

Children and Families:

Sadowski Funds Help Parents and Kids Succeed

For thousands of families across Florida, SHIP and SAIL have opened the door to safe and affordable homes where they can raise their children and get ahead. Sadowski funds are essential for helping many more families put down roots in the neighborhoods where they work and send their kids to school.

Key facts:

- In 2013, 1,356,000 families with kids in Florida have incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level and are paying more than they can afford for housing (Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count data).
- During the 2012-2013 academic year, Florida's public school districts identified 58,887 children whose families were "couch surfing" or living in motels. Another 11,069 kids were on the streets, in homeless shelters, or awaiting foster care placement (U.S. Department of Education).

When families with children have trouble finding affordable housing, they make major sacrifices: cutting back spending on food and medicine; living in homes with lead paint, mold, or other hazards; doubling up with relatives and friends; or moving frequently to find apartments with lower rent. These families are often one step away from homelessness. Lack of affordable housing is linked to poor physical and mental health for both parents and children, and can cause children to fall behind in school. SHIP and SAIL help families break this cycle, often by putting them on the path to homeownership.



Many Habitat for Humanity homebuyers rely on down payment and closing cost assistance from SHIP to make their dream of homeownership a reality for them and their children.

SHIP Helps Hardworking Mom and Her Kids Put Down Roots



Padricca, a hardworking mother of two, lost her rental home in Polk County when the landlord was foreclosed upon. With SHIP down payment and closing cost assistance, Padricca was able to buy a home near her old neighborhood, allowing her teenage children to stay near their friends and their familiar school.



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