

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

September 2022 Report

Narrative

Outcomes

In September 2022, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 387, with 104 unduplicated contacts. 5 individuals were contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 104 unduplicated contacts, 36 were new contacts, with 15 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 116 individuals on the streets of Malibu that have been previously engaged. 68 are considered in various stages of engagement, and 48 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

November 8, 2018 is a day that most Malibuites will never forget. On this day the Woolsey fire devastated the entire community of Malibu burning nearly 100,000 acres of land and destroying more than 1500 structures. Although many people were able to rebuild and move forward with their lives in Malibu, not everyone was so lucky. Client A.M. came to The People Concern shortly after the fire seeking assistance, because the place she'd been renting burned to the ground along with her two vehicles (one of which was used for work). She was now homeless, carless and out of work. With the assistance of The People Concern she was issued an Emergency Housing Fire Voucher; these vouchers were issued to low income individuals displaced by the fire to assist them with obtaining affordable housing. Although A.M. was issued her voucher back in 2019 it was a long journey finding her a new community where she felt comfortable. After living in Malibu for many years, her one requirement was that she wanted to continue to live in a beach community but due to the cost of living in most of those areas the voucher wouldn't cover the rent. While this dream of a beachside community may have seemed a bit unrealistic, she was insistent and with a lot of patience and the tenacity of the Malibu housing team we finally found AM a forever home. On September 15, 2022, client A.M. moved to sunny Santa Barbara California, and we were able to assist her every step of the way by providing support with the lease up process as well as transportation back and forth, financial assistance, furniture, household supplies etc.

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 Outreach team participated in planning committee meetings for Malibu Connect Day and took part in the wonderful event where we were able to get much needed resources for many disconnected and isolated individuals in our community.

Next Steps

As we enter into our cold weather season the team is gearing up to provide resources to assist our unsheltered friends with staying safe and warm. We will be providing the clients with winter shelter information as well as transportation to such shelters, if needed. Additionally we will be providing supplies to help keep the unsheltered

warm though the fall and winter months. We are looking forward to taking advantage of the shelter beds that may become available through the City of Malibu's pursuit of securing a contract for them.