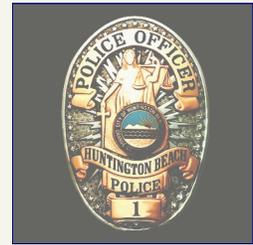


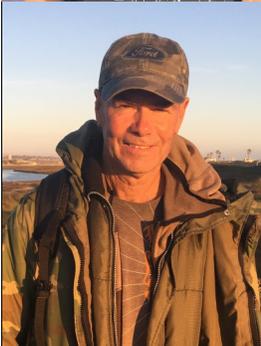
REACHING OUT

EFFECTING CHANGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME



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One Local's Experience



Guy Before & After:
The bottom photo was
taken on the day he
passed the DMV test

After waiving to him for a few weeks during her morning walk, Penny Nichols, an HB Homeless Task Force volunteer, introduced herself to Guy, a local homeless resident. "He was drug and alcohol free. His story of challenges resonated with me and I felt compelled to help him," explains Penny. His goal was to renew his license.

Guy had an old Riverside County pedestrian ticket that had accumulated serious fines, which he could not pay. Penny helped him petition the court twice to get the fines reduced, to no avail. Guy did not believe he could get out of his situation and became very depressed. With his permission, Penny set up a GoFundMe page and raised just enough money to pay the fines and license renewal fees. Guy cut his hair, shaved and walked to the DMV. Once there, he was told he would have to retake the written exam.

"Guy struggles with severe dyslexia," Penny explains. "He spent the next four weeks studying the DMV handbook." He passed with a perfect score. Penny then helped him obtain a birth certificate, something he felt he needed, but did not have.

Penny understands that the next steps are up to Guy, but adds, "The world is full of men and women who are good and want to do good, but life hands them challenges. Sometimes they just need a friend and a lift up. Happiness is hidden in serving others." One person can make a difference.

Office of Business Development employee, Maxwell Daffron (left), assists HTF Case Manager, Lisa Roberts (right) with much needed notary services. The City departments work well together to create the most effective team possible.



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THE PICTURE ON THE LEFT WAS SHARED A FEW MONTHS BACK, JUST BEFORE JEFF TOOK HIS FAMILY TO FLORIDA.

THE PHOTO ABOVE WAS RECENTLY SENT TO THE HTF TO LET US KNOW THAT JEFF, HIS WIFE AND THREE KIDS ARE HAPPILY AND SAFELY RESIDING WITH FAMILY - THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS.

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When asked to share his story, Jeff wrote, "First of all I would like thank you for your program and to the people who donated to help my family." With a grateful heart, Jeff tells the HTF that he underwent the most incredible stress when he was living in his vehicle with his wife and three young daughters.

Jeff was managing a fast food restaurant part-time and going to school. His children were enrolled in a noteworthy school district and the family was living with relatives because the budget was tight. After one terrible altercation, Jeff realized that his family could no longer live there safely, so he moved them into a motel.

When it rains it pours. Jeff injured himself and could not perform his functions at work. He lost his job and was unemployed long enough to force the family into their vehicle. He got another job, but was working fewer hours than he wanted. He would get paid, spend money on hotels and food, then go back to the car when the money ran out. It was a vicious cycle and he could not save the funds necessary for an apartment.

"I cannot tell you how many organizations we contacted. I felt nobody was listening or following through. It was the HB Homeless Task Force that wound up helping us even though we were not in their city. The Coordinator began making phone calls and really advocating for us. **City Net** added to the donations collected through **Coast to Coast Foundation** and we were on our way to Florida. We are happy, well-rested, employed and grateful. I never thought this could happen to me, but it did, and I will forever view homelessness through a different lens."