

Facts about Rural Neighborhoods

Rural Neighborhoods is pleased to assist reporters in need of material for developing story ideas and articles for their media outlets. The information in our *Facts about Rural Neighborhoods* is intended to provide generic background to interested journalists.

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Fast Facts

Legal Status: Rural Neighborhoods, Incorporated is a tax-exempt IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida. Rural Neighborhoods carries out its mission in select local communities through affiliated organizations; please see the Structure section of our website.

Offices: RN is headquartered in the Homestead-Florida City area of Miami-Dade County. It is active in Miami-Dade, Collier, Hendry, Okeechobee, Saint Lucie, Hillsborough and Polk Counties.

Portfolio: Rural Neighborhoods' rental housing portfolio is comprised of 1,551 single-family, duplex and townhouse apartments developed at an estimated cost of \$200,000,000. In addition to affordable housing, RN's portfolio includes four childcare centers, community health center, 10,000 sf of neighborhood retail/office space and a 10-acre park.

Persons Served. More than 5,000 persons reside in housing developed by Rural Neighborhoods.

- The average household income of our residents is estimated at \$16,000 - \$18,000 per annum.
- Most residents are minorities.
- The leading occupation among our residents is agricultural employment. This includes persons engaged in the culture, harvest, and packing of citrus, other tropical fruit and vegetables and those employed in tree and sod farms and horticultural nurseries.

Year Founded. Rural Neighborhoods was founded on December 23rd, 2004; however, its predecessor organization Everglades Community Association was founded in 1982.