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## June 2018 Report



**People are always asking – How can we help??? We are always in need of twin bed sheets, towels, and washers and dryers! KOTS volunteers and staff do all of the laundry daily. That's an average of 50 loads of laundry a day, and we use 24 cases of bleach and 440 pounds of laundry detergent a month!!!! Our machines and linens get a lot of use, and we are always in need of these items to be donated. Donations can be dropped at the shelter or coordinated with Shelter Manager Chris Sparrow at [chriskeywest7414@gmail.com](mailto:chriskeywest7414@gmail.com)**

# SHAL OUTREACH

## Service Summary Report

SHAL's hard working **Outreach staff, Teresa Wallace and Anne Barnett** under the direction of **Amy Yancich** provided **339** services to clients in June, both sheltered and unsheltered. They conducted 28 intakes, purchased 6 birth certificates for clients, assisted 18 clients in obtaining their ID, made 13 healthcare referrals, provided 12 clients with weekly bus passes for employment and medical appointments, and assisted 13 clients with food stamp/Medicaid applications.

### Success Stories

- SHAL was contacted by a local homeless advocate, who notified them of a **wheelchair bound veteran** who appeared homeless. SHAL case managers went to his location, evaluated and assessed his situation, and ultimately collaborated with **Richard Casey from Volunteers of America (VOA)**, who expedited the veterans entrance into his housing program.
- SHAL was able to assist a client in obtaining her Birth Certificate, Florida ID, Food stamps card, cell phone, work clothes for her job, and a bus pass to get her back and forth to work for her first week. She has now been employed for 6 weeks! Furthermore, we worked with **Catholic Charities** rental assistance program, and she is now housed!
- SHAL assisted a client with a SSDI application. The client has been approved and is hoping that his SSDI will assist him to obtain transportation to his job and doctors appointments.
- SHAL was able to **purchase work boots/clothing for 4 clients** this month, allowing them to start their jobs.

SHAL would like to take a moment to appreciate all of the other agencies and organizations that partner with us to provide services to our clients. Without interagency coordination and cooperation so many of these success stories would not be possible!!!

**T**ogether  
**E**veryone  
**A**chieves  
**M**ore!



## **SHAL SHELTER OPERATIONS - KOTS**

Under the direction of Shelter Manager, **Chris Sparrow** and Head Monitor **Samuel Pizarro**, KOTS again had a busy month! The database shows that there were approximately **106** clients sleeping at the Shelter on an average night in April. Average stay in June was **11 nights per unduplicated client**. That number of clients means that the Shelter staff again served nearly **6,300** 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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU to the dedicated KOTS staff for all of their hard work around the shelter!!! All of the awnings have been pressure washed and are looking great! They provide much needed relief from the sun at the shelter.**

