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April 2018 Report

SHAL is always happy to report on clients that have **moved on to better situations!** Below are letters that we received from clients in April that **utilized KOTS to get back on their feet.** We are **thankful** to be able to **provide shelter and services** for those in need in our community!

“My name is Cliff and I’ve been at KOTS for several weeks.

I am truly grateful for the help that this organization has provided me in my moment of need.

I cannot say enough about the staff at KOTS and the effort that they put into the people they serve.

They go out of their way to help the clients of KOTS and on numerous occasions I have witnessed them sharing of themselves and giving advice on how to live a better life.

A series of unfortunate circumstances landed me at KOTS and I thank God that KOTS was here for me. If it wasn’t, I would be sleeping out on the streets which is neither safe nor healthy. I wish to thank the entire organization for everything they have done for me. And to the staff, I wish to thank you for the dignity and respect in which you treated me.

I will be checking in to advise you of my progress and again – eternal thanks.”

-Cliff B.

“My name is David Knight. I have been coming to KOTS for a long time now. I just want people to know it’s a good place, it will help you out in every good way. I now have the money to move on and have a good start in my life.”

-David Knight

“To whom it may concern: My name is Luis Ruiz. I arrived here in Key West on the bus on March 15th. I did try to make it on my own first and 3 days later I got all belongings stolen from the place I was staying at. I had no family or friends here so I thought. I was told by others like me about a place called KOTS. I went to a shelter for us the homeless. There I was, totally lost in a new city, with nothing and no hope. I met the staff of KOTS, expecting it to be a harsh place full of the worst. To my enlightenment this staff treated me like I was family and helped me in every way I did not imagine... Actions speak louder than words and this letter is not enough to express my thoughts and appreciation of these great guys. Thank you for your love and I’m truly blessed for all of you in this place... I’m marching forward with my head up high thank you God bless all of you. This place and staff are a gift from God. I can write a book on the help and understanding and love these guys have. I am no longer lost or alone and have the tools and everything I need to keep going forward. From the bottom of my heart thank you for everything you stand for.”

-Luis Ruiz

SHAL OUTREACH

Service Summary Report

SHAL's hard working **Outreach staff, Teresa Wallace and Anne Barnett** under the direction of **Amy Yancich** provided **426** services to clients in March, both sheltered and unsheltered. They conducted 32 intakes, purchased 11 birth certificates for clients, assisted 24 clients in obtaining their ID, made 20 healthcare referrals, provided 12 weekly bus passes for employment and medical appointments, and assisted 13 clients with food stamp/Medicaid applications.

Success Stories

- SHAL assisted three recently employed clients **purchase boots and jeans for their jobs.**
- SHAL assisted a female client obtain her ID and referred her to **Samuels House**, where she was accepted into their program.
- SHAL collaborated with **Jai Sommers of Project Lighthouse** to **relocate a male client** to reunite with his father in GA.

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 **107** clients sleeping at the Shelter on an average night in April. 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.

Helping one person might
not change the whole world,
but it could change
the world for one person.

