

# Welcome Message

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

This past year challenged us, but faith emerged as the tie that binds us. Thanks to our faith community, we carried out our essential work, celebrating life and supporting those we serve with prayer, special events, donations, and more.

with comprehensive in-home behavioral health services.

We pushed forward for affordable housing, leading to capital improvements across Florida to uphold quality and security. Exciting new housing developments broke ground, with additional funding supporting our affordable housing model combined

Our dedicated workforce, our most valuable asset, stood firm amidst the shortage. We've supported and invested in our team, ensuring we serve those in need in the most challenging times.

While planning our next five-year strategy, we included everyone's voice in our organization. The result? An exciting road map displaying our ongoing commitment to provide superior services to individuals and families in need.

We look forward to the coming year, confident that together, we can ascend to new heights of success. Each step on this mission-driven journey is more meaningful because of supporters like you. Thank you for being part of our story this year!

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**Total People Served** 



**FLORIDA** 



1,642

**Veterans** Served



2,523 Residential

Capacity

\$1,079,464.12

**In Kind Donations** 



8500



**60 Total Programs** 

+000,8 clothing items distributed



positively affirmed the program's healing effect.

17 **Counties** 



28 Cities

2,000 + Staff **Training Hours** 



# **Mission**

America of Florida engages Floridians in need to create positive life changes through compassionate support services.

# Vision



Volunteers of America of Florida strives to provide premier human services and experiences with superior results for individuals and families in need.

# About VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF FLORIDA

Volunteers of America of Florida (VOAFL), an affiliate of the nationally acclaimed Volunteers of America (VOA), roots its work in Ministry, serving the complete needs of individuals- mind, body, and spirit.

Established in 1918, VOAFL stands as one of Florida's foremost human service organizations, annually serving over 5,000 individuals with comprehensive support programs. These programs encompass combating homelessness, providing affordable housing, and offering services for seniors, individuals with special needs, Veterans, and families.

Known as a church without walls, we've grown to become one of the largest providers of supportive housing for unhoused veterans in Florida, and we embrace and serve all people across 17 counties, from Pensacola to Key West.





# PROGRAMS & SERVICES



- Seniors
- Individuals & Families
- Veteran

- Persons with disabilities
- Affordable
- Transitional



- SSVF
- Mental health
- Addiction services

- Resilience Strength Training
- Moral Injury Support
- Case Management
- Home Depot Mobile Unit







**FLORIDA** 



- Crisis counseling
- Drop-in centers
- Supported independent living
- Substance use disorder counseling



- Service coordination
- Community engagement





### **Seniors**



At VOAFL, we cherish seniors' independence.
We offer affordable housing tailored for those on a fixed income, facilitating a peaceful and thriving environment to age comfortably.

### **Families**



VOAFL
properties offer
working lowincome families
a home,
featuring
specialized
facilities and
services for
children and
their parents'
needs.

### **Veterans**



Every Veteran should have a home. VOAFL provides a versatile range of housing solutions and support services for individual veterans and their families.

# Persons with Disabilities



VOAFL prides
itself on catering
to the evolving
needs of our
residents,
offering
activities,
transportation,
and individual
case
management to
foster
independence.

Introducing Daniel

Having no place to turn, Daniel found refuge at VOAFL and graduated from the transitional housing program. His determination and hard work led him to become one of the first recipients of a housing voucher at VOAFL's Ritz Reserve Affordable Housing site. Despite bearing the responsibilities of being a minister and a father to ten, battling two types of cancer, his positive and resilient spirit never wavers.





One of Daniel's favorite things to do is taking care of the on-site community garden.

Especially during various holidays you'll find him in the kitchen, cooking with the garden's bounty and distributing meals to his neighbor's fostering unity and passion.

This example vividly illustrates the transformative impact of VOAFL's work. Amplifying our commitment to supporting individuals through their life's toughest challenges.



### **Case Management**

Provides supportive services to assist with strengthening their independent living skills and long-term housing goals.

# **Supportive Services for Veterans Families** (SSVF)

Programs provide temporary & supportive services for low or no-income Veterans and Veteran families. The goal of these programs is to promote housing stability through assistance and support services to homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness.

### Veteran Home Repairs - Home Depot Mobile Unit

With support from The Home Depot Foundation, VOAFL provides a program for veterans needing interior and exterior home repairs. This program focuses on addressing the repairs that are most urgently required, prioritizing critical health, safety, and adherence to building codes.

#### **HOUSING PROGRAMS**

- Ben Singleton Center (Jacksonville)
- Cocoa Veterans Village
- Gainesville Veterans Program
- Eloy A. Rodriguez, Jr Veterans Village (Key West)
- James Cole Village (Tampa)
- Lake City Cabins

- Manatee Veterans Village
- Miami Veterans Program
- Ocala Ritz Veterans Village
- Pensacola Veterans Village
- Punta Gorda Veterans Village
- Tallahassee Veterans Village

Introducing Vince

Before coming to VOAFL, Vince found himself in a tough situation where he was forced to vacate the home he shared with a friend he was assisting. Despite Vince's best efforts to retrieve rent from his friend and his friend's refusal to vacate the property, Vince sadly had to leave the place he called home.



After much effort, Vince has transitioned from VOAFL's Veterans Village Transitional Housing program into a permanent residence.

For Vince, his time at VOAFL's Veterans Village was marked by more than just personal growth and development. He found a unique way to give back to the community by refurbishing old, discarded bicycles and distributing them to neighbors in need. These bikes provided people with a convenient mode of transportation and allowed them to enjoy the outdoors. Through his refurbishing efforts, Vince made a lasting difference in the lives of those around him, showing that even small acts of kindness can be impactful.



VOAFL provides affordable housing and vital services for seniors living on a limited income.

Allowing seniors to live independently is our priority.

With on-site Service Coordinators we are always ready to assist with services like transportation, benefits, training, and more.

## **Senior Housing Programs**

- Clear Bay Terrace (Clearwater)
- Creekside Manor I (Clearwater)
- Creekside Manor II (Clearwater)
- Hialeah Apartments (Hialeah)
- Las Palmas I Apartments (Miami)
- Las Palmas II Apartments (Miami)
- Los Robles Apartments(Miami)
- Pine Grove Apartments (Gainesville)
- Puerta Del Sol Apartments (Miami)
- Silver Lakes Village (Orlando)
- Sweetwater Apartments (Miami)

Introducing the Creekside Manor Team

At Creekside Manor, resident \*Mr. Thompson had been successfully living independently despite a gradual decline in his health. Favoring his independence, he often refused assistance.

Our dedicated staff at Creekside Manor regularly schedule health-conscious activities for all residents, such as on-site blood pressure checks. During one of these checks, the team noticed that \*Mr. Thompson's blood pressure spiked to a dangerous level. Thanks to quick action from the team, he was rushed to the hospital for immediate attention.

This scary incident was a life-changing wake-up call, especially after receiving his hospital assessment. \*Mr. Thompson was able to accept the need for more comprehensive care and understood it was time to make his health a priority. Thanks to the collaboration between the Creekside Manor team and \*Mr. Thompson's family, a tailored care plan was devised and executed.

This story underscores the critical role of our various senior housing programs. While we offer affordable housing in an independent living environment, our goal and passion is to ensure residents feel cared for, receive support, and know their close-knit community will always be there for them in time of need.

\*Name Change



### **Drop in Centers**

A refuge for gathering, learning, and healing. The Drop In Center welcomes everyone, offering various services and a first step towards essential aid and housing. It also serves as a clean space to socialize and unwind.

# VOA|ReST 4 First Responders

VOA|ReST 4 First Responders provides a free, peer-to-peer small group support session(s) designed to help First Responders process feelings of moral discomfort and distress while reclaiming strength and commitment to their profession.

### Sandra Gal Children's Center

The Sandra Gal Children's Center provides participants in the VOAFL Miami Permanent Supportive Housing Program a safe and clean space for their children to play, learn, and heal while they receive services.

# Introducing Karen

Karen's story is one of strength, resilience, and most importantly - survival. During her service in the Navy, she suffered a leg injury that made her daily life challenging. With the pain intensifying, she found herself unemployed and homeless.

VOAFL provided much-needed assistance and emotional support, which encouraged Karen to believe in her worth. This intervention proved transformational. Faced with unexpected surgery and vehicle problems, Karen found herself at risk of being homeless again. The critical assistance she received through VOAFL helped her manage her rent, fix her car, and focus on her health, empowering her to look towards a brighter future despite losing her support dog and grappling with thoughts of suicide.

Karen's story amplifies the lives impacted by VOAFL's behavioral and mental health services. From a life of uncertainty and gloom, Karen eagerly looks forward to the future, thanks to the robust support she received from VOAFL. Her journey is a testament to the immense impact VOAFL can make on people's lives, turning struggles into stepping stones for a hopeful future.

# How YOU Can Help

Your contribution to Volunteers of America of Florida (VOAFL) gives the most vulnerable Floridians a chance to heal, find strength and fulfill their potential. When you support VOAFL, you are investing in stronger, healthier communities that lift up individuals and families, empowering them to thrive.

Make a difference through Volunteers of America of Florida today by:

- Making a donation via our website or send a check to our mailing address
- Secure your legacy through a bequest
- Sign up to participate in a fundraising event
- Donate a car, truck or boat
- Host a supply drive (food, hygiene products, bedding and more)
- Volunteer your time and talent
- Corporate volunteer opportunities

Your gift will help Floridians in need that are struggling with homelessness, mental health diagnosis, extremely low in-come and other challenges.

**For more information, contact**: Stephanie Vranich | Vice President of Outreach and Development (727) 369-8475 | svranich@voa-fla.org





THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

**10AM SHOTGUN START** 

Seminole Lake Country Club 6100 Augusta Blvd., Seminole, FL 33777

# What Your Donation Can Do





provide the cost of transportation to a medical appointment or counseling session



\$25
provide cleaning supplies to veterans and their families while they are transitioning into their own place



\$50 provide a senior with meaningful and engaging activities for a month



\$150 provide 3 outfits and a backpack full of school supplies to a formerly homeless child



**\$1,500**fill a food pantry at one of our Veteran Transitional Programs



\$ 4,000 furnishes a 1 bedroom unit for resident transitioning out of homelessness

# Year Highlights



# July-August 2022

Arbor Place, an affordable housing complex,y under went substantial rehabilitation. Hillsborough County, Florida Government provided more than \$760,000 in funding for the rehabilitation project. In addition to the extensive plumbing work, the project included minor improvements such as replacing handrails and restriping the parking lot.

## September-October 2022

Celebrating the Electronic Health Records (EHR) launch. This important milestone has significantly reduced administrative tasks, providing a smoother operational experience and allowing case managers and counselors time to focus more on direct care activities.



4 First Responders

### November-December 2022



Hosted VOA|ReST4 First Responders Wellness Hub at HCA Florida Mercy Hospital. This event was designed for organizations/programs across Miami to share their mental and physical health resources for first responders.



## January-February 2023

In a panel discussion hosted by LeadingAge Southeast, Janet Stringfellow, President and CEO of VOAFL, and Travis Brown, Executive Vice President of Housing & Development at VOAFL, collaborated with industry thought leaders. This panel focused on analyzing the chief advantages and restrictions of utilizing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit in the bolstering of affordable housing.

## March-April 2023

Our first annual golf tournament was a success! Hearty thanks to all who supported and took part in the Golfing for Floridians in Need Golf Tournament! Your contributions have empowered us to continue offering vital services to the vulnerable in Florida. Special thanks to our generous sponsors, we look forward to making more positive differences together next year!



# May- June 2023

Our very own VOAFL employee Silvia was honored at loanDepot Park during a Miami Marlins game as a community leader who has positively impacted the South Florida community.



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Based on extensive survey feedback, we successfully advocated for Juneteenth to become an official holiday for our organization.

# **Programs Across Florida**

### **Administrative Mailing Address**

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## Coming Soon





### **COMING SOON**



St. Petersburg



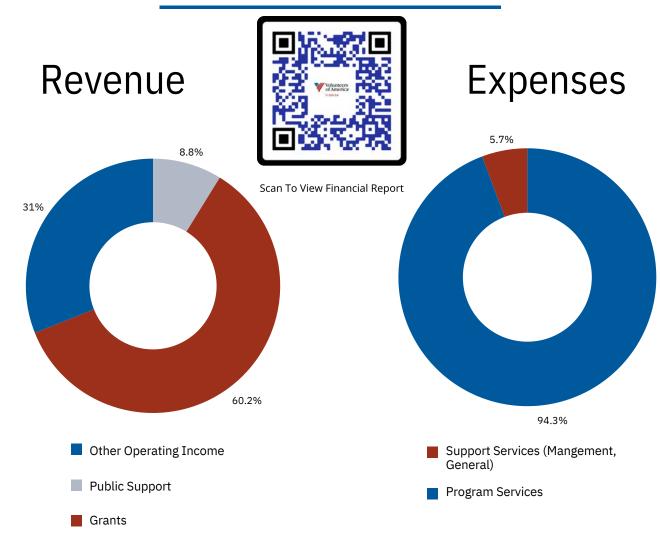
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Palm Bay

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## **Financials**



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