

BROWARD HOUSING SOLUTIONS

GROWING OUR MISSION

one property at a time



ABOUT US

Broward Housing Solutions® (BHS®) mission is to provide quality, permanent, affordable and independent housing opportunities to meet the needs of lower-income or homeless people who also have a mental illness. Our goal is to create long-term stability for individuals and families with complex behavioral health needs by providing permanent housing paired with comprehensive, trauma-informed supportive services that address both housing and the root causes of homelessness. This integrated approach supports housing retention, promotes recovery, and enables residents to successfully reintegrate into the broader community while aging or healing in place with stability and support.

As a certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), BHS relies on federal, state, and local funding to support the acquisition and development of additional affordable housing.

Through a competitive funding process, BHS was awarded \$1,071,215.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds from the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The HOME-ARP award enabled BHS to successfully acquire three duplex properties within the City of Fort Lauderdale, immediately increasing the organization's affordable housing inventory.

This acquisition represents a significant milestone for BHS. The addition of these six new housing units strengthened our long-term housing capacity, advanced our mission to prevent homelessness, and reinforced our role as a trusted CHDO partner for the City.



FROM LOSS TO BELONGING

'maya's' journey home

At 69 years old, 'Maya' carries a lifetime of resilience, love, and quiet strength. Born in Guyana to a father who worked as a cane cutter, she was raised with humble values and a deep belief in the power of education. Those values followed her as she later lived in the Bahamas for 27 years, earned a college degree, and became a teacher. She married young, had one son, and worked hard to build a stable life for her family. With the help of her brother, she and her husband began the long, ten-year process toward U.S. citizenship.



Just two weeks before her and her husband's green card was approved, her husband passed away, a devastating loss that marked the beginning of an incredibly difficult chapter. Within six months of losing her husband, Maya also lost both of her brothers. Overwhelmed by grief, she stopped eating, fell into deep depression, and experienced serious medical challenges, including dementia and a heart attack that required time in the intensive care unit. Following these losses and health issues, she began experiencing housing instability, staying with a friend who eventually could no longer house her. Maya was referred to Broward Housing Solutions by her case manager, and that referral became a turning point. Today, Maya is safely housed and often shares that she feels "blessed." She is connected to vital supports, including Meals on Wheels, food assistance, and senior services through the Northwest Federated Woman's Club of Broward County, where she stays active and engaged. Just as importantly, she has built a loving community with her neighbors, many of whom affectionately call her "Mam" or "Grammy." Through mutual respect, trust, and connection, Maya has found not just housing, but a true sense of home and belonging.

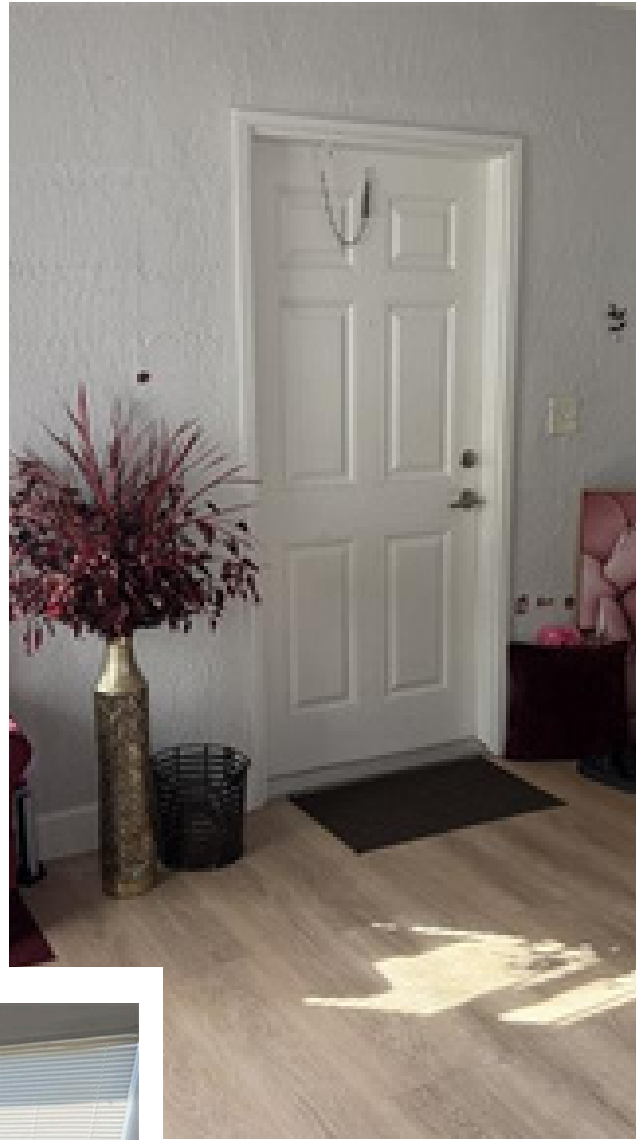
‘ELEANOR’

‘Eleanor’ is a 62-year-old grandmother whose life reflects strength, responsibility, and perseverance through profound challenges. Born in South Carolina and raised in Florida, Eleanor spent many years building a career rooted in care and leadership as a daycare director. She dedicated her professional life to nurturing children and supporting families.

After being diagnosed with Major Depressive Disorder, Eleanor faced increasing personal and emotional challenges. When her son became incarcerated, she stepped in without hesitation to protect her family, obtaining custody of her 9-year-old grandson. Taking on the role of full-time caregiver while managing her own mental health placed tremendous strain on Eleanor and ultimately led to housing instability.

Eleanor was referred to Broward Housing Solutions by a community mental health provider, Reclamation Center. Since entering BHS’s program, Eleanor and her grandson have gained the stability and safety they desperately needed. With secure housing in place, Eleanor has been able to focus on her well-being and rediscover the simple joys that bring her peace, reading, listening to music, and dancing.

Today, housing stability has given Eleanor the foundation to heal, parent, and move forward with hope. Her story is a powerful reminder that when families are supported with safe, affordable housing, resilience can turn into renewal and stability into opportunity.



‘ALICE’

At 83 years old, ‘Alice’s’ greatest wish was simple to live safely, with stability, and with the support of family as she aged. For many years, she lived with her daughter, relying on that close bond for both housing and emotional support. When her daughter became ill and sadly passed away, Alice was left grieving an unimaginable loss. The heartbreak, combined with the sudden loss of housing, led to a period of housing instability and homelessness at a time in her life when stability was most critical.

Alice was referred to Broward Housing Solutions through the Broward Partnership, marking a turning point in her journey. Today, she is safely housed and

living with her adult son, surrounded by family support and security. With stable housing in place, Alice is no longer forced to focus on survival. Instead, she can prioritize her health and manage the age-related medical conditions she is experiencing. Safe, affordable housing has given Alice more than a roof over her head, it has given her dignity, peace of mind, and the ability to age in place.

Her story highlights the importance of housing as healthcare and demonstrates how stability allows older adults to remain connected, supported, and safe as they grow older.

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