

S3 Housing Connect Agency Reports

July 8, 2021

- **H3**, Cindy Hall- H3 continues to do outreach. This week we were at the BOLM and Haven (saw 15) and the Navigation Center (saw 6) Tonight we are at Mrs Wengers and Saturday back at BOLM. Next week is Navigation Center and the Prince. We are thankful for help from Jay Minter (going to medical school) and nurses: Tricia, Allison, Lura, Karen, and William. They faithfully help us at the many places we go!
Needs: over the counter Benadryl

- **Defense Health Agency**, Max Dolan- I'm looking for TWO motor vehicles that run and can be registered:
 - Small or medium-sized car for a disabled veteran who needs it to get back and forth from work without his mother's assistance (she works at Fort Bragg). He is 32 and needs to get out of her house!
 - Large used van that still runs for another veteran who is starting a carpet-cleaning business and needs it to haul his equipment. He has a good mechanic who can work on it if it is not in perfect shape.

I'm trying to get up with new car dealerships about this, too. Sometimes they get trade-ins that may run, but are not good sellers and they send them to auction yards. Instead of them, they can donate them when the need arises, if they are willing to do so. The plan is to "launder" the cars through Salvation Army, who can write a donation receipt for the current retail value of the vehicle for a tax write-off. The actual "deal" is between the current owner and the veteran, who must pay for registration, taxes and, of course, provide proof of insurance. It is a bit complicated, but I'm taking over this little project under the Salvation Army's "umbrella." So that's my need!

- **Habitat for Humanity**, Kimberly Rau- At Habitat, we are starting to book the trades (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and roofing) for the home under construction. I would appreciate any help or suggestions for good tradespeople that can help us with this. Yes, we pay! But if someone wants to discount or donate time it would be a blessing.
- **Sandhills Center**, Quiotti Ratliffe- Sandhills Center continues to work remotely. Starting July 12th, the agency will begin the return-to-work schedule staff are split into teams. As always, we are looking for affordable housing for the identified population we serve. We are always open and willing to work with private owners and property management companies in the community.
- **The Navigation Center**, Darla Molina- The Navigation Center is operating the adverse weather shelter at the Bread of Life Monday-Friday. On days where the heat index is above 95 degrees, we will hang the white flag outside and remain open until 5pm. The Bread of Life will run the adverse weather shelter on the weekends. Right now, our biggest need is bottles of water. We are going through close to a case every other day.
- **Lee County Library**, Brittany Newman- I just wanted to provide the update that the Lee County Library starting July 6th will be open Mon, Wed, Fri from 9am-5pm, Tues, Thurs from 9am-8pm, and Saturday 12pm-4pm. We've started in-person programming, but are still offering some hybrid and virtual programs. All up-to-date information can be found on the library website: library.leecountync.gov.
- **OMI**, Hamer Carter- In June, OMI served 29 clients at the Men's and Women's shelters. We only had 2 clients with stays over 90 days and exited 5 clients into stable housing. We kicked off our

Street Outreach program and will initiate our first transportation route in July. Collaboration Team efforts are underway with H3 and Salvation Army. The Navigation Center is staffed with a case manager and support staff. The Hot Weather Shelter now has 2 support staff. Our priority need is for a handy man volunteer to do minor repairs at the shelters.