

# REACHING OUT

EFFECTING CHANGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME



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## FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

*“..I didn’t want to take time away your responsibilities but they’ll always be another time to meet. You are a very beautiful person and we are all from God’s heart...”*

**-Text to Hayley from Gary when she was trying to schedule a meeting**

Gary had been homeless for ten years, most of which was spent living in a vehicle in Huntington Beach. He made considerable attempts over the last few years at getting housed, but he had a difficult time following through on things. He then came to the attention of the Homeless Task force and **Colette’s Children’s Home**. Both developed relationships with Gary over the course of many months. HTF Case Manager, Hayley Yantorn, particularly enjoyed working with Gary and helped him navigate the housing process, assisting him with filling out apartment applications.

“Gary did a lot of work for himself during his transition into housing,” reports Hayley. “He was fun to work with because he has a great sense of humor. We developed a strong bond and I look forward to checking in on him. It shows what can happen if you’re motivated to change. He now has a new start in a beautiful apartment.”

On February 25th, all three HTF Case Managers loaded up a van with Gary’s things and moved him into his apartment. There are items he still needs, but with a kind monetary donation from a local family, the HTF will be shopping for home goods with him.

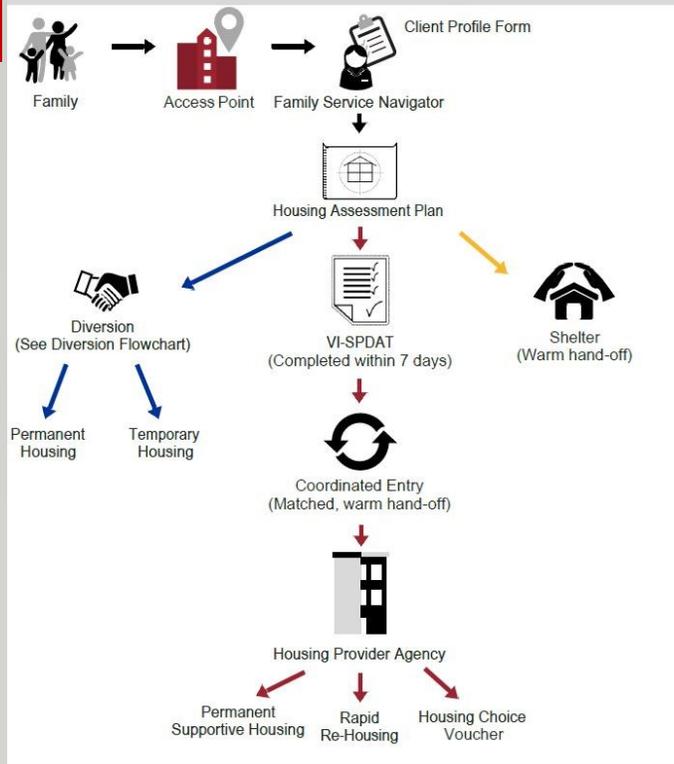


**Lisa Roberts, Gary and Hayley Yantorn**

# HB TO BECOME FAMILY ACCESS POINT

Depending upon their location, homeless families are directed to Access Points within the County in order to streamline their journey into housing. The City of HB has chosen to become an Access Point. HTF Case Managers will act as Family Service Navigators for the County's Family Coordinated Entry System. This means that the HTF will identify the needs of homeless families and assist them with linkage to services. If you know a homeless family, with at least one child under the age of 18, please contact the Coordinator or Case Managers or pass on our numbers to them.

## Family Service Navigator Flowchart



MEET MIKE KELLY



**Above:** Mike helping Gary move into his new apartment

**Left:** Visiting with a participant in the HBPD's Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the South Substation. The Case Managers have open office hours from 12 -3 on Tuesday.

The latest addition to the Homeless Task Force, Mike Kelly, is not what a typical case manager might look like. Mike joins the HTF after retiring from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. And, for the past five years, he has helped coach Huntington Beach High School's football team, a service he will continue.

"I didn't think I'd get this job," Mike laughs. "There were so many candidates with psychology backgrounds and experience working with homeless, that I didn't think they'd ever pick a blue collar guy like me," Mike says humbly.

When asked why he applied in the first place, he openly responds, "About eight years ago, I went through a change in my life and became a Christian. I evolved into being a grateful person and decided to spend more time helping the less fortunate. So, here I am." Mike has blended seamlessly with the team and brings a great deal of common sense and interpersonal skills to the job. He is a hands-on type of guy and is diving right into the position. Hayley and Lisa are certainly pleased to have a certified EMT/Paramedic doing outreach with them. Welcome, Mike!

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