

We build **strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.**

## Lee County Legislative Delegation

December 16, 2020

*Affordable housing is a critical need in our community. One in six Florida households pays more than 50% of their income on housing; in Lee County, this equates to more than 52,000 households. You can help make home affordability a reality this session by:*

### Fully Funding the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund

- Appropriate **all** housing trust fund monies for their intended purpose – affordable housing.
- The Sadowski Trust Fund supports the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) programs.
  - Habitat utilizes SHIP funds to ensure mortgage affordability for the lowest-income families in our program, and to retrofit homes for seniors and individuals with special needs.
  - SAIL encourages private sector participation to develop affordable housing by offering low-interest loans on a competitive basis.
- These programs often recover their funds so that they are used again and again.

### About Habitat for Humanity:

- Habitat for Humanity is a home ownership and critical repair program; families who buy Habitat homes pay an affordable mortgage set at no more than 30% of their income.
- State funding for Habitat for Humanity is a good investment because it is highly leveraged with private donations.
- To date, Florida Habitat affiliates have built, rehabbed, and repaired more than 22,000 homes. Habitat homeowners pay more than \$12 million annually in property taxes to the State of Florida.
- Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties is building 55 affordable homes this year.
- Habitat's work revitalizes local economies, generates and supports jobs, purchases local goods and supplies, and creates a stable tax and consumer base of homeowners.

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