

# Carrfour Supportive Housing Celebrates 20th Anniversary

In the early 1990s, a group of leaders from both the public and private sectors became concerned about the growing number of homeless individuals in need of permanent stable housing in Miami-Dade County. These concerns precipitated the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to form a Homeless Committee with the purpose of finding solutions to a potential growing problem.

The Homeless Committee sought to create a more permanent solution to prevent the repeat cycle of homelessness. To that end, the decision was made to

impactful years to date, with the debut of several new communities accounting for hundreds of new residences for formerly-homeless and low-income individuals and families. To date, Carrfour has developed more than 1,400 affordable housing units across Miami-Dade and currently provides services to more than 3,300 men, women, and children.

As 2013 marks Carrfour's 20th year serving the South Florida community, the organization continues to reach new heights. With the development of additional Carrfour communities through 2013 and beyond,



create a nonprofit entity whose mission was to provide both permanent housing and supportive services to help the formerly homeless successfully reintegrate into society and achieve their full potential.

Carrfour Supportive Housing was founded in 1993 by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to undertake the development and management of affordable housing, providing residents with a range of supportive services to help achieve self-sufficiency and minimize their chances of being homeless again.

Carrfour, whose name means “Crossroads” in French, remains Florida’s largest not-for-profit provider of affordable housing and supportive services, with the total number of people served since its founding eclipsing the 10,000 mark.

In fact, this last year was among Carrfour’s most

thousands of families are expected to move into permanent homes supported by the organization’s innovative programs – ranging from transitioning veterans returning home from overseas, single mothers and fathers with children suffering from disabilities, to an organic farming operation that equips residents with business skills and a heightened appreciation for healthy living.

As the organization celebrates its 20th anniversary, Carrfour intends to continue its legacy of making a positive, measurable impact on the effort to end homelessness in South Florida. **HNN**

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