



THE HAVEN
Community Solutions

Creating and engaging solutions to end homelessness

The Haven Community Solutions Presents:

The March Newsletter



The Haven's Community Outreach Program

Two years ago, The Haven recognized the need to expand our services to assist more people in need in our community. Traditionally, The Haven was a homeless shelter for families, where we provided shelter to families only. However, we received many calls daily regarding single individuals that were homeless and residing on the streets. We knew we needed to do more, it was time to reach out and work beyond the shelter walls.

We spent several months working with the Downtown Headquarters Library and developing our program. In August of 2017, we rolled out our Street Outreach program. In agreement with the library, The Haven would send case managers to the library four days a week to assist the homeless to obtain a stable home.

Progress was slow at first, since we had to develop a rapport and gain the trust of those needing help. After a few months, many were receiving the help that they so desperately needed.

Today, you will find The Haven's Street Outreach Case Managers, Gerri Reeder & Linda Artis at the library Monday through Wednesday at 4:30 pm and on Saturdays at 9 am. They have assisted over 50 homeless individuals and currently have 10 enrolled in their program entitled "PUSH".

PUSH Program



The Haven's Outreach Case Managers, Gerri Reeder & Linda Artis, developed a program to assist the homeless living on streets. The program is called PUSH. PUSH stands for: Persist Until Something Happens. This is their motto for case management. They continue persisting as well as teaching their clients to continue to persist until they reach their goals.

Clients that enter the PUSH program must be willing and ready to follow the program. At this time, there are 10 clients that are enrolled in the program. The PUSH program meets Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday evening at the library for class. In class they discuss goal setting, employment, budgeting, health, and other life skills. After class, they work on goals individually.

Once a month, Gerri & Linda provide a lunch or dinner for the PUSH program participants, where they give out certificates to reward them for meeting their goals.



A Haven Testimonial: Kenny's Story

Kenny was plagued with health issues that rendered him unable to work. He had no health insurance, no money, and nowhere to turn. This left him homeless, hopeless, and forced to live on the streets. For four years, Kenny slept in the woods and spent his days in the downtown library.

During one of his days at the downtown library is where he met Gerri Reeder & Linda Artis, The Haven Outreach Case Managers. He was reluctant at first, but then became open to help available to him. Kenny was the first PUSH program participant. Through the program, Kenny was hooked up with St. Lukes for his health, Rapid re-housing through United Housing Connections to assist with housing and Social Security to obtain disability.

In December, after four years of sleeping in the woods, Kenny obtained an apartment! He was also awarded disability, which includes health insurance,

and was given some furniture from caring individuals in the community. Today, Kenny is doing well. He is seeing the doctor regularly and is in better health. Gerri & Linda conduct home visits to continue working with him for long term success.



Outreach Program Needs

**Our Outreach Program
currently needs:**

Men's Razors

Wash Cloths

Back Packs

Bus Passes

Sponsors for Monthly Lunch/Dinner

Upcoming Events

March 13th - Looking for a job? Lack transportation to get to work?

Ask Penmac!

Penmac staffing will be at the Downtown Headquarters Library on Wednesday, March 13th from 2 - 5pm to assist with employment needs.

Ask them about their ride-to-work Program!



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