

# QUARTERLY REPORT TO INVESTORS

Your investment in **STABLE STEADY STRONG** is paying off for individuals and for our community.

## THE NUMBERS

Getting people housed and keeping them housed is the mission of Polk County Housing Trust Fund's **STABLE STEADY STRONG** initiative. Thanks to your support and the work of various community organizations we are reaching that mission every day with a host of supportive services that help individuals overcome the barriers to achieving safe, affordable, and stable housing.

- 1787** TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED
- 500** TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE HOMELESS PRIOR TO ENTERING PROGRAM
- 168** TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES PLACED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING
- 1318** TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN STABLE IN THEIR HOUSING FOR TWO YEARS OR LONGER
- 472** TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS COMPLETING FINANCIAL EDUCATION



**STABLE STEADY STRONG**

INVESTING IN A STRONGER COMMUNITY FOR ALL.

## THE STORIES

Beyond the hard facts of how your investment matters are the real people whose lives are changed. Here is one recent story of how you are helping to make a difference.

### Making the Right Decisions for a Better Life

Heather and Matt have many reasons to be thankful as they look back on their life together and look forward to a brighter future. Recently, they not only celebrated four years of sobriety, but also became proud parents of a healthy young son, all while enjoying the benefits of safe and stable housing. However, it was not long ago that the couple was dealing with both addiction and homelessness.

What made the difference for Heather and Matt? Services were available to help them reach their goal of safe and stable housing for their budding family. Several years ago, the couple made the decision to enter a hospital detox program to overcome their addictions. Soon after, during Heather's pregnancy, the couple sought help at an emergency shelter. That is where they connected with Anawim Housing's Permanent Supportive Housing program.

**For more than 20 years, Anawim Housing has met the needs of Polk County's most vulnerable citizens through Permanent Supportive Housing programs. Today, more than 220 units are leased across the county making Anawim the largest provider of this type of housing in Iowa.**

Seeing the couple's hard work and persistence in achieving a better life, their Anawim program manager helped them access the supportive services their family needed — including help finding the apartment they moved into just hours before Heather gave birth to their son! Today, Heather and Matt contribute 30 percent of their income toward rent and utilities while continuing the recommended steps to remain healthy.

Heather and Matt are proud of the decisions they made that turned their lives around. Anawim Housing is equally pleased they chose to give this deserving, young couple an opportunity to pursue their goal — safe, stable, and secure housing — so they can continue to prioritize their family and their health.

Once again, thanks for your investment in getting people housed and keeping them housed.

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