



# PASCO COUNTY AUDREY NELSON AWARD 2021 VINCENT HOUSE

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## Mission Statements

*Our mission at Community Development:*

*Improving the lives of Pasco's citizens through homeless initiatives, neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing and community partnerships using state and federal funding.*

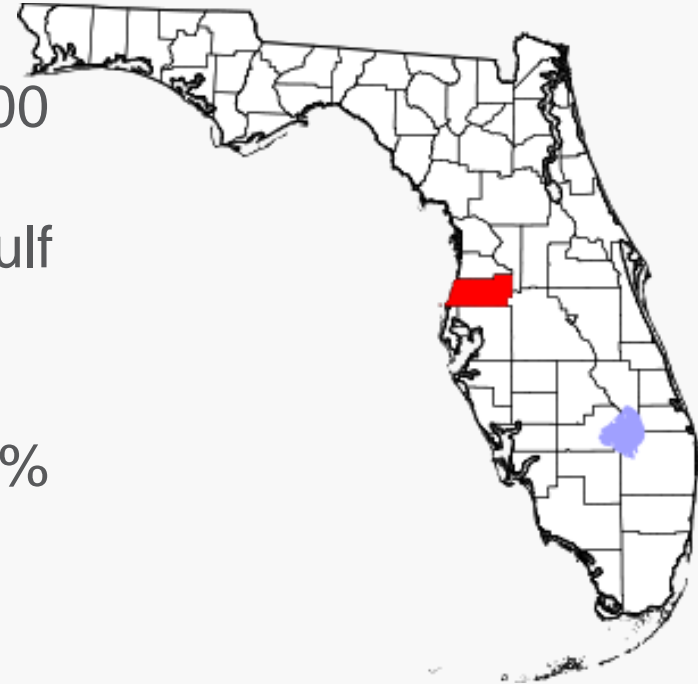
*Our mission at Vincent House is to assist, promote, and celebrate individuals recovering from a mental illness in their effort to improve social and vocational skills, and become employed in the community.*



## About Pasco County, FL

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- Population – 553,000 (just under 200,000 households)
- Location – north of Tampa, FL on the Gulf of Mexico
- Square Miles – 747
- Owner-occupied/rental housing – 72/28%
- LMI – 40% LMI, 54% Cost Burdened
- CDBG - \$2.9 million
- HOME - \$1.2 million
- ESG - \$234,000
- CDBG-CV - \$1.7 million/\$1.99 million
- ESG-CV - \$834,000/\$3.8 million



## THE MENTAL HEALTH NEED – Pasco County



- 12<sup>th</sup> most populous county in Florida
- Baker Acts have risen 20%
- Ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in State for the number of suicides\*
- Florida ranks 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation for access to Mental Health Care \*
- 61.7% of adults with any mental illness in Florida did not receive treatment, compared to the national average of 55.8%.\*

\*2017 State of Mental Health in America- Ranking the States



# THE FUNDING – Leverage and Public/Private Partnerships

- Pasco County Board of County Commissioners donated 10 acres of vacant land
- State of Florida awarded Public Defender Sixth Circuit \$1 million dollars for fiscal year 2018-19, specific appropriation to initiate the construction of Vincent House
- Pasco County Community Development granted \$1.1 million dollars in Community Development Block Grant funds
- Vincent House raised \$1 million dollars in donations from across the United States
- Project funding: 33% of each federal/state/private dollars

*The importance of growing public/private partnerships to revitalize our communities and serve our LMI populations cannot be overstated. This type of partnership is a catalyst for change and can be replicated in any community.*



## THE RESULTS – VINCENT HOUSE



- 10,000 square foot energy efficient public facility
- State of the art commercial kitchen for training
- Onsite café, business center, bank and other training facilities

*The beneficiaries being served at Vincent House consist of low- and moderate-income persons living with a persistent mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other diagnoses. The member participants join Vincent House to regain skills needed to become productive members of our community.*



# MORE ABOUT THE CLUBHOUSE INTERNATIONAL MODEL



- Participants are considered members who hire staff at the Clubhouse
- Provides vocational training and psychosocial rehabilitation placement for adults living with severe and persistent mental illness
- Members volunteer at various unit activities which may include:
  - Computer skills, banking, billing, presentations
  - Dishwashing, culinary skills, serving tables,
- Members can hold transitional jobs with restaurants, non-profits, assisted living facilities

## AS A RESULT



- Members gain confidence and return to school or paid employment
- Success stories include:
  - One member returned to full time employment
  - One member achieved stable housing
  - Two members train part time at the Pasco County Housing Authority and recently one was hired permanently





# KEYS TO SUCCESS



- **Innovation** – Vincent House is the first international clubhouse model in Florida; recovery to work, member-centric model, allowing members to feel wanted, needed and valued.
- **Collaboration** – Withlachoochee River Electric Cooperative began the initiative with executive leadership forming a non-profit to build mental health capacity in the County. Partners included the County, the State, University of Florida Extension, employers, private donors
- **Sustainability** – Community Development added CDBG Public Services funding to assist with implementation; energy savings with building materials; diversity of funding streams for operations; demonstrate tax payer savings



## Timeline for Vincent Housing

- Groundbreaking – 6/24/2019 with Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) in attendance
- Construction Period 9/3/19-9/1/20
- Ribbon Cutting – 9/16/2020
- Update – Vincent House has welcomed 31 members and expects to serve 80 members per day.



Questions?

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