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Sarasota breaks ground on supportive housing for young adults aging out of foster care



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The project will have 20 units in five homes. It is designed for young adults aging out of foster care who need a safe place to land.

Aging out of the system

Isaac Cedeno entered foster care at age 9. When he turned 18, he had to find housing on his own.

“When I turned 18 I lived with a roommate for a bit, but that didn’t work out. I was going to high school and juggling a lot of things,” Cedeno said.

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Cedeno spent time in Nancy’s Village and had to leave at 18. He later found another program that helped him get stable. He now works with young people in the foster care system.

“I’m looking forward to progress, success, empowerment, and changing youths’ lives that deserve a second chance,” Cedeno said.

Funding the project

PJ Brooks, chief operating officer of Community Assisted and Supported Living, said many young people arrive with garbage bags as their suitcases.

“They’re coming to us for support and a way to drive their own future,” Brooks said.

In 2025, the Junior League of Sarasota launched a campaign to raise about $210,000. The money will furnish each house with new furniture, appliances and home goods. The group says the full cost is now covered.

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