



Love and Hope in Action

Fall 2020 Newsletter

GOOD NEWS!! The pandemic was unable to slow down progress at LAHIA! Since July 1st, 41 homeless or nearly homeless people now have sustainable housing! Here are just a few stories of success resulting from the hard work of a growing staff, resilient volunteers, and consistent donor support.



Walter S.

When Walter first arrived at LAHIA in early June, 2020, he was homeless and estranged from his family members. After getting to know Walter and his needs, LAHIA was able to help him receive his SSDI and food stamps. This in turn allowed LAHIA to help Walter obtain affordable housing that he will be able to maintain and a roommate to share the costs. He is blissfully content with his much needed and well-deserved new residence. He is especially elated with the “full-sized bathtub”. Sometimes it’s the simple things that are the sweetest and for this true minimalist it was a pleasant surprise.

Raymond J.

Raymond moved to Florida from Kentucky with a friend for a job opportunity. Unfortunately, the friendship didn’t last causing Raymond to become homeless. Luckily for him, he was proactive and asked LAHIA for help. Along with St. Vincent de Paul, we were able to provide it! Raymond was given a Greyhound Bus ticket from Fort Pierce, FL to his hometown in Kentucky where his family resides. Raymond is an entry level mechanic and already has a job lined up for himself upon his return home. All he needed to fulfill this new life direction was a little hope and little help.





Jeremy first came to LAHIA in December of 2017. He's lived right here in Stuart his entire life, with a small stint in the Carolina's. Jeremy has struggled with substance abuse for many years and has been homeless off and on throughout those years. Also, through the years, Jeremy has been involved with LAHIA as a volunteer and was top of his class in the LAHIA Culinary Pathway training program!

We are proud to say that Jeremy is currently residing in a sober living facility and doing well. In fact, he is doing so well that LAHIA was able to offer him a full-time position as an Outreach Worker. He is also working to become certified as a Peer Specialist. These positions are very fitting for Jeremy. Anyone that knows him will tell you that he is the first to come to the aid of others in need. Some would go as far as to tell you that he is a "champion for the underdogs" and is affectionately known by the nickname, Tank.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of LAHIA. We welcome you to share this newsletter with your family and friends. New volunteers and supporters are always welcome to join our mission in assisting our homeless neighbors!

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We are elated to announce that because Jeremy has become such an asset to LAHIA, a decision was made to help him purchase a vehicle. This is the first vehicle Jeremy has ever owned, the first time he has registered a vehicle in his name with his own insurance. Not only is this vehicle well deserved, it will allow Jeremy to expand his outreach work. This is not only a benefit to Jeremy, but also a benefit to LAHIA and anyone who is struggling and seeking the help that Jeremy is able to provide.

We are grateful to have Jeremy as a part of our team, but even more grateful for the example he is displaying to others. His motivation and hard work are an inspiration to anyone who might be ready to change their life to whatever they deem as contentment.



Numbers served Jan 1 thru Oct 1:

- ✓ 27,070 meals
- ✓ 4822 showers
- ✓ 858 loads laundry
- ✓ 487 brand new clients
- ✓ 190 repaired bikes
- ✓ 118 IDs replaced
- ✓ 23 pair eyeglasses
- ✓ 23 birth certificates obtained