

# The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

## February 2021 Report

### Narrative

#### Outcomes

In February 2021, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 95, with 31 unduplicated contacts. 6 individuals were contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 31 unduplicated contacts, 12 were new contacts, with 4 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 84 individuals on the streets of Malibu that have been previously engaged. 46 are considered in various stages of engagement, and 38 are refusing services at this point. The outreach team continues to contact these individuals with the goal of getting them engaged in the housing process.

#### Success Story

Home at last... I'm pleased to share that a young woman whom we've been working with for almost a year has returned home to be with family. This past year was tough for us all, but especially for this young woman. When we met her at Legacy Park in April of last year she wasn't doing well. She had some physical ailments as well as some mental health issues that needed to be addressed. We immediately connected her with our doctors and therapist. We've worked very closely with this client, assisting her with, temporary housing, medical equipment, income assistance, obtaining identification, weekly therapy sessions, rides to appointments, clothes, hygiene products, etc. It has been an honor to assist this young woman on her journey to healing. With the assistance of Father Paul and his charitable efforts, she has now been reunited with her family who was eagerly awaiting her return.

#### Community Interaction

The team continues to have interactions with local leaders, concerned community members, the Sheriff's Department, Zuma Beach lifeguards, and various churches in the area as well as our friends at CART. These interactions are helpful and provide guidance in locating and assisting particular individuals.

Medical/Psychiatric Outreach: Both Dr. King and Dr. Ryan from VFC continue to provide service to the homeless community in Malibu on a weekly basis with the outreach team as a way to bring both medical and psychiatric services directly to clients on the streets of Malibu. The Team continues to engage clients that are in need of medical and psychiatric assistance who otherwise may not have accepted any services at all.

Strategic Working Group: The team continues to participate in the regular working group meetings to provide input from the streets to assist in implementing the goals set forth by the strategic planning committee.

The team had the pleasure of being a part of the Councils Meeting on Homelessness. Our outreach team was able to speak to the public and share the obstacles they are facing around the crisis.

#### Next Steps

As we all know the long awaited vaccine is here! Our team is working closely with St. Josephs and Venice Family Clinic to provide Vaccinations to the elderly and the vulnerable within our homeless community. We are assisting with organizing pop up vaccine clinics in the community to provide easy access to those who need it most.