

The People Concern Malibu Outreach Team

July 2024 Report

Outcomes

In July 2024, the total number of contacts made by the outreach team was 353, with 85 unduplicated contacts 10 individuals were contacted in permanent or temporary housing. Of the 75 unduplicated contacts currently on the streets, 15 were new contacts, with 7 of them becoming repeat contacts. There are currently 36 contacts considered in various stages of engagement, and 44 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

Journey to Recovery

In the heart of Malibu, amidst the crashing waves of Zuma Beach, the Malibu Outreach team encountered ShCh, a man who had recently been released from prison after a decade-long sentence. ShCh, a full-blooded Navajo struggling with alcoholism and homelessness, found himself at a crossroads upon his release. His journey toward redemption and reconciliation began with a chance encounter with the Malibu Outreach team, sparked by a referral from the Malibu CART Program.

ShCh's story resonated deeply with the team. He expressed his desire to break free from the cycle of addiction and homelessness, yearning to reconnect with his family in New Mexico once he had overcome his demons. The team, understanding the urgency and complexity of his situation, mobilized swiftly.

Recognizing the critical need for immediate medical attention and addiction support, the Malibu Outreach team collaborated with the Venice Family Clinic Street Medicine Outreach team. Together, they arranged for ShCh to receive on-site medical assessment and care through their specialized Medical Van service. This initial step not only addressed his immediate health concerns but also laid the foundation for his subsequent rehabilitation journey.

Understanding the importance of culturally sensitive care, the Malibu Outreach team further engaged a Drug Counselor from Behavioral Health Services' Homeless Outreach Team. This collaboration was instrumental in finding a suitable rehab facility that could cater to ShCh's needs and background as a Native American.

With unwavering dedication, the team secured transportation and accommodations for ShCh's detox and intake process, crucial steps preceding his rehabilitation. A motel stay and transport to appointments were provided, ensuring that ShCh could navigate this pivotal phase with the necessary support and dignity.

Looking ahead, the Malibu Outreach team remains committed to ShCh's long-term success. Plans are in place to facilitate his reunion with his family in New Mexico upon completing his rehabilitation program. Whether by bus or plane, the team is prepared to fund his journey home, recognizing the profound significance of familial reconnection in his recovery journey.

ShCh's story exemplifies the power of collaboration, compassion, and unwavering support in transforming lives. Through the concerted efforts of the Malibu Outreach team, coupled with community partnerships and ShCh's own determination, a path to recovery and a brighter future has emerged from the depths of adversity. As ShCh continues on his journey, he stands not only as a testament to resilience but also as a beacon of hope for others facing similar challenges in their lives.

Next Steps:

The Outreach team is working with the City and other community partners to reduce the amount of shopping carts that are in the Civic Center area during the day. The Outreach team is working to encourage clients to down size their belongings and is working with CART to offer alternative storage carriers for their possessions.