we partner with. We believe that having a healthy home environment is essential to the development of the family. It is important that we do whatever it takes to help each single parent that goes through our program maintain or achieve a healthy home environment.

Inspiration

It has always been a dream of Dan Poku, founder to start Shirley Temple. He comes from a single parent household and witnessed first-hand the financial struggles that his mother faced. His mother always had the dream to buy a house for her daughter, and son while they were young. However, she lacked the financial resources to do so. It is now Dan's mission to help single parents like his mom achieve their dream of buying their first home.

Structure

Prior to enrolling in the program, each single parent will have to complete a screening process. The screening process will consist of a short questionnaire that will help with getting to know them and their background. We will also look to meet with them to go over the program, and the pivotal role that they will play in it. The reason being, is that we want to make sure the single parent is dedicated and can see themselves completing the program. We will treat this as a partnership, so there will be a lot of work and effort needed from both sides. There will be three phases to the program, which we will describe next.

PHASE 1 Subsidies

- The initial phase of the program will focus on providing the single parent with a monthly subsidy that will be applied towards their rent.
- The subsidy will be a way for the single parent to maintain their current living situation as they go through the program.

PHASE 2 Financial Literacy Course

- We will focus on providing each single parent with a set of skills that will help them make key financial discussions in the future.
- It will require the single parent to dedicate time and effort to complete this phase.
- Comprehensive exams will be issued to test each single parents' knowledge of the material covered in the course.

PHASE 3 Home Ownership

- The last and final phase of the program will involve us working with the single parent to buy their first home. By this point, the single parent would have gained the necessary knowledge and foundation suitable for owning a home.
- Shirley's Temple will provide down payment assistance to secure a home for the single parent.
- The amount of the down payment will depend on available funding, and the costs of the home being purchased.