

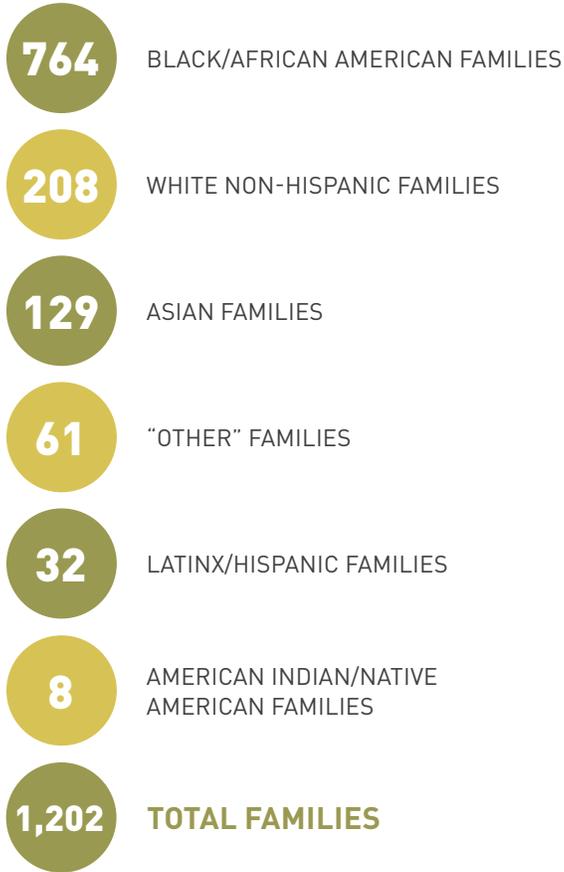
QUARTERLY REPORT TO INVESTORS

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. We know that some families in our community struggle more than others. Thanks to your continued investment, we are pleased to report that we collectively supported 1,202 families in maintaining their safe, stable, and affordable housing for two plus years. Out of these 1,202 families, the following groups can be recognized as having reached long-term housing stability.



THE STORIES

Equally as compelling as the hard facts are the many ways in which your investment is changing the lives of individuals and families in our community. Here is one of the most recent ways your dollars have helped to do just that:

Jumping For Joy About A New Home

Space was the issue for Brittany and her two children. The family of three has spent the past decade living in a two-bedroom mobile home with an insufficient area for the children to just play outside, or to do what they've dreamt of – jump on their own trampoline. The family's future now, though, is wide open.

Brittany recently purchased a 1,158 square foot ranch home in Des Moines' Merle Hay Neighborhood, through Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. Brittany's house is being purchased with an affordable mortgage and with additional support provided by the Trust Fund's development dollars which help families purchase homes via down payment assistance.

The new home for Brittany and her family is the most significant milestone in a journey that began four years ago. Brittany applied for Habitat's Blueprint to Homeownership Program after seeing an advertisement on Facebook. Before she could join the program, she had to attend Habitat's financial education classes and meet with Habitat's housing and financial counselor to improve her credit and her financial status. Upon becoming financially ready, Brittany was accepted into the Homeownership Program. She then worked her many hours of "sweat equity" on the house, and in December of 2022, completed the purchase of her home.

"We can't wait for spring to come," says Brittany, whose new yard, surrounded by large, leafy trees, has ample space for a trampoline!

"Thanks to your investment in Polk County Housing Trust Fund's **STABLE STEADY STRONG** initiative, families like Brittany's have a pathway to homeownership through mortgage readiness education programs such as Greater Des Moines' Habitat's Blueprint to Homeownership."

-Danny Akright, GDM Habitat for Humanity

Once again, thank you for your investment in getting people housed and keeping them housed. Your donations help amplify our impact on our community and to families like Brittany's by leveraging the development dollars we receive from government-funded sources. The Trust Fund can see where gaps remain after development dollars are spent, and then maximize your investment by supporting great programs and services in the community such as Blueprint to Homeownership.



INVESTING IN A STRONGER COMMUNITY FOR ALL.

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