

FOR THE FAMILY, INC.
Building a stronger community through its families

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A COMMUNITY MUST BE LARGER THAN ITS LIMITATIONS

Tampa, Florida – People are more mobile now than at any other time in history. The Tampa Bay area is just one of many being transformed into a melting pot of residents from every part of the nation, not to mention from other countries.

Personal mobility gives Americans the opportunity to better their lives, but many new arrivals must build a support system to better deal with life. A lot of long-time residents also face this situation, especially if *their* friends, relatives, and neighbors disappear. It's more difficult when people feel they're going it alone

Isolation can make somebody's challenges seem overwhelming, though they often suffer silently. Everything is up to them to resolve, with uncertain results. If the lid blows off, parents, children, and families can be immediate casualties...but the fallout is also felt in crime, human misery, and a cumulative decline in our overall quality of life. When we hear about specific people who are affected this way, we sadly wish that something could have been done in time.

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For The Family makes that possible for adults who are mentored through the three branches of our Family Referral Network: the Parental, Motherhood, and Community Mentoring Initiatives. Each service involves connecting a Mentor's targeted life experience to an Associate's specific need in an ongoing telephone dialogue. We brief each Mentor and Associate about the other, but they only know the first name of the person they are talking to.

The Network's effectiveness is greatly enhanced by this blend of awareness and anonymity, and all information is totally confidential. Associates can be referred to other services if their situation is too serious for a Mentor to help. For The Family has operated this landmark early intervention service since 1998. It enables people to honor the Golden Rule by being their brother's keeper.

Meanwhile, Shelter Is Golden serves the same purpose for people who must evacuate from a Category 1 or 2 hurricane with maximum winds of 110 mph. These Guests are connected to Hosts based on compatibility, which is confirmed to their mutual satisfaction through a face-to-face meeting before the storm. Each Sheltering Arrangement continues from when a hurricane warning is issued until people staying in public shelters are officially allowed to return home.

All For The Family services are offered at no charge. While this Media Kit provides a basic overview, strongercommunity.com fully illustrates the approach that makes For The Family not just another agency...but a statement of purpose.