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Staff Spotlight

Meet Dave Linkinhoker, our Construction Coordinator! Dave works with contractors and our Homeowner Recovery team to keep projects moving and help work through questions that come up along the way. We're grateful for the care Dave brings to each project.

Quarter 3 Progress

🏡 38 Ian construction completions

📝 21 Ian/Milton grant agreements

🏠 8 Ian/Milton buyout closings

💧 4 studies complete; 24 in progress

🏗️ 3 multi-family housing developments under construction

📍 1 multi-family project pending closing



New Homes, New Hope, and What's Ahead

This quarter brought meaningful progress across the County, from welcoming homeowners into their new homes to connecting with residents at Holly Forest and advancing affordable housing opportunities. We're also pleased to announce that Brizo Construction has been assigned 20 projects under the Huricane Milton allocation, and we look forward to seeing their team help homeowners take the next steps toward recovery. As we move forward, our commitments remain at the heart of how we serve. We strive to be ambassadors of care throughout our community by listening, learning, and communicating with compassion. We are committed to building trust through collaboration, fairness and respect, and to providing open, honest and transparent communication throughout the recovery process. We know the path forward can be challenging, and every household brings its own circumstances and concerns. Our responsibility is to approach each person with understanding, assume positive intent and work toward yes wherever possible. Behind every milestone is a person, a family and a story, and we're grateful for the opportunity to be part of their next chapter.

Community Engagement

Welcome Home, Roger Lee Tiffany!

On September 18, Transform386 celebrated the completion of veteran Roger Lee Tiffany's new home with a welcome-home gathering. Roger's family, friends and program staff gathered inside the home to share in the occasion and celebrate this milestone in his recovery. It was a special day filled with good company and excitement for the new chapter ahead. A special thank-you to former Volusia County Chair Frank Bruno for helping sponsor the event. His support helped make the gathering a memorable celebration for Roger and everyone who joined him to mark this new beginning. After all the work that goes into rebuilding, it was a joy to stand with him in his new home and celebrate how far he'd come.







Connecting at Holly Forest

Staff recently participated in a community expo at Holly Forest Mobile Home Park, connecting with residents and sharing valuable information about available recovery assistance. The event resulted in more than 25 new applications, helping additional households take the first step toward recovery. Holly Forest Mobile Home Park experienced significant flooding and damage from past hurricanes. Our team has worked closely with residents to build meaningful relationships, provide ongoing outreach and guide families through the application process. Through multiple visits and continued communication, we have been able to help residents better understand the resources available to them and the steps they can take toward recovery. We are grateful for the opportunity to support the Holly Forest community and remain committed to reaching residents who may still need assistance. Does your mobile home community need recovery assistance? If you live in a mobile home park impacted by Hurricanes Ian or Milton, we would love the opportunity to visit your community! Our team can provide on-site outreach, answer questions and assist residents with applying for the Transform386 program. To request an outreach visit or learn more about available assistance, please contact our office at 386-943-7029.

Community Engagement

More Than Bricks: Honoring Kottle Circle

An old Polaroid found among the bricks of a Kottle Circle home offers a small glimpse into the neighborhood's past. The photograph is faded, but its meaning feels clear: long before this was a recovery project, it was someone's home. For many residents, owning a home here represented a dream realized. A place to put down roots, raise a family and build something lasting. A home can be Grandma's house at Christmas, the place where you brought your children home for the first time or the kitchen where everyone gathers. Those everyday moments become a family's history, giving a place meaning far beyond its walls. Kottle Circle has also endured repeated flooding, leaving residents to face damage, uncertainty and difficult decisions about their future. Choosing to leave a flood-prone home can offer a path toward greater safety, but it does not make saying goodbye easy. The relief of moving forward can exist alongside grief for the place being left behind. Through the voluntary Buyout Pathway, eight homes in Kottle Circle have already been purchased, with additional buyouts to come. The program gives participating homeowners an opportunity to relocate away from flood-prone properties and reduce their exposure to future flooding. For those who have chosen this path, it means making a deeply personal decision about where their next chapter will begin. As purchased homes are demolished, we recognize what those homes have meant to the people who lived there. Our responsibility is to listen and to approach each household with compassion and respect. The Polaroid is a reminder to carry that understanding into our work. These homes held dreams, traditions and years of extraordinary, irreplaceable moments. As Kottle Circle changes, that history deserves to be remembered, and the families moving forward deserve our care.



Multi-Family Housing

WHAT'S NEW

Interested in living at New York Avenue Apartments?

Interested in New York Avenue Apartments? Visit NYADeLand.com and select "Pre-Registration" to sign up for notification when rental applications open. Supported in part by Transform386 funding, this development will create 84 affordable housing units in DeLand. Construction is underway, bringing additional affordable housing options closer to reality for residents. Pre-registration is an opportunity to stay informed about the community. Know someone who may be interested? Share the website so they can learn more and sign up.



Key Turnover Events

Take a look at some of our recently completed Homeowner Recovery Projects.



Front view of a recently completed single-family reconstruction project.



Homeowner stands in front of their newly repaired home celebrating completion.



Homeowner stands outside their newly repaired home celebrating completion.



Homeowner stands outside their newly reconstructed home celebrating completion.

Did you know?

You can follow local recovery progress on the Transform386 Homeowner Recovery Dashboard. See how many projects are underway and how many have been completed across Volusia County. View here.

> ***"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."***
> — William James

Apply for Assistance!

Know someone who still needs help recovering from Hurricane Milton or Ian? Visit Transform386.org or call (386) 943-7029 to learn about the Homeowner Recovery Program and current eligibility requirements. Please share this information with friends, family and neighbors who may need assistance.