



2022 was an exciting year kicked off with a new Strategic Plan, which invigorated the Board, staff, and volunteers to keep fulfilling our mission.

We are expanding the footprint of our programs and services, while simultaneously working to promote sustainability of the organization. We continue to improve and look forward to excelling as one organization, a partner agency, and the third place in 2023.



# OUR COMMUNITY + MISSION IMPACT



# **HOW WE HELP**

## **ABUSE SERVICES**

#### - The Haven -

Hope Villages of America provides both prevention and intervention services regarding domestic violence. This program offers outreach services within the community and an Emergency Safe House. Anyone experiencing domestic violence should call our 24-hour hotline at 727-442-4128. A trained Advocate will provide counseling, safety planning, and if needed, conduct a screening for entrance into the Emergency Safe House.

# **FOOD DISTRIBUTION & BASIC NEEDS SERVICES**

#### - The Food Bank -

Hope Villages of America provides nutritious groceries to tens of thousands of individuals and families throughout Pinellas County. The Food Bank distributes food to people at our Clearwater warehouse and also delivers food to local food pantries, homeless shelters, domestic violence safe houses, soup kitchens, and housing programs for the disabled and elderly to ensure access to food in the neighborhoods that need it the most. We focus on nutrition; we make every effort to provide healthy, nutrient-dense foods, such as lean meats and fresh fruits and vegetables.

#### - The Express Center -

The Express Center is a service center for youth, adults, seniors, and families. Offering a wide range of "get it now" services, the Express Center provides direct support related to hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, and basic needs.

# THE OAKS AT HOPE VILLAGES AND GOLDSMITH GARDENS

Hope Villages affordable housing option is a 'next step' in the journey to self-sufficiency. While residing at these properties, participants will receive case management to help meet their personal, educational, and career goals. We offer 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. Our units also include onsite laundry and a community room. Participants sign a one year lease, and pay approximately 30% of their income in rent. As part of the housing continuum, the goal is to move families from the street, to the shelter, to affordable housing, and on to market-rate housing and/or homeownership.

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### **APPEAL 365**

- ADVOCACY -

The understanding and willingness to take the TIME to communicate about HVA.

- VOLUNTEERISM -

The willingness to share individual and group TALENT with HVA.

- FINANCIAL SUPPORT -

The ability and commitment to provide financial TREASURE in support of HVA.



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