



November is National Adoption Month



On average, New Life Village is home to...



We meet our residents at the crossroads of:



New Life Village Learning Center - Keeps Growing!



New Life Village was created as a community of support for families willing and able to adopt children who, simply because of their age, were languishing in the foster care system. Within that Village would reside seniors who would serve as these children's surrogate grandparents. The three-generation support model would strengthen the lives of all. While the model of adoption and support holds true to this day, the description of the residents of New Life Village has expanded to include kinship families and foster caregivers. The desire to find safe, stable and permanent homes for children has not changed.

Now retired and serving as the coordinator of the NLV Learning Center and after-school tutoring program, I am pleased to witness daily the growth in personality and in the academic achievements of our children. Students earn Bonus Bucks daily for their accomplishments and can "purchase" a prize in celebration!

- Two second-grade students did not know their alphabet when the program started. As a result of the Hooked on Phonics Program and, even more important, the consistent one-on-one tutoring by devoted volunteers, these children are now able to read.
- Two middle-school students were far behind in their academic achievements—and felt embarrassed. Because of one-on-one tutoring, these students are happy, confident, and proud to be making significant improvements in both reading and math.

What does the future hold for the NLV Learning Center? My own vision would be to have a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose building, with a dedicated learning center. Not only would this space be available for the after-school tutoring program; it would also be available for the spiritual, emotional and academic growth of the adults as well. I am excited to see what the future holds, and thank you for your continued love, prayers and support!

Sister Claire LeBoeuf, CSC

Our Mission

The mission of New Life Village is to provide a supportive environment, within an intergenerational community, for children in need of a safe and stable family experience.

Our residential village is home to seniors and foster, adoptive and kinship families. We exist to reduce the number of children in long term foster care by encouraging more families to adopt or to prevent children from entering into foster care at all. Seniors living in the community serve as surrogate grandparents, volunteers, and tutors. Our community provides children a loving, supportive place to call home and several onsite programs while also connecting their parents to a community of supports and resources.

Chairman's Note:



As we close out another year at New Life Village, we are inspired by the lives all around us. The seniors who live at New Life Village seem to have no end to their caring for this community while providing comfort and wisdom to all. The parents keep their schedules and their children's schedules, go to work and come home to care for their families and, somehow, find time to encourage one another, help out someone struggling or just open their door to a neighbor. And then there's the children...the whole reason we all came together in the first place! They are smart, unique, talented, funny, playful and fortunately resilient! These children, our children, have been through so much and yet here they find friends, people they can trust, boundaries that provide comfort and caring adults who will look out for them.

In February Sister Claire LeBoeuf stepped down as Acting Director of New Life Village, although she remains on the Board. The Board conducted a search for a Director and in June voted unanimously to appoint Mariah as Director. Much of what follows is due to the driving force of Mariah and her staff!

We are now at capacity! Each of our units is occupied and we have a waiting list to live at New Life Village! Our playground is built (Thank you all!!!) and we have a sun shade over the playground and tables for gathering. Several little gardens have sprung up around the property. The Learning Center is in full swing, helping the children after school with homework, reading, math, and anything specific needed by each child. One senior hosts video game night in the clubhouse; others help organize gatherings for our NLV community.

As we near Thanksgiving we all agree we have so much to be grateful for! We are preparing plans to build more housing for larger families and housing suitable for seniors who are not done giving back to their community. We wish you a blessed holiday season and invite you to partner with us in the future of New Life Village!

Julie Farber, Board Chair

P.S. Please call to schedule a tour of New Life Village or add your name to our next Lunch and Learn on grounds.

What's New!



We are blessed! After 2.5 years of fundraising, New Life Village opened Brice's Place with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August. The beautiful new playground is a place for our residents to gather, and is dedicated to the children of New Life Village.

\$0.86 of every \$1 goes to Programs and Services

2017 - 2018 Financials



Learn more about us at www.newlifestvillage.org or call 813-304-0623 to schedule a tour!



"It takes a **village** 
to raise a **child**"
- African Proverb

Meet Mariah Hayden



In June, New Life Village welcomed Mariah Hayden to the Director's position. Since 2016, Mariah has worked at NLV as Assistant and Interim Director. She has over 18 years of experience in marketing, communications, project management and educational programming. Her strong focus at balancing New Life Village's program, operations, marketing and community partnerships has helped NLV reach its current success and positions the Village for its next phase of growth. Mariah received her Bachelors degree in Communications with a minor in Marketing as well as certificates in both Change Management and Nonprofit Management from the University of Tampa (UT). She also holds a Masters in Communications from San Diego State University and an MBA from W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

Village Impact:

Abby, a single mother of 6, was challenged to find housing for her large family in Tampa. Through the help of partner organizations, she found New Life Village and now has a safe and affordable home. Abby has received case management services, help with furnishings, access to day care and therapy services for her children. She is working on completing her GED which will help with both job placement and her journey to financial independence.



Holly and Doug's daughter battles an opioid drug addiction which led to her neglect of her sons, Brandon and Travis. The boys were placed with Holly and Doug and suffer from trauma-related separation from their mother. Holly, a registered nurse, is on disability due to a back injury which makes it harder to raise the boys. Moving to New Life Village has provided this kinship family affordable housing and a support network of services and neighbors for the family.

Programs & Services:



New Life Village is home to approximately 60 children, ages birth – 18. Thirty adults who serve as the foster-adoptive or kinship parents or supportive seniors who are surrogate grandparents, tutors, babysitters and volunteers to these children.

- Onsite Family Support Services
- Village Family Building, Mentorship & Recreational Events
- Learning Center Tutoring
- Special Programming by Community Partners



Learn more about our onsite programs at:
newlifesteppings.com/about/our-program/



Community Partners:



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Our Shining Stars!



Jarod Parker



Antonio Hendricks



Jasmin Kite and her Grandparents

Our Partners



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Happy Holidays!



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