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Summer of Hope



2023 Triple Impact Appeal

“Steven” and “Kitty” had to spend everything they made — and sometimes a bit more — to keep their family in their rental home, but life was good. There was a yard for their children to play in, a bedroom for their 12- and 13-year-old boys and another for their 10-year-old daughter. Then, with little warning, the landlord sold the house. With low-paying jobs, no savings and shaky credit, they could find no way to avoid family homelessness. Thanks to Family Renew Community supporters, however, they were able to lift themselves and their children out of it. After about a year of safe, stable housing at a Family Renew Community residential campus for families experiencing homelessness, Steven and Kitty have new careers and a home in a nice apartment community with a secure lease.



[CLICK HERE TO READY STEVEN'S AND KITTY'S FULL STORY](#)

Theirs is one of many stories of hope we have to tell this summer. Seventeen families, including 33 children, overcame homelessness in 2022 with help from Family Renew Community. As soon as these families moved to permanent housing, others from our waiting list moved into their Family Renew apartments to begin their own journeys out of homelessness.

The kindness of our supporters allows us to offer these families housing and so much more. For Steven and Kitty, for instance, that meant identifying pathways to better jobs — a commercial driver’s license for him and a nursing degree for her. For their children, it meant counseling to help them get back on track academically and socially at school.

Our Summer of Hope campaign aims to raise \$25,000 by Aug. 20 to equip us to deliver a permanent end to the experience of homelessness for more families. An anonymous donor has pledged to match donations 2:1 toward this goal. **Would you be willing to make a gift of \$30, \$50, \$100 or the amount you can afford for triple the impact in the lives of families whose circumstances have thrown them into homelessness?**

Through the goodness of people like you, Family Renew Community has been helping local families escape desperate situations and restore their lives since 1989. On average now, families we serve in our 32 apartments in Holly Hill, Daytona Beach and DeLand beat homelessness in about ten months. We have evidence that 94 percent of them remain stably housed in the months and years afterward.

Housing is only the beginning of what your donation will help bring to homeless families. With expert guidance, mothers and fathers will improve their employment, money management and parenting. They’ll pay down debts, repair credit and build savings. When they’re back out on their own, they’ll be prepared to prosper.

You can be the reason a family with children has hope this summer for leaving homelessness behind forever. More than 2,000 children in Volusia and Flagler counties experience homelessness with their families each year. Please go to familyrenew.org and click “Donate,” text FAMILYRENEW to 44321, or return the response form below to make your summer gift.

Please consider donating if you can. Your prayers and advocacy for our mission with friends and relatives and in your social media circles also mean the world to us. Thank you for all you do to help homeless families with children.

You may donate securely online by credit card or debit card via the donation links on this page, or by texting FAMILYRENEW to 44321. To donate by mail, please send a check payable to Family Renew Community, P.O. Box 250123, Holly Hill, FL 32125-0123.

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S and K's Full Story

Finding a house they could afford to rent for their family seemed such a lucky break for "Steven" and "Kitty" that they broke their apartment lease to make the move.

Their fortune held out for two years. Their children had their own yard in which to play, a bedroom for 12- and 13-year-old boys and another for the 10-year-old girl. With both parents working, they could make ends meet. Then, with little warning near the end of 2020, the landlord sold the house.

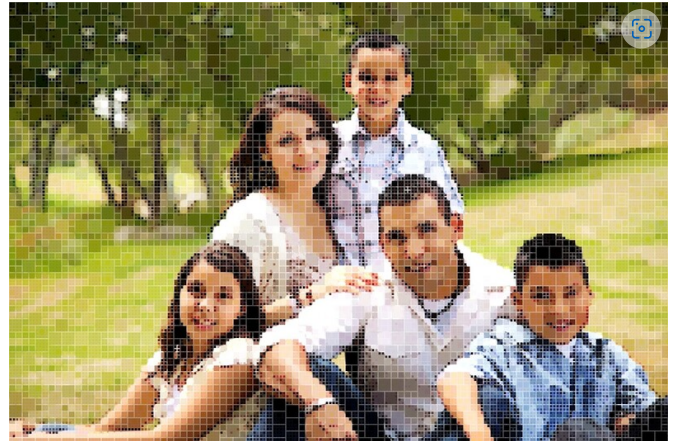
Steven and Kitty had low-paying jobs and no savings. Walking away from the previous lease left them with a blotch on their rental history and unpaid debt that disqualified them from affordable housing options. Their only family was Kitty's mom, who secretly squeezed them into her home in a 55-and-older community for as long as she could without risking eviction herself.

The opportunity to stay in a Family Renew Community apartment opened up just in time to save this family from being on the street. As always, though, Family Renew offered this family much more than shelter.

All three children were referred to counseling to cope with the turmoil they had experienced, says the family's case manager Anita Brooks. Their grades and social participation at school improved, with the boys becoming standout players on the football team. Steven and Kitty focused on getting education and training to enhance their lifelong earning potential while continuing to work. Steven obtained a commercial driver's license and Kitty, a longtime nursing assistant, is scheduled to graduate with a registered nursing degree this fall.

"They paid off \$15,000 or more of debt," Anita says.

The family moved from Family Renew Community's Holly Hill Residential Campus for families experiencing homelessness into an apartment of their own in April.



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Donations to our Summer of Hope campaign of \$1,000 or less from individuals, families, local organizations and small businesses dated by Aug. 20 (or until the matching funds pool is exhausted) will be matched 2:1 by an anonymous donor.

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