

## LAHIA Newsletter OCTOBER 2017

Proverbs 19:17 -- "He who is gracious and lends a hand to the poor lends to The Lord."

We are truly grateful to be able to lend a hand to homeless individuals by helping them receive their certified state birth certificates as well as their Florida State I.D. and every now and then we get the honor in witnessing our privileged campers obtain a Florida driver's license.

### Blessings in action

**53** homeless people have their **birth certificates**. It is an inexplicable joy seeing the expression of those who hold their BC for the first time since they can remember. Tears of happiness well up from the eyes of the weary traveler, whose hope had diminished, and to us who see God at work as He revitalizes each and every laden soul back into faith.

**27** State **I.D.** cards were issued

**30** privileged homeless clients received their **driver's license**

**24** found **employment**

**6** are attending **Indian River State College**

**31** transitioned from **homelessness into housing**

**11** started a new journey via Greyhound Bus

### "All in a Day's work"

Charles and Marco came in separately but on the same day. They both needed help with getting their I.D.'s. We took Charles and Marco to the local Vital Records office for their birth certificates; one was born in Martin County and the other in Jacksonville. This was followed by going to the DMV for their state I.D. cards. To Charles's surprise, he was able to get his driver's license. Our gratitude goes to all the donors who help make it possible for us to be able to pay for homeless individuals to get back their identity. We talked Charles into pursuing his desires to going back to school for marine biology. We tell our campers, it's written, two are better than one for if one falls the other can help them up. We let Charles know what he needed to do for his 50 percent and we told him our 50 percent.

Charles met us halfway. Just as most people, he needed encouragement -- the hope in him needed to be reawakened. Charles's orientation day is October 13<sup>th</sup> -- he's a proud college student who got his self-worth back.



### “Blessed with a house”

A huge thanks to Connie Moorer with The New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, as they were able to help out our campers with the funds for housing.



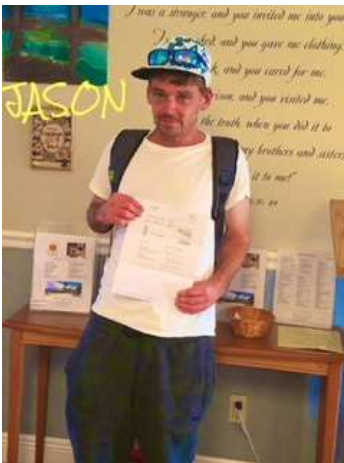
### “Going Home”

Ben's got a full time job and a set of wheels waiting for him. He contacted us recently to let us know he's working full-time plus extra hours and is getting his life in order.



### “We help one another”

Salvation Army purchased a bus ticket for Jason's return to SC. They called us and asked if we could take him to the bus station.



### “Employment Opportunity”

One way ticket to New Jersey. We pray James succeeds and if he comes back to FL, it'll be to visit and share how God has blessed him.



## “Trust”

It took awhile, but we gained Robert’s trust. We sat down and wrote a list of goals with him. So far we’ve accomplished three of five. After receiving his certified birth certificate from Mississippi, he was able to get his Florida state ID. Next goal is to get him to become a patient of Volunteers In Medicine. The tough part is trying to make an appointment with IRS for a letter of non-filing. Once he receives the IRS legal paper, he’ll have the best free medical care in the county.



## “Approved for Social Security Benefits”

A month later, Denny came into LAHIA to let us know he got his benefits because we helped him get his ID.



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