



# Saint Stephen's Way

A Community for Homeless Families with Schoolchildren

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Saint Stephen's Way is an active non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation, Federal Identification Number 45-5390085, providing affordable housing with supportive services to homeless families with schoolchildren in Brevard County, Florida.

## OUR MISSION

Saint Stephen's Way provides affordable housing, along with supportive services, to homeless families with schoolchildren in Brevard County.

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## SSWay: "It Comes from a Loving Place"

"I found out about Saint Stephen's Way from Holy Name of Jesus—I saw it in the bulletin," recalls Kathy Conrad. "I looked it up online, and then got a flyer in the mail around Thanksgiving. Eventually I felt I needed to volunteer, so I talked to John Farrell."

With a degree from University of Georgia in Social Work, extensive background in banking, a mortgage license, and for the past 6 years selling real estate, Kathy was sure she could make a contribution. "So many people are being pushed out of the housing market. Affordable housing is a real need for this community; plus I want to help people get their dignity back." Having also worked with low-income families, she sees the value in the social services that SSWay will be providing families. "Those services can be totally life-changing."



Katherine Conrad

When Kathy talked to John Farrell about volunteering, he asked her to be the recording secretary for board meetings so she could learn more about SSWay. "I've been coming to the meetings now for months, where I was slowly giving my input because of my experience in property management." The value she added to discussions at the meetings was apparent, as was her enthusiasm for SSWay. In late January, Kathy was invited to become a member of the SSWay's Executive Board, its newest member.

Beyond what she is already doing for SSWay, Kathy is also planning and organizing a fundraiser. "It's going to be a Luau at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club on May 14th." Expect to see more information on this in the near future.

When asked what she thinks about SSWay's purpose and mission Kathy's passion for the program shows, "I love it! That's why I'm devoting my time and energy to it. This program will help better people's lives, and it comes from a loving place. I'm looking forward to seeing families move in, interacting with tenants, and watching families grow as they get a fresh start."

## SSWay's "Homes of Hope" First Annual Breakfast

Rialto Hilton, Melbourne on Thursday, April 28th, 2022

► **Speakers:** Sheriff Wayne Ivey, Sally Shinn, Ed.D., Ginny Gleason, Tony Catanese, President Emeritus FIT

► **Table Sponsors:** \$2,500 table of 10 & promo in lobby; \$1,000 table of 8. **Individuals:** \$50

► **RSVP by April 15th to Jock Walker's Email, [esaias3@aol.com](mailto:esaias3@aol.com) or Phone, 321-727-1519**

# Phase I Nearly Done: Next Two in the Queue

**Don Luchetti Construction** is on schedule to finish the horizontal construction in **March** (see photos below), which will mark the end of **Phase I**. Phase 2 will be building the Community Center and Phase 3 will be constructing the eight apartment buildings. The intent is for both of these phases to happen simultaneously.

**The Community Center building will be done by Archangel Engineering and Construction, led by Tony Owen.** “We’re looking to start building early summer,” says Tony, “depending on when funds are available and the materials can be ordered.” Building materials are a real challenge nowadays. “Even locally sourced materials like concrete block now take 2 months, windows take 4 months, and trusses 6 to 8 months. Construction itself will take 6 to 8 months to complete the building, assuming we can order materials ahead of time.” Otherwise, the long wait for materials will make the construction phase take longer.



**Tony Owen**

**MH Williams Construction Group, led by Mike Williams, Jr., will build all eight apartment buildings.** “Ideally it will be a summertime start.” Mike has the same supply issues. “Trusses can take 8 months or longer. I called 22 truss manufacturers and 8 months is as quick as we can get them.” All SSWay buildings will be built concurrently, the most cost effective way. Mike’s only real challenge is the trusses, and he expects construction will take 6 to 8 months to finish.



**Mike Williams, Jr.**

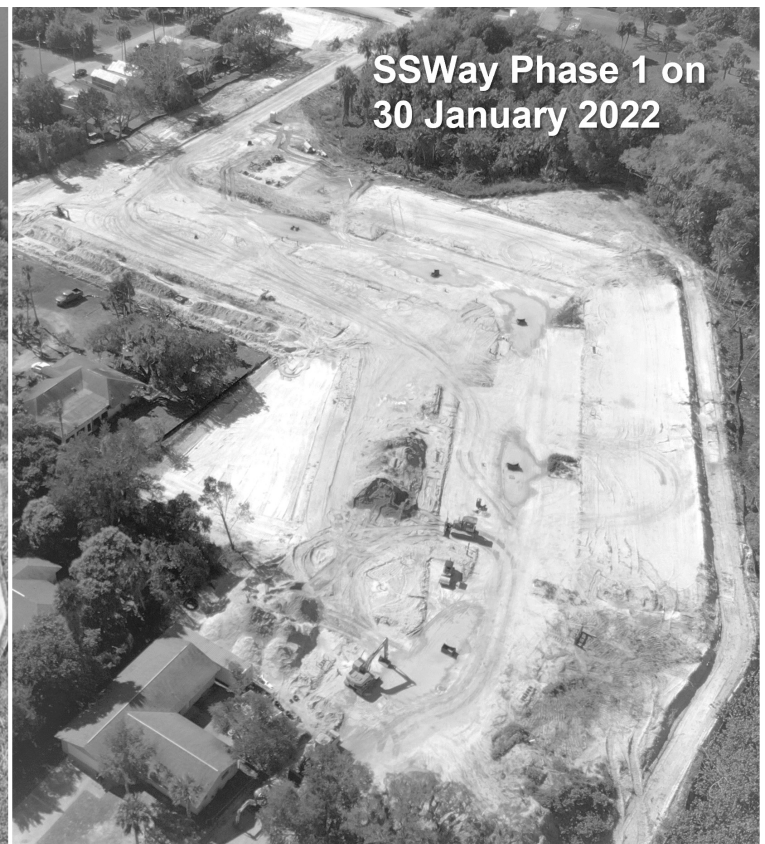
**Both Tony and Mike are excited about the opportunity to help bring SSWay to life.** “The program is awesome,” says Tony. “We at Archangel feel privileged and honored to be a part of this project.” Mike agrees, “We love bettering the community, using our skills to help build structures that are affordable. Our company has always been a big player in the non-profit community, and we will continue that.”

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**SSWay Phase 1 on  
24 October 2021**



**SSWay Phase 1 on  
30 January 2022**