



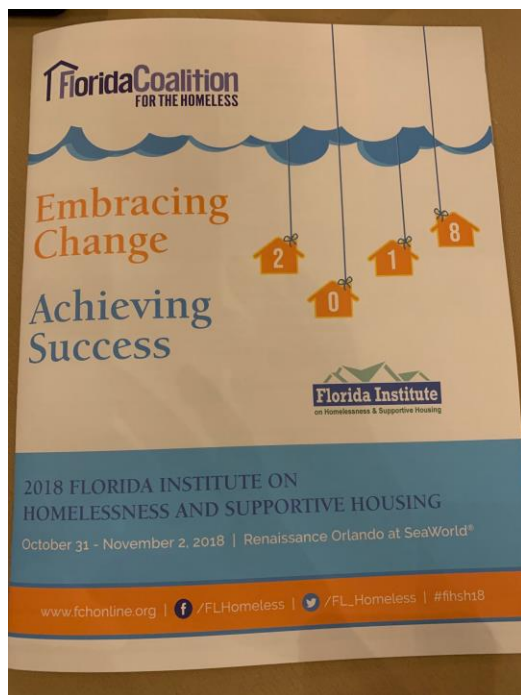
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October 2018 Report

2018 Florida Institute on Homelessness and Supportive Housing



SHAL would like to thank the Monroe County Continuum of Care (MCCOC) for sponsoring us to attend the 2018 Florida Institute on Homelessness and Supportive Housing. The three day conference covered a wide array of topics addressing homelessness and housing challenges in Florida. It was encouraging to see the progress many counties are making in taking strides to end homelessness! Monroe County was also represented at the conference by Meaghan Hull of Catholic Charities and Mark Lenkner of the MCCOC.



As we enter the season of giving thanks, we are thankful for **all** of the **support** that we have received from the community over the past month! **Low Key Supply** brought 20 bags of sheets that were donated by local resorts including **Casa Marina** and multiple boxes of hygiene products.

Ambassador Class 30 donated multiple bags of sheets, socks, and shirts for our residents.

We also received a monetary donation from a **Presbyterian Womens Group from Minnesota – we were chosen as their mission project donation of 2018!** They became aware of our organization during Hurricane Irma, when one of their members daughters came to assist on a relief team who came to the shelter. Their letter states, “She was so impressed with the shelter and the running of it... We hope and pray that this donation will help you in serving the homeless.”

SHAL is very grateful to be able to assist our clients and our community in serving and assisting the homeless of Monroe County and Key West. We appreciate all of the support from our community and community partners!!!



SHAL OUTREACH

Service Summary Report

SHAL's hard working outreach staff **Teresa Wallace**, and **Anne Barnett** provided **344 services** to **123 clients** in October, both sheltered and unsheltered. 10 clients were provided birth certificate assistance, we assisted 20 clients get a Florida ID and 17 clients were referred for health care/dental/mental health services. We provided 12 weekly bus passes for employment and medical purposes, and assisted 5 clients with food stamp/Medicaid applications.

Between SHAL Outreach & SHAL Shelter operations, SHAL did *intakes* on **34** new or existing clients.

Success Stories

Thanks to grant funding from the **Monroe County Continuum of Care (COC)**, 3 clients were successfully relocated to better situations, where they have housing, support and/or employment waiting for them.

SHAL assisted 2 clients replace their cell phones so that they can continue their job searches.

SHAL assisted a client obtain shoes that were necessary for his new job.

SHAL case management has been working with a disabled client since April. Assisting him with obtaining employment and housing. In October he found a job that will help him achieve his goals! We have also referred him to an organization that assists clients with disabilities and we are working closely with them to further assist this client.

SHAL SHELTER OPERATIONS – KOTS

Under the direction of Shelter Manager **Chris Sparrow** and Shelter Supervisor **Luis Ortiz**, the database shows that there were approximately **106** clients sleeping at the Shelter on an average night in September with the **average length of stay being 12 nights** per unduplicated client. Total number of unduplicated clients that stayed in September was **253**. Those numbers mean that the Shelter staff served **6,584** 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, and breakfast is provided by SHAL. Through a generous grant from the **Community Foundation of the Florida Keys**, KOTS should be receiving new mats next month – check the newsletter for an update and pictures!

