

HomesUnited

ministries



TOGETHER
 **SOUTH FLORIDA**
MANY CITIES.   ONE MISSION.



Mission

Our mission is to provide housing to individuals experiencing homelessness by uniting with local governments, non-profits, business partners, to provide the support and resources needed for clients to secure and maintain premanent stable housing.



Vision

Our vision is to end homelessness in Borward County, creating a replicable model for addressing homelessness on a national level. Our ultimate goal is to create a future in which homelessness is rare, brief and non-reccuring for all Americans.



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Letter *from* Duane Mellor

Welcome to the HomesUnited Ministries booklet, a comprehensive guide to understanding and addressing the pressing housing needs in Broward County. Our mission is not only to provide shelter but to create a sustainable model that can be replicated across the United States to solve the housing crisis.

The Need for Housing and Support

Broward County, like many areas across the nation, faces significant challenges in providing affordable and stable housing for its residents. The lack of accessible housing options leaves many individuals and families vulnerable, struggling to meet their basic needs. At HomesUnited Ministries, we recognize that housing is a fundamental right and a cornerstone for building a thriving community.

Our Vision

We envision a future where every person has a place to call home. Our approach goes beyond simply providing shelter; we believe in the power of wrap-around services to ensure long-term stability and success.

These services include:

Comprehensive Case Management: Guiding individuals and families through the complexities of housing, health, and employment.

Mental Health and Wellness Support: Offering counseling and support services to address the emotional and psychological needs of those we serve.

Job Training and Educational Programs: Empowering residents with the skills and knowledge needed to achieve self-sufficiency.

Community Building Initiatives: Fostering a sense of belonging and mutual support among residents.



A Unified Effort

Addressing the housing crisis requires a collaborative effort. We believe in the power of community and the necessity of partnerships. Our model integrates the strengths and resources of businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. By working together, we can create a unified front to tackle the housing crisis and bring about meaningful change.

Our Commitment

HomesUnited Ministries is committed to leading this charge with compassion, innovation, and dedication. We are united in our mission to provide dignified housing solutions and to build a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for taking the time to explore our work and join us in this vital mission. Together, we can create a brighter future and a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Duane Mellor'.

Duane Mellor
President



76%

of our clients have remained
housed for over a year

Mental health respite is designed to help clients stabilize and find permanent supportive housing. Currently, HomesUnited has served 431 clients and 76% of our clients have remained housed for over a year.

\$51,000

Average cost for a homeless person to remain on the street in Broward County per year

\$17,500

Average cost for a homeless person to live in a HomesUnited respite home per year



MENTAL HEALTH RESPIRE



“Work is the best treatment we have for serious mental illness.”

Individual Placement & Support (IPS)

Evidence-Based Employment Support for Lasting Success

Helping clients secure stable, competitive jobs in the community.

Research shows, “the IPS model is 3X more effective than other vocational rehabilitation programs in helping individuals with serious mental illness find and keep competitive jobs.”



58%

Of IPS participants gain employment, compared to just 21% in other vocational programs.

JOB PLACEMENT



A photograph of a Black man standing in a grassy yard in front of a light blue house. He is wearing a black tank top and blue jeans, and is holding a white document in his right hand. The house has a white door and windows. There are trees and bushes in the background.

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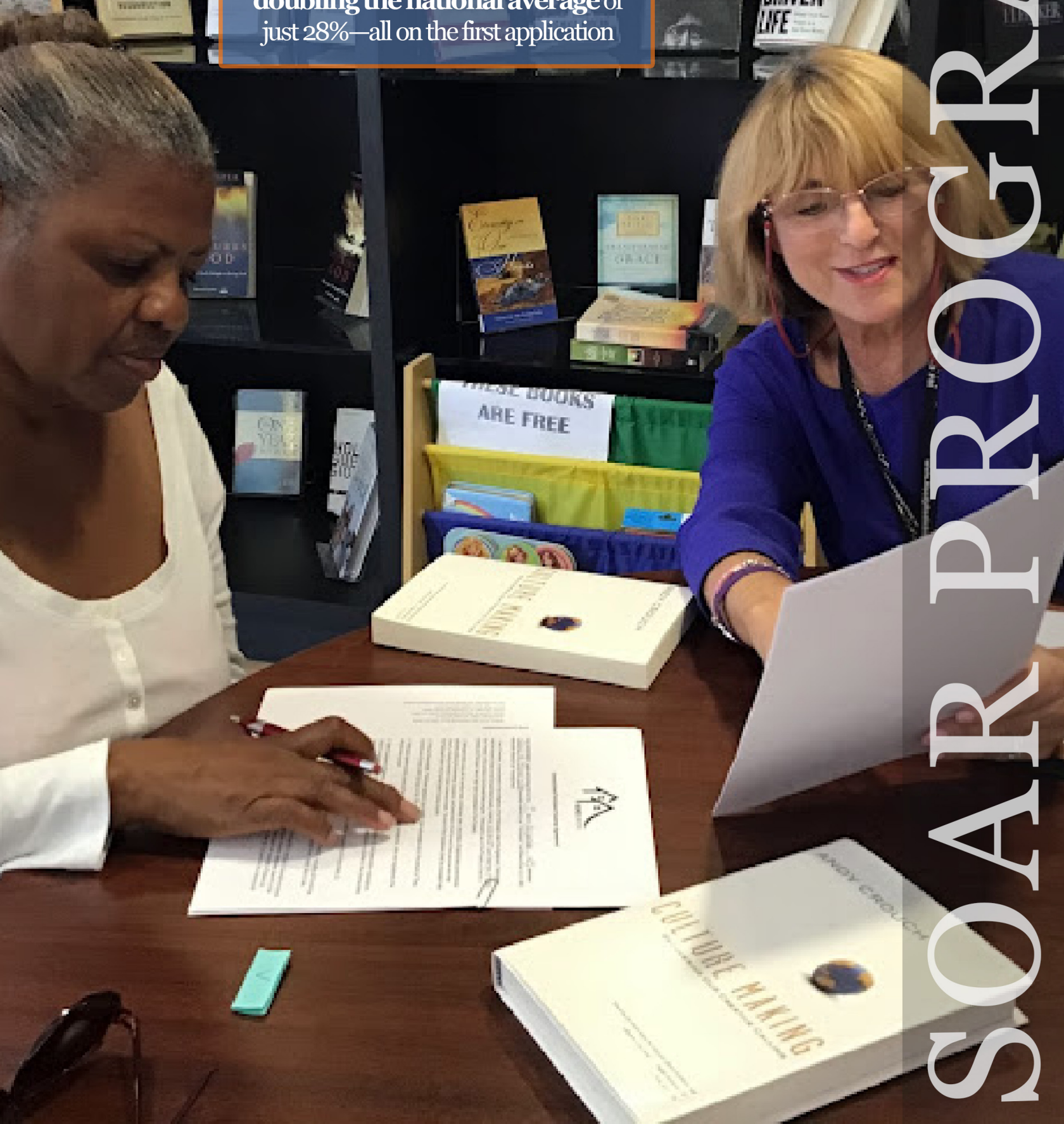
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SOAR programs *significantly reduce* the average processing time for SSI/SSDI applications **from 2 years to 4-5 months.**

167 days - average approval time on SOAR-assisted applications.

63%

initial approval rate for benefits,
doubling the national average of
just 28%—all on the first application



SOAR PROGRAM

Impact of Supportive Housing

50% fewer hospitalizations

52% reduction in hospital days

68% decrease in ER visits



Housing First is the only strategy proven
to break the homelessness-jail cycle.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are the heartbeat of our mission to provide hope and support to those experiencing homelessness. Their selfless dedication and tireless efforts have transformed lives and brought light to the darkest of situations. From serving warm meals to offering a listening ear, our volunteers embody compassion and generosity, making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.



2,328

Volunteer hours served

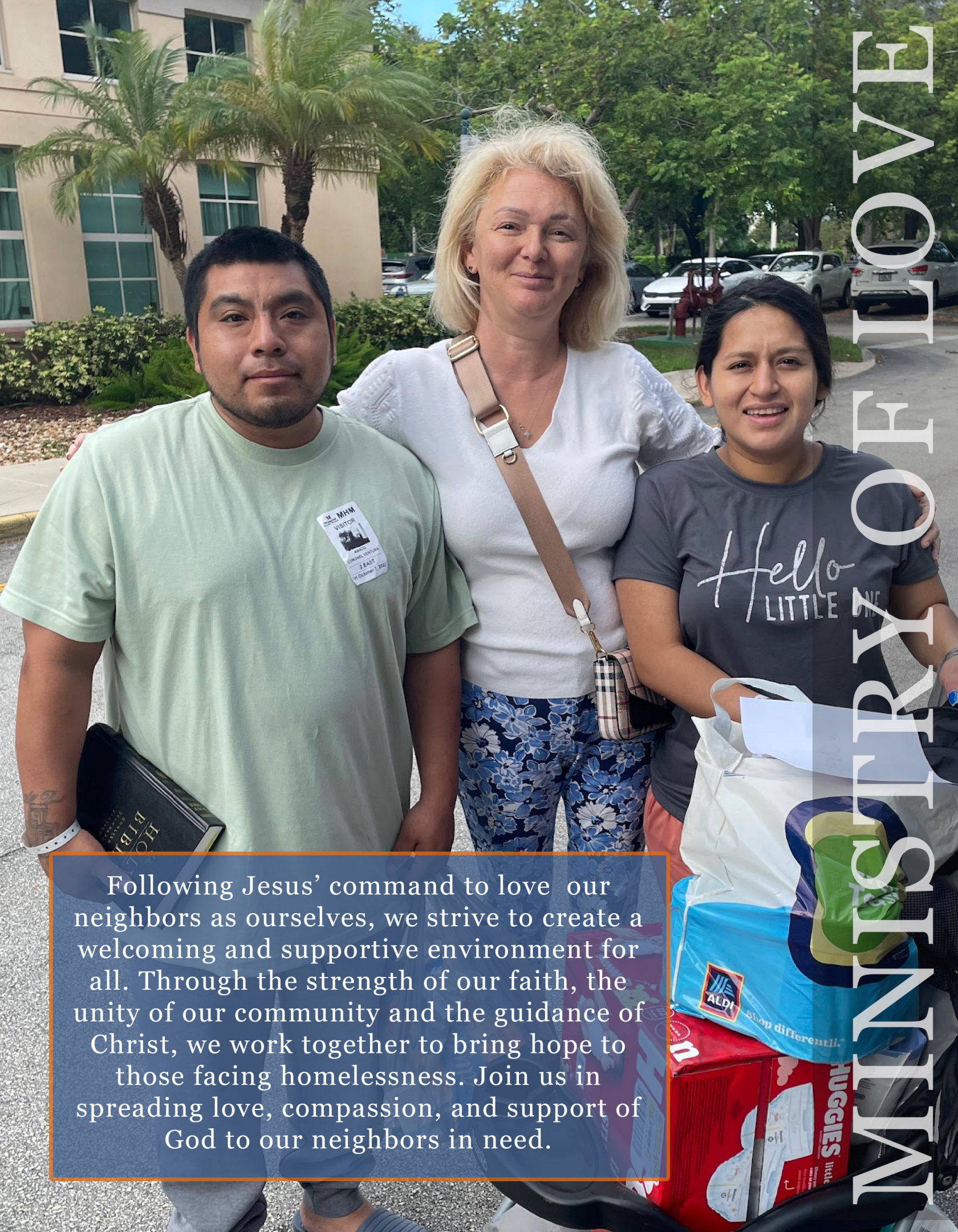
\$74,010

In cost savings

VOLOUNTERRS



HomesUnited ministries is a faith-based ministry grounded in the teachings of Christ and the belief that the power of community and prayer, guided by God, are essential elements in our mission to serve and uplift those in need.



FAITHFUL
COUNTRY
LOVE

Following Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves, we strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment for all. Through the strength of our faith, the unity of our community and the guidance of Christ, we work together to bring hope to those facing homelessness. Join us in spreading love, compassion, and support of God to our neighbors in need.



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40



"I'm blessed that God sent HomesUnited to save my life. Thanks to the Pastor and you all. God bless HomesUnited!"

"Thank you HomesUnited for giving me a bed and a place to stay. I almost gave up on life."

We believe in a Sovereign God who works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). Through prayer, we seek guidance, support, and the ability to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve.

Romans 8:28

*"And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him, who have been called
according to his purpose."*

JOIN US IN PRAYER



SCAN ME

POWER OF PRAYER

BUILD

expand housing capacity



SCAN ME



SPONSOR

rental assistance



SCAN ME



DONATE

give to the ministry



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SERVE

volunteer with your team



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INVEST

fund wrap-around services



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FEED

donate food and supplies

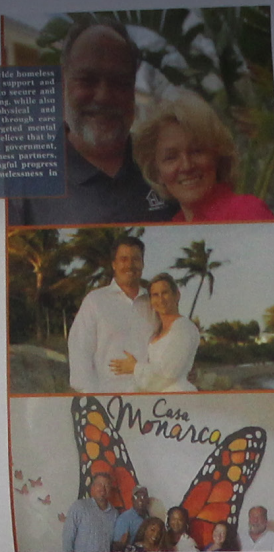


SCAN ME



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Our mission is to provide homeless individuals with the support and resources they need to secure and maintain stable housing, while also addressing their physical and mental health needs through care coordination and targeted mental health services. We believe that by working closely with government, non-profit, and business partners, we can make meaningful progress towards solving homelessness in our community.



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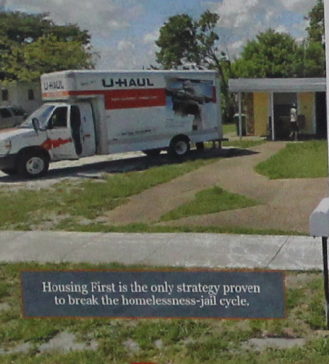
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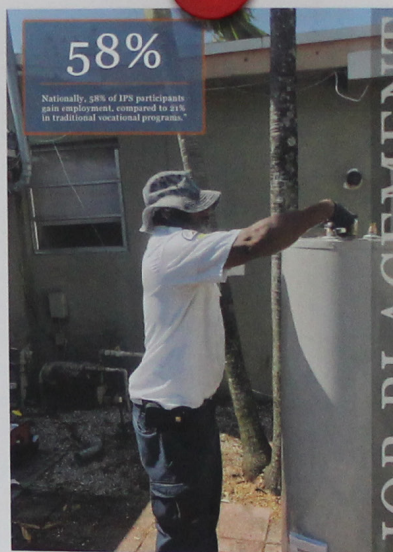
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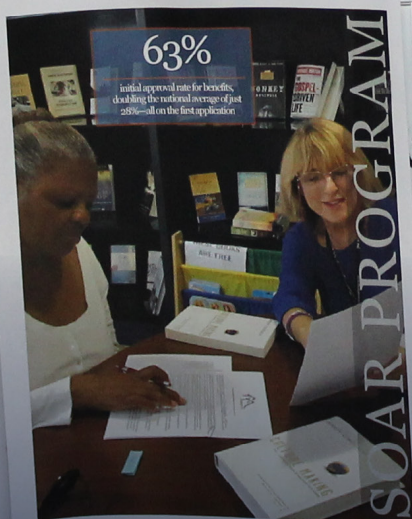
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