providing permanent affordable rental housing, emergency financial services, budget counseling, and case management to hundreds of working families in Fairfax County. Then, as now, GSH helps struggling families create and sustain a better way of life for themselves and their neighbors.

In 1975, GSH acquired its first property on Holland Road, built and furnished a home, and moved in a struggling refugee family of nine and began providing them ongoing support services, starting them on the path towards self-sufficiency and housing stability. Two months later, several Laotian and Vietnamese refugee families received housing assistance upon their arrival in the community. For the next several years, GSH continued to serve families and individuals needing housing and emergency financial assistance. Under the leadership of its board, GSH functioned solely with the support of volunteers and individual donations.

Today, with its affordable rental housing portfolio of 100-plus leased and owned units, as many as 120 struggling families are housed and supported every year in GSH housing. GSH's emergency financial assistance program assists an additional 200 households a year by preventing evictions or providing security deposits. GSH case managers also provide service referrals to another 200-plus households each year to receive community services to address their healthcare, transportation, and food needs.

Additional support services and programs are offered to move resident household to greater self-sufficiency. The Children's Resources Program supports the 110-plus schoolchildren residing in GSH affordable housing units and ensures their educational needs are met. Various financial counseling programs help low-income female heads of household create a healthy consciousness around money and empowers them to begin to establish financial security.

A president/chief executive officer, vice president/chief operating officer, financial manager, and development director lead the day-to-day operations of GSH. They are assisted by staff of six full- and part-time employees. A 16-member board of directors oversees its work, while a leadership council of 23 key community stakeholders in the service area provides advice and guidance on the needs and human services trends within the community and the impact of GSH programs in meeting those needs.

The current service area lies within the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts of South Fairfax County, mainly along Richmond Highway from Alexandria to Lorton, where many low-income workers live. The deepest pockets of poverty in Fairfax County are here. For example, according to 2016 U.S. Census Bureau data, 66,618 people 5.9 percent or 1 in 17 Fairfax County live in poverty i.e., below the Federal poverty level of $24,600 per year for a family of four. Based on census data disaggregated at the ZIP code and neighborhood level, several of the neighborhoods in the GSH service area report that 10 to 15 percent of their households live in poverty.

For more than 45 years, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services has had one outcome in mind: to ensure that the households it serves reach housing stability, build financial resources, and never face the possibility or reality of homelessness. Every year, GSH programs stretch and grow to make this outcome a reality for its residents. Recently, several local Northern Virginia and Metropolitan Washington, DC, agencies recognized the affordable housing contributions of GSH through grant awards that help finance the programs. As the need for its services unfortunately continues to grow at a staggering pace, GSH will continue to step up, lend a helping hand, and empower its clients to do the same.●

RECOGNIZING PINECREST BAKERY

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit at the heart of our country. It is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business that is not only a Miami staple, but has helped feed thousands of Floridians impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. This week, it is my pleasure to honor Pinecrest Bakery, of Pinecrest, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2012, Efrain Valdes and Joel Rodriguez founded Pinecrest Bakery. Years earlier, these longtime friends met in Miami's Little Havana and formed a bond over their shared Cuban heritage and love for its cuisine. When Efrain's family moved to Pinecrest, he noticed a lack of Cuban restaurants in their new neighborhood. Seeing this as an opportunity, Efrain and Joel opened the original Pinecrest Bakery in December 2012. Their welcoming atmosphere and delicious food proved a hit, with lines regularly forming out the door. Soon, Pinecrest Bakery expanded its hours to become Miami's premier 24-hour Cuban bakery.

Eight years later, Pinecrest Bakery expanded to 17 locations, with 3 more on the way. Their original menu of Cuban coffee and pastries now includes meal and catering menus and a food truck. Pinecrest Bakery is earning accolades for its delicious cuisine and emerging as a leader in the local business community. The business remains family-owned, with several members of the Valdes and Rodriguez families serving in key leadership and food production roles. Additionally, their strong sense of family has built a tight-knit and supportive team.

Like many other small businesses, Pinecrest Bakery stepped up to help their community during the coronavirus pandemic. The shortage of essential goods in stores prompted them to sell their bulk supplies of milk and eggs directly to customers. In mid-March, Pinecrest Bakery ramped up their existing partnership with Farm Share, a nonprofit organization that connects Floridian farmers with surplus produce to local businesses and organizations for distribution. Using its Pinecrest location as a distribution center, Pinecrest Bakery provided approximately 200,000 pounds of free food to nearly 10,000 families in south Florida. The American Legion recognized Pinecrest for donating hot meals to healthcare workers and first responders.

When the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program—PPP—Efrain and Joel applied immediately. The PPP provides forgivable loans to impacted small businesses and nonprofits who maintain their payroll during the COVID–19 pandemic. Recently, Pinecrest Bakery received their PPP loan, which has enabled them to keep their employees paid and continue their work to feed south Florida.

Pinecrest Bakery is a remarkable example of how small businesses can leverage local connections to support their communities in times of crisis. I commend their work with Farm Share and leadership in the Miami area.

Congratulations to Efrain, Joel, and the entire team at Pinecrest Bakery. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success in south Florida.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC–4750. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Autographa Californica Multiple Nucleopolyhedrovirus Strain R3; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 10005–93–OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–4751. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Real Estate Appraisals'' (RIN1557–AE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4752. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Regulatory Capital Rule: Revised Transaction of the Current Expected Credit Losses Methodology for Allowances'' (RIN1557–AE82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4753. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of