



Affordable Housing Helps Children



“Living in my house is really fun and safe. Before we lived in a trailer and a hurricane ripped the roof off. Now, I’m not scared in my house anymore.”

*– Daniel Proehl, Age 10
Son of George & Dee Proehl Homeowners at Trail Ridge in Naples, FL and recipients of SHIP funds through Habitat for Humanity Collier County.*



• **8,621 families with children have been served using SHIP funds**

• **40,295 children 0-17 years old are in affordable housing through the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program**

Stable, affordable and safe housing:

- Allows a child to “put down roots” in their neighborhood and school, providing consistency and support
- Provides family stability reducing stress related health issues, such as depression and substance abuse
- Allows a family to afford better nutrition and preventative health care

- Reduces tense overcrowded living conditions
- Reduces illness such as respiratory infections and asthma
- More than 49,000 children experience homelessness each year in Florida
- State and Local Housing Trust Fund Money provides housing that prevents child homelessness

For example, state and local housing trust fund money financed:

- 10-unit group home in Jacksonville for youth aging out of foster care
- 14-unit apartment complex for at-risk youth in Marion County
- Vero Beach Youth Transition Center providing housing for 60 young people

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Sadowski Act monies fund affordable housing developments that have energy efficient appliances, after school programs with computer rooms, financial literacy programs and are close to public transportation and services in areas of opportunity.