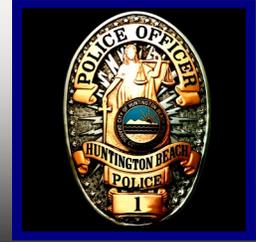


# REACHING OUT

EFFECTING CHANGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME



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## A HOUSING JOURNEY

### PART I

FINDING HOUSING IS A DIFFICULT AND LENGTHY PROCESS FOR A HEALTHY PERSON WITH MEANS. FOR A HOMELESS PERSON IT OFTEN FEELS IMPOSSIBLE. THIS IS ONE WOMAN'S STORY AND RIGHT NOW WE DO NOT KNOW HOW IT WILL END

The Homeless Task Force came across a woman months ago. She would not be easy to house. She did not have a job or any prospect of one and she had serious health issues. In fact, she was not even the person who made the initial call for assistance. A man from one of the local churches made a call on her behalf. Cathy Lukehart told him he needed to have her call on her own. A week later she did.

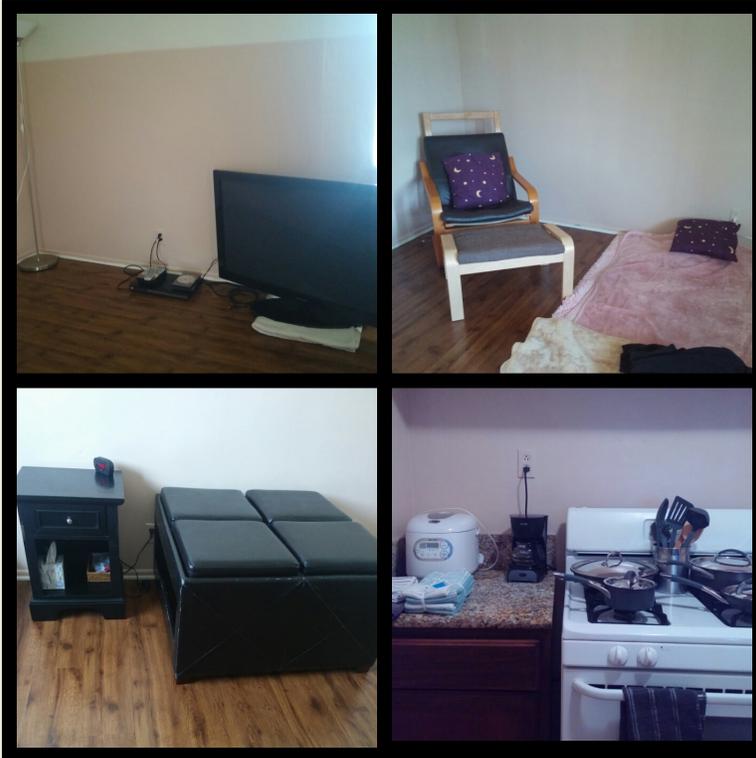
Her voice was hoarse and she sounded sick. She was suffering from a condition that required surgery and was essentially trying to recover on her own. Sleeping in a vehicle and spending her days at the beach did not serve her well. She was tired and wanted to know how to get off the streets. She was given "homework" to do in the form of phone calls and was asked to report back. Two weeks later, she did. She said she had called the people to whom she had been referred and now she was waiting for a meeting that was going to be set up. She was thankful for the assistance and said she would be in touch.

For months, the HTF heard nothing from this lady, even though attempts were made to communicate. The HTF believed that she was one of the many who lost hope and gave up. Then, she called again. As it turns out, she was following the directives of those to whom the HTF had referred her. She was doing everything necessary to move forward in the housing process. This call was to inform us that she was able to obtain a housing voucher and she needed help finding a place. We were quite happy for her. Currently, Ashley Beckman is trying to help find a landlord that will accept the voucher.

The HTF is optimistic that things will work out fine, but only time will tell. Finding a landlord willing to accept a voucher is difficult, particularly in this market. Yet, Huntington Beach is her home and she does not want to leave it. Stay tuned. We will let you know what happens in her housing journey.

# RECENT HOUSING AND RELOCATION EFFORTS

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YOU MAY RECALL RECEIVING AN ASSISTANCE REQUEST? MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO ANSWER THE CALL. YOU GAVE WITH MONEY, GIFT CARDS AND TANGIBLE ITEMS. ALL OF IT WAS APPRECIATED. THE PHOTO ON THE LEFT WAS SENT BY OUR GRATEFUL RECIPIENT WHO WANTED TO SHOW THE HTF THE GIFTS SHE WAS GIVEN

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