



Love and Hope in Action

July 2016 Newsletter



A Helping Hand

Hundreds of people pass through our doors each month. They are men and women of all ages who are in need and hungry. Many have no place to call home and no one to turn to for help.

For these individuals, LAHIA is a harbor in the storm, a safe place where they are treated with dignity and respect.

Meet Timothy

Meet Timothy is one of these individuals. Chris Taylor-Cronin, our director of client services, found Timothy walking on the sidewalk without shoes and carrying a backpack in each hand. Timothy had been released from the hospital after having a seizure. At LAHIA, Timothy received food, first aid for the blisters on his feet, and a bicycle for transportation.

Like Timothy, others have found the support needed to move ahead in their lives. During the months of May and June, with assistance from LAHIA, we are pleased to report that:

- 14 found employment
- 13 moved into housing
- 9 received their birth certificate, a state I.D. and/or a Florida drivers license. (This is an important step in finding employment, applying for housing assistance, obtaining social security, etc.)
- 8 returned home and/or were united with family.

Moving on from Homelessness

We were fortunate to celebrate in the achievements of these clients pictured below:

Anthony was accepted into the culinary arts program at Indian River State College. He hopes to do his internship cooking for the homeless and those in need.

Montgomery received his birth certificate and state I.D.

Taylor received his driver's license.





BLESSINGS

KJ, a chaplain at the Martin County Jail, helped us collect funds for Robert and Sarah (pictured above) so they could reunite with their daughters in Massachusetts. Sarah had come to Florida for rehabilitation assistance several months ago. When her husband, Robert, came to get her, the couple ran into lots of obstacles and ended up homeless without any money to get back home. KJ answered our call for financial help for the couple and wasted no time to help collect much of the money needed. LAHIA funded the balance.

Robert and Mary Kriske generously donated a car to LAHIA with the instructions that it be given to someone in need. Along with the car, they gave a \$50 RaceTrac gift card and \$200 for the registration fee and maintenance.

Jack Luther began partnering with LAHIA two years ago. He helps out in a variety of ways: he purchases locks and lights for bicycles, and he donates work boots as part of his "soles for souls" foundation. Every time we need boots for a client, Jack arrives with a brand new pair of work boots and a new pair of socks. He sits down and chats with the recipient, explaining why he provides the work boots. In turn, Jack gets a glimpse into the lives of others.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church once again helped us purchase a bus ticket for one of our clients who needed to get home to Louisiana. Melissa from St. Mary's told us, "We are happy to be a little part of this blessing."

Being happy with God means, "To love as He loves, to help as He helps, to give as He gives, to serve as He serves." – Mother Teresa

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