



## **Love and Hope in Action Newsletter**

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*“Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.”*  
1 Corinthians 13:13

### ***Celebrations***

We are so very happy to share these recent successes and celebrations with you!

- We helped nine of our clients move into housing after living in their tents or cars. We wish these individuals well as they focus on improving their lives: Colin, James, Kenny, Brandon, Steve H., Mark G., Andy, Derek and Ashley.
- With the support of St. Mary's Episcopal and St. Vincent DePaul Churches, bus tickets were purchased so that these campers could return to their hometown for employment, or to rejoin with long lost family: Billy, Patricia, Brandon, Jeremy, Ryan, Kenny and Joshua.
- Many individuals who come to LAHIA have no proof of identity. It may have been stolen or destroyed by harsh weather. A key component of our work at LAHIA is to help our clients obtain identification so they can secure employment or housing. We assisted 52 clients with obtaining identification: 17 received their birth certificates, 20 obtained state IDs and 7 were awarded a state driver's license.
- Eight clients secured employment.



**Colin and James** moved into housing. Here they are with our new Re/Max realtor.



**Joshua** needed to return to his hometown after hearing of his grandmother's passing. Once he arrived home, he called to thank us for getting him there in time for the memorial service. All of Joshua's family members greeted him with tears, hugs and kisses.



**Tammy** proudly holds up her birth certificate from the state of Indiana.



**Austin** was issued a state ID after his birth certificate arrived from North Carolina. But his father, who recently passed away, was his payee. The Social Security Administration sent a letter stating they would hold Austin's checks until another payee was appointed. We helped Austin fill out the necessary application so AllTrust Payee Corp. could be his new payee. Now that Austin's finances are taken care of, we are helping him find a responsible roommate.



**Mike**, who is our volunteer facility and kitchen manager, now has a Florida driver's license. Michael was once homeless and understands how it feels to lay his head on the ground.

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