

S3 Agency Reports

January 14, 2021

H3 saw 12 people at BOL last Saturday, and 1 at the OMI Women's Shelter. We continue to walk around on Tuesdays and usually see from 1-4 people. Just before Christmas, we went to Mrs. Wenger's with a group that feeds from Life Springs Church. We continue to do Covid testing but have had no positives! We have about 5 flu shots still available after giving out almost 80 so far. WE plan to do an outreach to the Prince Thursday, January 14, from 1-3. H3, Vets, Salvation Army will attend.

First Baptist: Collecting items for the PIT Count January 27. Small rolled blankets, hand warmers, gloves, pop can food items, hygiene items. A big need is bags for these items.

United Way continues to source and provide masks, cleaning supplies, etc., to local agencies. Through United Way Worldwide's partnership with the Business Roundtable and CDC Foundation, we expect to provide 64,500 masks to Lee County Schools and 131,000 masks to Harnett County Schools within the next couple of weeks. Other supplies are provided as available.

In late February, our 2021 funding application will be available to local nonprofits in Lee and Harnett Counties. An information session will be scheduled shortly before the application period opens. Dates for these events will be announced soon; current funded partner agencies will be notified by email. If you are not currently funded by United Way and would like to be added to the email list, please email kendramartin@leecountyunitedway.org. You can also follow our Facebook page; information will be posted there when available.

Walmart is supporting our local United Way by giving shoppers the opportunity to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change. Round-up is available on WalMart.com and the Walmart app through Jan. 29. With coronavirus cases rising, now is a great time to do remote grocery shopping and support United Way at the same time! Please let your family members and friends know about this opportunity; if you round up, it costs you less than \$1.00 and benefits our entire community.

Brick Capital started building three new homes for homeownership last month and construction is expected to be completed by April. We also were recently donated over 10 acres of land within Sanford city limits, and we are currently working on a plan to build housing for both homeownership and for renting on those lots.

Veternation will be bringing a creative initiative to Sanford. In April 2021 Veternation will bring mobile showers to assist with the homeless population. Currently, they are seeking support in the form of partnership with other local businesses and organizations that will allow for water source hookup. For more information, please email veternation@gmail.com. Supplies needed to support the mobile shower

initiative: sleeping bags, book bags, new bras, men and women underwear (xs-3x), shampoo, body wash (sensitive skin), utility trailer.

Family Promise just had two families move out and we are currently interviewing families and have openings. Please spread the word. At this current time, we are good on donations.

OMI served 39 clients in December 2020. We had 18 new clients enter the shelters and 20 clients exit. We had 14 clients exit to housing. OMI continues to see an increase in women with children requests for shelter while single men and women requests remain fairly stable. Our continued monitoring and cleaning regiment has resulted in no positive COVID-19 cases so far.

For 2020, OMI served 340 clients from 118 households. We had 58 clients exit with income and 52 clients exit to housing. Emergency Solutions Grant funding has allowed OMI to expand services in 2020 and continue our efforts through 2021.

HAVEN in Lee County

The month of December HAVEN sheltered 25 clients, facilitated 59 domestic violence crisis calls, 5 sexual assault crisis calls and 1 PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) call. We have 6 clients expected to transition into safe housing within the next few weeks, 5 with Rapid Rehousing's assistance and 1 through private measures. We encountered our first (hopefully only) COVID situation resulting in amazing efforts by staff and shelter guests isolating and sanitizing perfectly. After following the health dept guidelines, we are back to full services for clients in and out of shelter. Our court services included assisting 15 clients through the DVPO process and providing referrals to legal aid. Our Peer Support Specialist also began the month of December. She is providing extra support for clients in active addiction or in care taker roles. Haven also has harm reduction kits and will have trained recovery coaches in the near future.

For 2020-- Haven provided \$19,186.55 in financial assistance to clients, 52 nights of hotel stays to DV survivors, 176 shelter guests and 335 court clients. We were able to provide tablets to clients to use for seeking employment and housing opportunities. We also created extra private spaces to accommodate school age children with the ability to attend virtual classes. We are excited to meet our goals for 2021 with increasing our services to undocumented clients, college campus students, and facilitating victim services for backlogged sexual assault kits.

We have been very blessed by the community and don't have any immediate needs at this time. Transportation and affordable housing are always our clients' biggest obstacles.