



**LEGACY**  
HOUSING

# THE LEGACY RESTORATION INITIATIVE

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2019-21



*PREVENTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS  
& SEX TRAFFICKING BY PROVIDING  
FREE QUALITY HOUSING FOR  
AT-RISK AGED-OUT FOSTER YOUTH*



Lives cherished today  
**are legacies**  
**restored tomorrow.**

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### Legacy Housing is the solution.

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Thank you for your partnership in solving the orphan crisis. By ensuring that every unadopted foster child has a family and a home, you're helping to prevent youth homelessness and sex-trafficking as well as break the generational cycle of today's foster youth having their children taken into foster care. In other words, you're helping to both redeem lives today and restore the legacies of tomorrow. Awesome!



# A Letter From Our Director

**Richard D. Tidwell**

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IN MATTHEW 17:20, JESUS PROMISES US ALL THAT WHEN WE HAVE FAITH “NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.” WE BELIEVE LEGACY HOUSING WILL REMEDY THE HOMELESSNESS AND SEX TRAFFICKING CRISES AMONG AGED-OUT FOSTER YOUTH. WE’RE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THIS HISTORIC INITIATIVE!

I am thrilled to share of the growth strategy Legacy Housing is embarking upon in 2019-2021; aptly named The Legacy Restoration Initiative. Since planting the first Legacy House in 2016, we have provided housing and mentorship to 14 aged-out foster youth and their children, purchased the first Legacy House with the help of a local foundation, hired full-time staff, and welcomed multiple interns to our team to partner with us in advancing the Legacy Housing mission.

There are nearly 10,000 children in foster care in the State of Florida today. Over 2,200 are in state run group homes, costing the state \$100 million annually. When these children living in group homes age-out of the system, they will remain dependent on government benefit programs while becoming highly susceptible to chronic homelessness, incarceration, drug addiction, and sex trafficking. As a result of unstable living arrangements and lack of mentorship, their children have a very high risk of entering foster-care, thus extending the foster care crisis.

Legacy Housing is capable of housing the same 2,200 foster youth when they age-out for \$22 million a year, a difference of \$78 million. By providing a stable home with compassionate mentorship, Legacy Housing equips residents to continue their formal education, develop workforce skills, transition into adulthood, and ensure their children do not enter foster care. As you learn more about the Legacy Restoration Initiative, we hope you will consider partnering with us in solving the age-out crisis. Together we will empower foster youth across the state and restore their Legacies forever.



**“People make a home together.”**

- Reinette Tidwell, Age 3

*After 2 years of attending every Legacy family get-together, Reinette shared this toddler proverb on her way home from one such event. When thoughtfully considering what makes her house a home, she concluded “people... together” At Legacy, she observes people walking in love, mercy, and peace with one another on a weekly basis; she has discovered, this makes a home. At Legacy, every resident becomes family and they know they’ve found home.*



*Pictured Left to Right:  
Rich, Reinette, Brandi, and  
Kingsley Tidwell.*





# Why Aged-Out Foster Youth?

- *More than 250,000 children are placed into the foster care system in the United States annually.*
- *25,000 children will age out of the US foster care system at 18 every year.*
- *20% of the children who were in foster care will become instantly homeless.*
- *50% to 90% of victims of child sex trafficking had been involved with child welfare services.*

## SEX TRAFFICKING

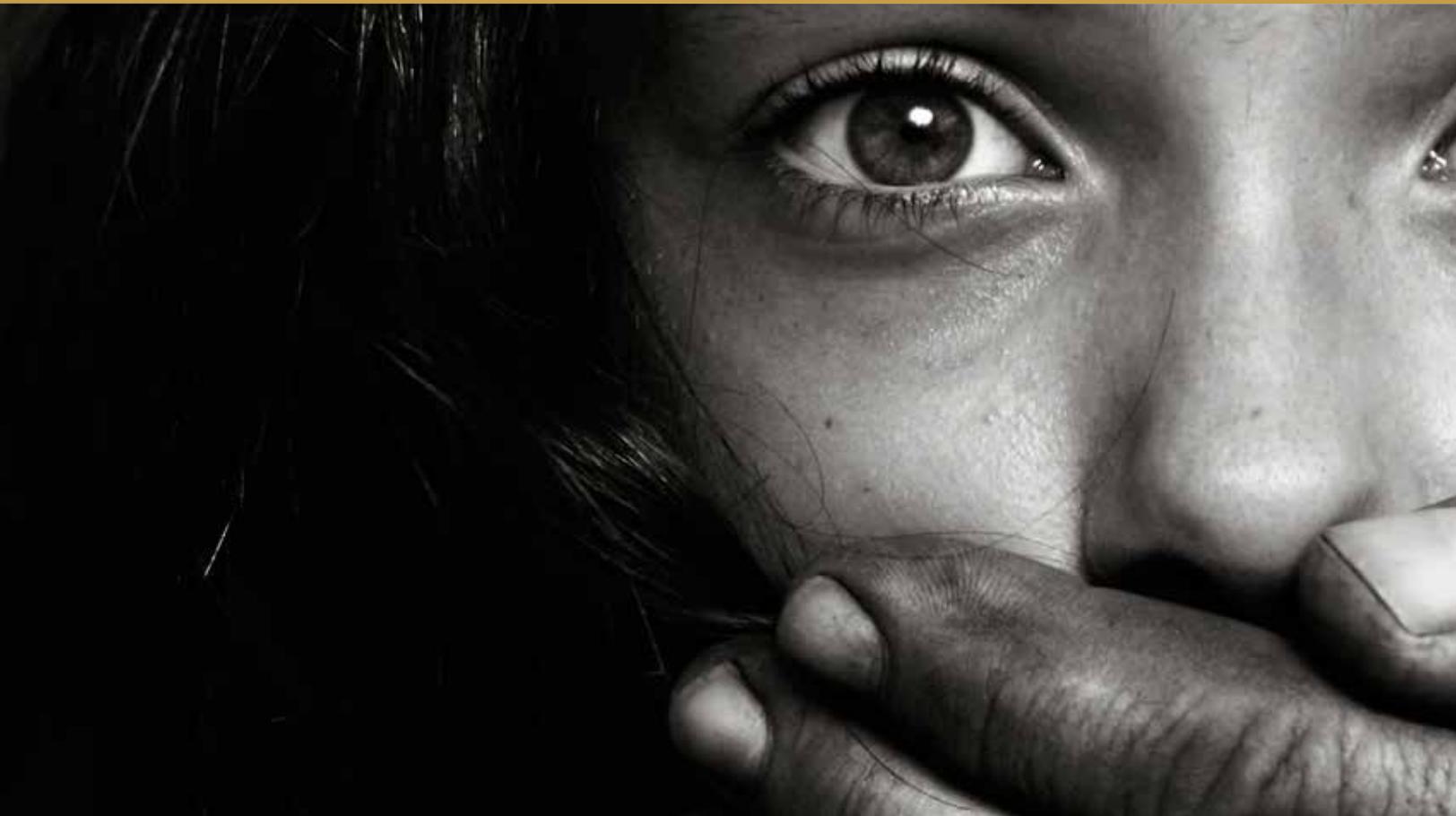


50 to more than 90 percent of children who were victims of child sex trafficking had been involved with child welfare services (HHS, ACF, 2013). Additionally, Covenant House NYC reports that 48% of homeless youth between ages 18-23 performed paid sex acts simply because they lacked a safe place to stay.



## HOMELESSNESS

After reaching the age of 18, 20% of the children who were in foster care will become instantly homeless. This percentage increases over time as only 1 out of every 2 foster kids who age out of the system will have some form of gainful employment by the age of 24.





- *Less than a 3% chance for children who have aged-out to earn a college degree in their lifetime.*
- *Aged-out foster youth are 7x more likely than other youth to develop drug dependence.*
- *52% will be chronically unemployed.*
- *71% of females are pregnant by 21; their children are highly susceptible to entering foster care.*
- *Tens of thousands of children in the foster care system entered after extreme abuse.*
- *25% who age out of the foster care system still suffer from the direct effects of PTSD.*

## POOR EDUCATION



There is less than a 3% chance for children who have aged out of foster care to earn a college degree at any point in their life. Many are unable to complete their grade school education due to aging out before graduating their senior year of high school.

## The Age-Out Crisis

When foster youth turn 18 they lose access to the financial, educational, and social supports provided through the child welfare system. These youth fare poorly compared to their peers across young adult domains, including mental health problems, substance abuse, and underemployment (Courtney et al., 2011; Fowler, Toro, & Miles, 2011).





# The Legacy Housing Solution

**WE PREVENT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS & SEX TRAFFICKING  
BY PROVIDING FREE QUALITY HOUSING FOR  
AT-RISK AGED-OUT FOSTER YOUTH.**



## HOUSING

By providing free quality housing, Legacy Housing is creating a safe and stable environment for foster youth, as well as reducing the economic stress induced by chronic homelessness.



## MENTORSHIP

Positive guidance from trustworthy adults is essential to the long-term success of aged-out foster youth. Every Legacy House is overseen by a qualified full-time house parent as well as an intern training to be a house parent.



## EDUCATION

Education is an essential step towards success in one's adult life. Therefore, each of our residents are required to utilize the scholarship available to them to enroll freely in a state college and complete their formal education during their residency.

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Legacy Housing exists as a platform to help launch young people who have aged-out of the foster care system into adult life with the tools necessary to succeed. We endeavor to help combat the increasing trend of youth homelessness and sex trafficking among the age-out foster community by providing safe housing, life development skills, and

family-oriented Christian mentorship. In addition, we desire to see each of our residents achieve educational greatness, therefore our residents are required to take advantage of the scholarship opportunities available to them and continue their formal education while residing in a Legacy Home.



### LIFE DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

During their residency at the Legacy House, each foster youth will be enrolled in life development classes provided by Excellerate in order to provide them with the knowledge and tools necessary for success in adult life. Visit [excellerateyouth.org](http://excellerateyouth.org)



### RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Many who have aged-out of foster care have experienced an overabundance of broken relationships. In contrast, we surround each resident with stable, positive relationships, setting a precedent for how healthy relationships develop and function.



### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In addition to our commitment to dining together and engaging in recreation as a family, we have also implemented a weekly Bible study to help instill the ethical teachings of Jesus as well as the love of God in the hearts of each resident.





# Legacy Restoration Initiative



*Our website and social media presence have proven to be highly effective tools in raising awareness and connecting interested parties with our work. In 2019, Legacy Housing will launch [legacyhousing.co](http://legacyhousing.co) - a completely redesigned website experience that will connect advocates and donors with their impact on the lives of aged-out foster youth.*

The new website will feature an immersive presentation of our mission, an active blog, photo and video updates, press releases, online merchandise sales, and more! As we embark upon the Legacy Restoration Initiative our web presence will play an integral role in accomplishing our mission. We're thrilled to release the new website next year!

## THE PLAN

In 2019 we are launching the Legacy Restoration Initiative; we will begin by raising \$1 million, planting 17 new Legacy homes across Florida, and housing 100 aged-out foster youth annually. This will be accomplished by fervently marketing the Legacy mission in key cities across the state of Florida including Daytona Beach, Orlando, Jacksonville, Tampa, and Miami. Within these key cities, we will secure commitments from 100 businesses, organizations, and private donors to annually contribute \$10k to solve the age-out crisis.

We will simultaneously transition Legacy Housing to "The 100% Model" conceived by the Founder of Charity: Water, Scott Harrison. 100% of funds raised publicly will go directly to housing aged-out foster youth while all operating expenses will be raised privately. By adopting this model, Legacy Housing will be able to guarantee that every public dollar raised is going directly to housing foster youth. This model instills public trust increasing donor base and total funds raised.

In order to increase our effectiveness as we accomplish this mission, we will utilize privately raised funds to hire qualified staff to assist with marketing, grant writing, accounting, web development, video production, and merchandise sales. We will also offer internships to university students as an opportunity to gain experience in non-profit work.

- **Raise \$1 million, plant 17 new Legacy homes, and house 100 aged-out foster youth annually.**

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- **Adopt 100% Model; 100% of funds raised publicly go directly to cause, operating expenses raised privately.**

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- **Increase operational capacity by hiring qualified staff and offering internships to university students.**



## FINANCIAL COMPARISON

There are nearly 10,000 children in foster care in the State of Florida today, of which 2,200 reside in state run group homes. Each child in group care costs the state an average of \$125 a day. Therefore 2,200 children cost the State of Florida approximately \$100 million every year (courtesy Community Partnership for Children). Legacy Housing is capable of providing a home for the same 2,200 foster youth when they age-out of care for only \$22 million a year; a difference of \$78 million annually.

Though many refuse, aged-out foster youth may elect to enter Extended Foster Care (EFC) in Florida. EFC provides a state funded residential living arrangement that often lacks supervision, transportation, and other basic needs. This leads to aged-out foster youth needing additional government assistance programs to survive. Legacy Housing provides residency, utilities, groceries, clothing, school supplies, transportation, and on-site supervision for only \$833/mo per resident while eliminating the need for applicable government assistance.

### Legacy Home vs State Group Home

Statistics below are based on the 2,200 children in group home care in the State of Florida as of Q4 2018. Legacy Housing Projected Expenses in Gold.

\$833/mo Per Resident

\$3,750/mo Per Resident

\$22 Million Annually

\$100 Million Annually

### Funds Raised To Date

Since 2016, we have provided housing and mentorship to 14 aged-out foster youth and their children, purchased the first Legacy House with a local foundation, and hired full-time staff. Thank you for partnering with us!

Monthly Partnerships **\$2,141**/mo

YTD (Nov 2018) **\$55,155**

TTD **\$250,276**



# Interview with Roland Via

- Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commissioner 13 years – City of Holly Hill
- Holly Hill, FL since 1962
- Former Executive Officer for Marketing Firms
- Radio & TV Host & Producer 15 years
- Youth Sports Coach 43 years
- Musician 54 years
- Retired

Q

What was life like in foster care?  
(How long were you in care?)

A

My parents passed away in the mid-sixties, leaving me as a ward of the state and I entered what was then called the “welfare system” of foster homes. The sixties were a different time of fostering and many times the homes taking in children had you perform duties such as babysitting, household chores, lawn work and more. The extra duties were accepted because it meant a roof over your head and meals. There was no mentoring and you were at the will of the state on where you lived, sometimes not of your choice. In those days it was common for kids to take off on their own. As I was pursuing education, sports and music programs I chose to stay in fostering for 3 years until I turned 18. Fostering was no longer available and it was off to the world.

Q

What did you experience when aging-out of care?

A

My next pursuit turning 18 was to go to college and I paid for college with work study programs at the Junior College level. Living expenses were now up to me and I had a few part time jobs. Reality was that if I wanted something, I had to go out and work for it and sometimes I did without. All I had were occasional college counselors after I turned 18. Everything in my life was up to me and I figured out quickly, “If it is to be, it’s up to me.” If I would have had the advantage of after-foster care and counseling, it would have accelerated a proper entry into adult life.

Q

What helped you succeed in life following foster care?

A

Life is what happens to you when you’re planning other things, but I worked hard, made things happen professionally in executive management and ownership and began to give back to the community. I eventually became a civic leader as an elected official for 13 years, reaching the position of Mayor. Raising a family and providing proper positive guidance and community service, such as coaching youth sport programs, were always a priority.

Q

Why is the Legacy Housing program so important?

A

In today’s challenging society, youth are more negatively exposed than ever and need an organized, safe environment to draw from. Professional counselors and organized programs help keep youth’s goals in perspective and avoids unnecessary peer pressure problems. This program can be identified as a “hand-up” approach rather than a “hand-out”.

Q

Why should others partner with Legacy Housing to serve aged-out foster youth?

A

Our youth are our future. It is much better to invest in a person’s positive future than pay for the negativity of an unsuccessful one. This sensitive time of life for youth should be viewed as a safe haven launching pad for future success, and the Legacy Housing program ably supports this.

**“Our youth are  
our future.”**

**- Roland Via**



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*Julie Via (top left), Roland Via (top right)  
Amber Via (middle left), Chris Via (middle right),  
Aubrey Via (bottom left)*



# How To Give

Give easily and securely right from your phone, online, or by mail.

## PHONE

Text GIVE and the AMOUNT to 386-753-7337. (ex. GIVE 200)  
You'll be asked to complete a secure credit card form your first time, then giving will be just a text away. Your gifts are never charged to your phone bill. You may select to give a one-time gift or recurring. Existing users can edit their account or set up a recurring gift by texting EDIT to 386-753-7337. Don't forget to save the number in your phone!



## ONLINE

<https://legacyhousingproject.com>

## MAIL

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# Thank You

*With the help of hundreds of people, businesses and churches advocating, volunteering, and donating, Legacy Housing is providing safe housing, education, and most importantly love for those who have aged-out of foster care. On behalf of the entire Legacy family, we are deeply grateful for each of you and your partnership in this cause, thank you.*

Mr. Mark & Mrs. Stephanie Edwards  
Giving Firstfruits, Inc.

Mr. Chris & Mrs. Amber Via  
Holly Hill Mayor

Mr. Barry & Dr. Stacy O'Brien  
Atlantic Hearing, Balance, & Tinnitus

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- Riverbend Academy
- The Vanity Room Salon
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- Calvary Christian Center
- Coastal Church
- C&S Systems
- Hogue Crew
- Ponce Church

*To every Monthly Partner, Donor, Business, Church, and Organization who has donated, volunteered, prayed, and partnered with Legacy Housing in any way; thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You're changing lives and restoring legacies forever, may the Lord bless you richly for your generosity!*

*- Rich and Brandi Tidwell, Founders*

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