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Celebrating 25 years of creating and providing safe, clean, affordable housing



Where we've been, where we are, where we are going...

WHERE WE ARE NOW

“SJHP has done tremendous work over many years and there is no one who understands this issue better.” - Viv Helwig, Vested Metals

Our Mission is Still Critical

The non-profit St. Johns Housing Partnership (SJHP) is a team of dedicated housing professionals working to deliver sustainable and affordable housing for all.

Our knowledge and expertise uniquely position us to understand the needs of this critical housing sector.

We help at-risk and low-income families and individuals repair, purchase, rent and live in an affordable, safe, clean home.

The SJHP was formally established in 1998 and the importance of our role has developed significantly since then.

The Need is Still Great

SJHP creates links between the public and private sectors on projects that have created low- and moderate-income housing, and rebuild neglected homes and neighborhoods, benefiting disadvantaged areas and enhancing community economic and social development.

Our mission isn't possible without continued support from companies, volunteers, local community groups and government.

With ongoing support, SJHP can fulfill its mission and provide long lasting improved housing for individuals and families in need.

In 2023 SJHP celebrated 25 years of creating and providing safe, clean, affordable housing in Northeast Florida. The achievement was commemorated with a special event recognizing staff, employees and Board of Directors.



BY THE NUMBERS....OUR IMPACT IS FELT THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

- SJHP assisted five first time home buyers purchase their new home in 2023.
- Impacted the lives of 250 households through the SJHP rehab and repair program.
- SJHP provided safe, clean, affordable housing for 190 individuals across 72 residences in the rental program.
- Patriot Place is housing for at risk and formerly homeless Veterans in six, one-bedroom apartments.
- SJHP was awarded a grant from the American National Red Cross to support the St Johns County Long Term Recovery Organization. The LTRO is a community wide coalition dedicated to securing resources to help individuals and families impacted by disasters..
- The Weatherization Assistance Program has enhanced the energy efficiency of 297 Homes since 2020.
- Through the volunteer program and donors SJHP has built 66 ramps for the elderly, disabled and Veterans since 2020.



SJHP is a 501c3 charitable organization. We are funded primarily by private donations from individuals, community groups, corporations, government programs, charities, foundations, schools, and religious organizations.

SJHP'S IMPACT IS FELT THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY..YOU CAN HELP



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WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

"Housing is a fundamental human need. Without affordable, safe, clean, stable shelter, everything else falls apart. SJHP is working to hold it together." - Rober Marshall, Builder

In 2023, SJHP and Mountain Star Partners along with St. Johns County, the City of St. Augustine and UF/Flagler Health+ commemorated Patriot Place, six new apartments for at-risk and homeless veterans in St. Johns County. The event, which included tours of the nearly complete units, was held in advance of veterans moving into their new homes.

Stable housing transforms lives. Without an affordable home, people cannot meet their basic needs.

A lack of affordable housing hurts everybody. When teachers, bus drivers, and restaurant workers can't afford to live near their work, these essential jobs may see labor shortages, delays, and longer commute times.

Many of the people SJHP assist live with disabilities, medical issues, and behavioral health conditions. Sleeping, eating, and bathing can be monumental tasks in substandard housing.

Low wages combined with rising rents and widespread lack of affordable housing leaves many teetering on the edge. For those living paycheck to paycheck, one unexpected expense is all it takes for the world to come crashing down.

One sudden illness, death of a family member, or job loss is all it takes for somebody to fall into homelessness.

SJHP leverages all donations through long-standing partnerships that provide materials and the "people-power" necessary to implement our vital services. SJHP is a 501c3 charitable organization. Many of our projects are funded by private donations from individuals, community groups and corporations.



The First Annual Vested Metals Charity Golf Tournament in Memory of John Mark Leach took place in 2023 at the St. Johns County Golf Club, raising over \$60,000 for local charities including SJHP. Vested Metals also had the opportunity to serve with the SJHP, building a wheelchair ramp for a family in need.

DID YOU KNOW?

Through tax-deductible donations of money, land, and materials, SJHP builds or rehabs homes for low to moderate-income families, Veterans, and the disabled and builds new affordable housing.

WHERE ARE WE GOING

SJHP just celebrated 25-years of providing vital housing services from rehabbing homes for low-moderate income families, the elderly, disabled and veterans to building new homes.” - Chris Hand, Attorney

The future is clear. Lack of affordable housing is a national socio-economic issue. And it's not going away anytime soon.

We Can Pay Less Now or More Later

Investing in permanent affordable housing is one of the most critical actions we perform to ensure we meet the demands of this moment in addressing Northeast Florida's housing affordability crisis.

We need to be **BOLD** and **COMMIT** a reasonable amount of both public and private sector resources.

Helping seniors, low-income workers, families with children, and people experiencing homelessness get housed and stay housed is our mission.

The dedication of the SJHP staff encourages the people we help to thrive. Our team embodies our values every day, carrying out their work with empathy and compassion.

We're grateful to volunteers, donors, our board and community leaders who help provide the foundation for SJHP to pursue its vision and achieve its goals.

Working together, we can continue to make housing affordable and livable for generations to come.

The St. Augustine City Commission and St. Johns County Board of Commissioners both issued proclamations in 2023 recognizing SJHP for 25 years of service to the community.

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