



# The Helping Hand

## Homeless Services Update

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### Success Stories

**8/10/19:**

City Net made connection with a homeless couple staying at the encampment in front of St. Philip Benizi Church. The female client started to work with City Net in July 2018. She is originally from out of state and moved to California with her boyfriend. Unfortunately, her relationship did not work out and she found herself homeless. City Net attempted many times to refer her to Bridges at Kraemer Place, however, the client declined. At the encampment in front of St. Philip Benizi church, the client became linked romantically to one of City Net's other clients and they desired shared housing. The male had declined services from City Net because he was working with the VA. The couple received good news that they were going to be placed in a shared living space, after six months, they would qualify for their own apartment. On August 10, 2019, the couple moved into their shared apartment.

**7/23/19:**

A homeless male client staying at the St. Philip Benizi encampment was hesitant to sign up for City Net services because he wanted his partner to get off the streets too. Unfortunately, when the client completed initial intake, his partner was not interested in getting off the street. On 7/18/19, both clients met with City Net case manager to conduct intake and their thoughts on shelter had fortunately changed. On 07/23/19, clients obtained PD beds at Bridges at Kraemer Place.

### Gilbert Encampment and Sidewalk Cleaning



The City of Fullerton's weekly sidewalk cleaning of Gilbert in front of St. Philip Benizi's church has been a successful collaborative effort. In an effort to comply with the Federal Mandate as well as a recent case law, *Martin v. Boise* (2018), the City has coordinated the cleanup with Plaintiff's Counsel and Judge Carter to ensure the cleaning will be in accordance with the Settlement Agreement as well as working with the Orange County Health Care Agency, City Net, Fullerton Police and Public Works. While the City is actively working with our partners to move individuals from the encampment into shelters or housing, the City cannot permanently remove the encampment due to the *Martin v. Boise* (2018) ruling until the Placentia & Buena Park Navigation Centers are operational. Notices are posted and distributed weekly by the Homeless Resources Coordinator (HRC) Briana Stickney and the Homeless Liaison Officers, in addition to orange trash bags which can be packed by the homeless to assist with throwing out garbage.

#### Gilbert Sidewalk Cleaning and Outreach Snapshot

- City Net visits 2-3 times a week
- Health Care Agency clinician rides along with HLO's 4 days a week and every other Friday making frequent stops at the encampment
- HLO's through the week handout orange trash bags for people to fill and Public Works picks up the orange bags when directed by HLO's or HRC
- Weekly HRC and HLO's give notices and reminders of the cleaning
- Weekly HRC and HLO's give blue bags for possessions
- Weekly people at the encampment are offered storage on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning (Currently the average of two people use the storage)
- Cal Optima has come out per the request of the City Manager to offer services
- One person has received services from Cal Optima via HRC calling City Net to make the referral
- A clear path of travel has been delineated to ensure ADA accessibility

## Community Meetings

### *Fullerton Collaborative Task Force on Homelessness*

**When:** 3rd Monday of the month

**Location:** First Lutheran Church (215 N Lemon St, Fullerton, CA 92832)

**Time:** 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Purpose:** Advocate towards solutions. Educate the community on the issue and the solutions.

### *Fullerton Homeless Plan Committee*

**When:** Next meeting is Oct 1st. Meeting is held every other Tuesday from Aug 20th – Nov 26th

**Location:** Fullerton Community Center (Grand Hall)

**Time:** 10am-11:30pm

**Purpose:** To create a comprehensive strategic plan addressing homelessness on a collective impact level.

## Community Events

### *Homelessness 101*

Mark your calendars! October 16th at FLDWRK in downtown from 6:30-8:30p. The Fullerton Collaborative and Chamber are partnering to host the event.



October 16th

6:30pm-8:30pm

FLDWRK 110 E Wilshire Ave #101,  
Fullerton, CA 92832

### **Topics Covered:**

What is homelessness?

What are the key factors that lead to homelessness and what is the current state of homelessness in Orange County?

How can homelessness be solved?

Who is homeless in Orange County?

### **RSVP**

<http://bit.ly/homelessness101fullerton>



## Non-Profit Spotlight



“Our Jobs for Life Program journeys with men and women from Bridges at Kraemer Place (OC’s emergency shelter for homelessness). This program typically involve lots of ups and downs, plenty of challenges, and incredible victories.

A recent victory update involves one of our first students, Steven Ross (JfL class of Aug.’17). Steven was our first student to find employment, and before classes concluded he began working at Jimmy John’s in Fullerton. A little more than two years later, through perseverance and hard work, he has become the manager of that store! Additionally, Steven has secured housing and has returned to school, working toward his degree at the University of Phoenix.

We are proud of Steven and the growth he’s made, and we anticipate more stories of victory and encouragement as our students from Bridges continue to grow in their understanding of who they are and what God has empowered them to do with their lives.”

For more information: [www.cityoffullerton.com/homelessness](http://www.cityoffullerton.com/homelessness)