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March 2018 Report

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*There is no better joy
than helping people
around you go to levels
higher than they ever
thought they could.*

~ Dan Gilbert ~



“It's been 9 months since I arrived in Key West n finally feeling like a real human being once again. It's been a long road but Thanks to U (Amy) n Teresa it's been a successful one. Keep up the great work cause U gals really make a difference in SO many lives n thankful I was 1 of them. God bless !!!!!” - Lester Brownlow

Mr. Brownlow has been employed by Home Depot and has been assisted by **Catholic Charities** in obtaining housing. He is now in his own housing and has officially moved out of KOTS!!! Congratulations Lester!!!! We wish you all the best!!!

SHAL is pleased to work closely with other local agencies to make stories like Lester's possible. All of our clients who have been assisted with job placement, remain employed, and some have even moved in to full time positions! Every month we also assist clients in purchasing work uniforms and work boots if they are unable to purchase their own. By providing shelter, food, rest, showers, and case management services, SHAL is able to assist our clients in their path to self sufficiency and improve the lives of everyone in our community!



Welcome to the KOTS Team!

SHAL welcomes **Martin Martinez** to our monitor Staff! Martin joined our staff in March. Martin is originally from Puerto Rico and moved to the Keys from the Tampa area. He has proven to be a great addition to our KOTS monitor staff – welcome Martin!

SHAL welcomes part time Case Manager

SHAL is pleased to announce the addition of **Anne Barnett** as a part time case manager in our popular Case Management program. Anne has been a volunteer for SHAL for quite some time, driving the food prepared by St. Mary's Soup Kitchen to the shelter. She inquired about a case management position and has been a great addition to the team!



SHAL OUTREACH Service Summary Report

SHAL's hard working **Outreach staff, Teresa Wallace and Anne Barnett** under the direction of **Amy Yancich** provided **417** services to clients in March, both sheltered and unsheltered. They conducted 44 intakes, purchased 19 birth certificates for clients, assisted 23 clients in obtaining their ID, made 38 healthcare referrals, and assisted 8 clients in obtaining a cell phone.

Success Stories

- Three of our recent island additions are **working full time jobs**: one at Kiki's Sandbar, two at Boca Chica Base.
- SHAL assisted a **pregnant client** to be approved for **Medicaid with full benefits**.
- SHAL assisted a **deaf client** get established with **Medicare benefits**.
- SHAL coordinated with **FL Division of Parole** to relocate a client to his family support system and complete his Parole specifications.
- SHAL collaborated with **Jai Sommers of Project Lighthouse** to **relocate two male clients**. Both clients were reunited with family and had employment waiting them to their relocation locations.



SHAL SHELTER OPERATIONS - KOTS

Under the supervision of Shelter Supervisor, **Chris Sparrow** and Head Monitor **Samuel Pizarro**, KOTS again had a busy month! The database shows that there were approximately **112** clients sleeping at the Shelter on an average night in March. That number of clients means that the Shelter staff again served nearly **6,000** meals to SHAL Shelter residents. Dinner is provided by the volunteers at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen and delivered by SHAL volunteers who pick up the pans and bring them out to the Shelter on Stock Island. Shelter residents and staff serve breakfast each morning so that our homeless brothers and sisters can start their day with a meal.

KOTS has a dedicated group of **client volunteers** that help to keep things running smoothly. They are responsible for laundry, cleaning, and preparing the shelter for daily use. Below are some pictures of a few of our wonderful volunteers assisting us in keeping KOTS clean and safe!

