



Creating and engaging solutions to end homelessness

The Haven Community Solutions Presents:

The May Newsletter



Homelessness Prevention

The Haven receives many calls a day from families and individuals in dire need of assistance. Half of our calls are from those that are homeless in need of immediate shelter or resources. The other half are from those that are on the brink of homelessness, desperately seeking assistance and resources to keep their head above water. Traditionally, those calls were referred to other resources in the community, as they were out of The Haven's scope of services at the time.

Almost two years ago when The Haven decided that it was time to re-vamp our program and expand, we explored all options to better suit the needs of our community. We wanted to not only better serve homeless clients, but also assist those on the brink of homelessness. So, in addition to continuing our shelter program and adding street outreach, we added a homelessness prevention program. This program is designed to intervene and prevent homelessness from occurring in the first place.

The Program

One component of The Haven is the Homelessness Prevention Program. This program is designed to assist individuals & families

who are at risk of becoming homeless. The goal of the program is to prevent individuals & families from becoming homeless through case management & financial assistance to sustain a stable, permanent home.

Homelessness Prevention Case Management Services

- Crisis intervention
- Homelessness Risk Assessment
 - Resource coordination
 - Information & referral
- Personalized individual assistance
- Assist family to maintain permanent housing

Homelessness Prevention Financial Assistance

- Rental assistance to prevent eviction
 - Utility assistance to prevent utility cut off
 - Financial assistance to secure permanent, stable housing
 - Financial assistance to prevent homelessness
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A Haven Testimonial: Brandy's Story

After losing her husband, Brandy was unable to afford her place to live and was forced to live in motels for a year and a half with her son. She desperately wanted to have her own home again, but was unable to afford deposits and maintain a motel room at the same time. She also could not afford market rent, since she had a limited income.

On the brink of homelessness, Brandy reached out to The Haven for help. The Haven assisted Brandy in finding a home that she could afford, assisted with deposits, and assisted with getting furniture. Her son, now of age, also obtained employment to help his mother with the monthly bills.

After a year and a half of living in motels, Brandy and her son now have a home that they can call their own.

Haven Programs in Action





Volunteer Spotlight

Charles Hayes

Charles Hayes has been a dedicated volunteer to The Haven.



In 2009, The Haven put an article in the paper looking for volunteers. That day, Charles walked through our doors ready to help with whatever or wherever he was needed. For almost 10 years, Charles has given of himself in service to others. The Haven would not be where it is today without him!

Thank you Charles!!



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