



Home for the Holidays

Our goal: Working together, the New Orleans-Jefferson Parish community will house 50 homeless families before the holidays!

November 23, 2016

2 Homeless Families Housed This Week!

Homeless Families Housed Since October 1

This Thanksgiving, UNITY of Greater New Orleans gives thanks for your commitment to New Orleans' most vulnerable people.

It Takes a Village

Helen, Darin, and their three children were connected to **Sr. Julie Marsh** at **Hotel Hope** after she received a call from a priest in Metairie about the family of five, who had been sleeping in their car near his church for months. The family, having lost their SSI and food stamps due to the lack of a permanent address, had been going to the church for gas money and food. Immediately after the call, Sr. Julie connected the family to a number of resources that would work together to secure permanent housing. As UNITY assisted with verifying the family's homelessness, **Traveler's Aid Society** provided case management and helped collect all of the necessary documentation needed for approval for housing. Due to physical and mental disabilities, the family was approved for **Responsibility House's Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Pathways PSH**, and just this past week, they moved into their new home! With Pathways case management, the family is working to reinstate their SSI benefits, and have already started receiving food stamps again!

HOUSING NAVIGATOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations, Deidre Braneon of the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter!

Each month, we honor a family housing navigator who has done outstanding work assisting families to move off the street or shelter and into apartments of their own.

For housing updates, story ideas or to get involved, please contact Robbie Keen at rkeen@unityno.org or 504-821-4496 x 115

