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October 2019 Report

SHAL OUTREACH

Service Summary Report

SHAL's hard working outreach staff **Teresa Wallace**, and **Anne Barnett** provided **246 services** to **128 Unduplicated clients** in October, both sheltered and unsheltered, with an average of 2 services per client. SHAL outreach helped 9 clients with obtaining their birth certificate and they assisted 37 clients with getting a Florida ID. They helped 2 client's obtain food stamps/Medicaid. SHAL outreach was also able to provide 2 new client's with 7 day bus passes for the purposes of making it easier to look for jobs and/or making it easier to get around due to a disability (acute or chronic). SHAL Outreach did *intakes* on **37** new or existing clients.

Success Stories

Thanks to grant funding from the **Monroe County Continuum of Care (COC)**, 7 clients were successfully relocated to better situations, where they have housing, support and/or employment waiting for them.

SHAL assisted 17 clients in obtaining a New or replacing their cell phones so that they can continue their job searches. Teresa and Anne are continuing to hold the *phone 101 classes* for those clients that have never had and/or ever used a smart phone before. During the month of October, they have educated 1 client about their phone.

SHAL has assisted 4 clients with getting Bicycles for employment. This program was originally started by Anne Barnett. It has now turned into a collaboration with the client's, as they are the ones that help to fix the bikes donated from the Sheriff's office.

SHAL assisted 34 clients in obtaining shoes/clothing that were necessary for their new jobs or job searches. 3 of these clients, SHAL helped purchase clothing necessary for these client's to start their new jobs. The remaining 31 clients were given clothing vouchers for them to use at the Salvation Army. This voucher allows clients to pick out a few clothing items, a backpack, and shoes (if they have them).



A client of SHAL's whom has been homeless for quite some time has found full time work over this past month. This client is in the process of saving money to put toward a home now that the client works 7 days a week and is loving it. It's our hop that it won't be long before he is not homeless and will be able to help support his family.

Another SHAL client bought a boat during the month of October and move onto it and out of KOTS. This client has been a client of SHAL's since Jan. 2019. This client has been in and out of homelessness since Jan. 2019. We were able to provide this client several services to aide along their way, to include: Shelter, bicycle, bus pass, phone and clothing assistance. All assisted on their path to self-sufficiency!

SHAL SHELTER OPERATIONS – KOTS



Under the direction of Shelter Manager **Chris Sparrow**, the database shows that Shelter staff did 47 New Intakes for the month of October. The total number of clients (unduplicated) that stayed in October was **110** with an average stay of 12 nights. There were **1.328 bednights** during month of the October. Additionally, SHAL's Shelter staff served 2,656 meals, both Breakfast and Dinner, 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.

A big THANK YOU to the Ambassador

Class 32. A total of three (2 of 3 pictured above) washers were donated by Ambassador class 32. Two were privately funded and the last one was funded from a monetary collection of the entire class. These washers have already been a big help, we cannot thank you enough!

Also, a donation of cleaning products from **Key West Chemical** was made over the month of October. Thank you so much Key West Chemical!

