

NEWSLETTER



TRANSFORM386 STRENGTHENING VOLUSIA'S FUTURE



TOP NEWS FOR TRANSFORM386 IN THIS ISSUE:

GENERAL UPDATES



Latest updates on the Homeowner Recovery and Multi-Family Housing Programs.

Meet one of our applicants who received a mobile home replacement through the Homeowner Recovery Program.



APPLICANT STORY

RESOURCES



Two new resources highlighted.



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GENERAL UPDATES

>>> SPOTLIGHT: PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION

Volusia County's Homeowner Recovery Program is in full swing:

- ✓ 1,600+ applications received
- 🔧 180+ grant agreements signed
- 🏠 150+ homes moved into construction
- 🚧 20+ homes completed



Before



After

Hurricane Ian Portal Closes as Hurricane Milton Portal Prepares to Open This Summer

Important!

The application period for Hurricane Ian assistance officially closed on April 29 at 11:59 p.m. The portal is no longer accepting new applications.

Looking ahead, the application period for Hurricane Milton assistance is anticipated to open mid-summer. We encourage residents who were affected by Hurricane Milton to stay connected and watch for updates regarding the launch of the new application portal. Additional details, including eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply, will be shared on our website at transform386.org as they become available.

>>> MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

Another important initiative by Transform386 is the Multi-Family Housing Program. This program provides gap funding to help cover costs that go beyond what is already available for building new multi-family housing developments. Through this program, Transform386 supports the creation of affordable housing options for low-income families and seniors, helping to ensure that safe, stable homes are available to those who need them most.

The program is growing fast:

- 4 new projects approved by County Council.
- 260 new units coming, 136 for seniors and 40 will be direct replacement of Hurricane Ian damaged units.
- Environmental reviews are already underway!

PROJECTS APPROVED

**ACRUVA Community
Developers, LLC**

Location: Daytona
Beach

Project Type: 56-unit
Senior Housing (aged
62 and older)

Funding Approved:
\$1,960,000

Blue Sky Communities

Location: DeLand

Project Type: 84-unit
Affordable Housing

Funding Approved:
\$2,788,076

**Good Housing
Partnership**

Location: New Smyrna
Beach

Project Type: 60-unit
Affordable Housing

Funding Approved:
\$3,600,000

**Wendover Housing
Partners**

Location: Orange
City

Project Type: 80-unit
Senior Housing

Funding Approved:
\$2,091,495

➤➤➤ KEYS TO A NEW FUTURE: AN APPLICANT'S JOURNEY TO A NEW HOME

On April 23rd, Transform386 had the pleasure of welcoming an applicant and her children to their new mobile home, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in their lives. With the keys in her hands, her joy was evident as she prepared to settle into a space that offers her family a fresh start and the opportunity to rebuild after the challenges they've faced.

The applicant's journey began when she applied for the Hurricane Ian Homeowner Recovery Program, seeking assistance after the devastation caused by the storm. Throughout the process, she was supported by her Projects Coordinator, Angela Lima-Meyer (pictured below), who guided her every step of the way. Together, they navigated the program's requirements and worked hard to secure the home that her and her children can now call their own.

This moment represents not just the keys to a new home, but also the hope, resilience, and support that Transform386 provides to families, helping them rebuild their lives and look forward to brighter days ahead.



Applicant proudly holds her "Welcome Home" key, celebrating a new beginning.



Projects Coordinator Angela Lima-Meyer presents applicant with the keys to her new home.



Applicant shares a hug with her Projects Coordinator, Angela Lima-Meyer.

RESOURCES

Each quarter, we will spotlight two resources that may be valuable to the public.

Food Brings Hope

Food Brings Hope is a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing the lives of underserved children by providing nutrition, education, and life-skills training. Through programs like after-school tutoring, weekend food bags, and summer enrichment camps, Food Brings Hope works to eliminate hunger among students in Volusia County and ensure they have the support they need to thrive academically and personally. Learn more at foodbringshope.org.



Neighborhood Center of West Volusia

The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia offers essential support services including emergency housing, food assistance, and homelessness prevention. Their programs are designed to empower individuals and families toward long-term stability. From operating food pantries to offering transitional housing and utility assistance, the Neighborhood Center is a critical resource for those experiencing hardship in our community. Find more information at neighborhoodcenterwv.org.

