

## Hope Village Vision

We give families a chance to escape the cycle of poverty and potential homelessness.

We do this by helping moms and dads achieve better family life and independence so their kids have safe and stable homes.



### Low-income families face a desperate battle

Minimum wage and other low-income earners face a constant battle of putting food on the table or having a safe place to sleep.

In these dire circumstances it is hard to change one's life for the better. But Hope Village provides a way to make change possible for low-income families.

The average apartment rent in Manatee County is nearly \$2,000, or more than 40% of an average household's income (compared to only 25% in a typical small American city). The burden is worse for residents who are well below the average income. They often spend 50% or more of their income on rent alone. These same families also must spend another 30% or more of their income for essentials such as food and energy.

Such families live with a constant threat of homelessness, their children being forced into foster homes, possible addiction, and ultimately family breakup. In short, the "math" for low-income families often equals family disaster.

OF INCOME FOR RENT



30%
OR MORE OF
INCOME SPENT
ON FOOD
AND ENERGY



# SAVE OVERCOME IMPROVE

### Hope Village - More than just a housing community\_

The cycle of destitution, potential homelessness, and family breakup can be stopped. The key is the reduced rent and stable housing at Hope Village. This provides opportunities for residents to save money, overcome personal barriers to stability, and to improve their skills to get higher paying jobs.

Many valuable segments in our economy, including hospitality and tourism, rely on employees at this level and provide opportunities for advancement. This workforce is important to our economy and deserves a better approach to helping parents have safe, quality housing for their children.

**Employed parents with children are eligible to live in Hope Village.** It provides the unique combination of affordable housing with residents also participating in clearly defined community programs that help residents overcome the barriers that have kept them from economic success. Barriers may include access to education, intergenerational trauma and poverty, and in some cases addictions.

### THE STARTING POINT FOR A BETTER LIFE IS REDUCED RENT AND STABLE HOUSING

### The keys to success: Monitoring, Budgeting, Mentoring

The village coordinator first screens all applicants for admission to **Hope Village** to ensure that each resident has the motivation to change their life if given the opportunity. The coordinator then consults with each resident to design a structured "Plan Agreement" to help them use existing community social and educational programs to achieve behavioral change and skills needed for higher paying jobs. The program goals include scheduled milestones to make sure the goals are achieved.

As long as the resident meets their previously agreed upon milestones, they can remain residents for up to two years. Residents will not be allowed to remain if the "Program Agreement" and its milestones are not being met. This program requires effort and desire for permanent change by the residents. **Only a select few qualify to live in Hope Village.** 

### **SUCCESS** IS HELPING PARTICIPANTS BECOME FULLY FUNCTIONING AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.



### Convenient to jobs, schools, and opportunities

**Hope Village** has 53 duplex-type units on a 4.85-acre parcel on 30th Avenue West in the central part of Bradenton. It is 1/4 mile west of 14th Street West, and 1/2 mile east of 26th Street and within easy walking distance of the bus line. The homes are built to the latest hurricane standards, but they are built as economically as possible to hold down both construction costs and future maintenance.

There are a mixture of one-bedroom units with 500 sq. ft. and two-bedroom units with 650 sq. ft. They are not built with all the amenities and size for long-term residences. But rather, they are designed as a place to stabilize a family's living situation while preparing the family to achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

#### **CONVENIENTLY LOCATED**

53
DUPLEX UNITS



**4.85**ACRES ON 30TH AVE W

**30TH AVENUE WEST** 

**26TH STREET WEST** 

**14TH STREET WEST** 

**CORTEZ ROAD** 

**LOCATION MAP** 





### BEGINNING 2022

### A history of caring for others

Hope Village of Manatee is owned by the non-profit Help To Home Inc., a 501(c)(3) entity. Many of its board members have a long history in business and in helping the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless. Help To Home Inc. has been operating four housing units for low-income families for the past several years in preparation for the development of Hope Village.

Funds have been donated to purchase the land, build the street, and install underground utilities. **Construction is scheduled for late 2022.** We are now seeking funds to begin building housing units.

No government funds are involved in building **Hope Village**, so that the village team will be able to work with its residents without government restrictions and red tape. No bank financing will be used. Once the village is built out, it will be financially self-sustaining since none of its rental income will be drained off to pay a mortgage or to investors.

HOPE VILLAGE WILL BE FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINING.

### Become a Part Of The Solution

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US IN HELPING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE IN MANATEE COUNTY.

HOPE VILLAGE IS SEEKING CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS

FROM INDIVIDUALS, FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES AND OTHERS

TO BRING THIS HOUSING AND PROGRAM SOLUTION TO LIFE.

To Donate See: www.HelpToHome.org Or Call 941-755-1166 x1001

\$90K

Builds **1 Home**For **1 Family** 



\$180K

Builds **2 Homes**For **2 Families**In **1 Duple**x



\$540K

Builds 6 Homes
For 6 Families
In Three Duplexes,
Plus part of
Hope Village's
Recreation Center



How blessed is he who considers the helpless; The Lord will deliver him in a day of trouble.

The Lord will protect him and keep him alive and he shall be called blessed upon the earth. —Psalm 41: 1-2





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