It is the mission of The Homeless Coalition to alleviate and prevent hunger and homelessness.
What a year this has been. Looking back, we have experienced both trials and triumphs, but through it all, we’ve come out the other side together and galvanized as a team, working harder than ever towards accomplishing our mission of alleviating and preventing hunger and homelessness in our community.

We all pulled together at the beginning of this year in a concerted effort to move our Fabulous Finds ReSale Shop and Unique Boutique to its new, centralized location at 1931 Tamiami Trail, Suite 13, Port Charlotte, FL 33948. Transitions can be challenging, but we were successful in this new phase, culminating with a Grand Opening celebration. The shop has been off and running ever since.

Throughout this year we’ve also seen notable increases in the patronage of not only our ReSale Shop, but those accessing our Hunger Prevention Programs as well. Due to the implementation of operational changes by our stellar culinary team, we’ve seen record breaking service numbers, which have routinely doubled and tripled month over month. Our ability to step-up as an organization to meet the demands of these record-breaking numbers is a shining example of the impact we can make by working together.

As things ramped-up, we experienced a set-back as COVID quickly spread through our organization, including our Emergency Shelter. With a little creativity and teamwork, we were able to contain and work through, thanks to the dedication of those unaffected staff members stepping up to the challenge. Despite this, we were able to accomplish a monumental goal we’d set for ourselves – paying off our mortgage! The celebratory occasion was noted with an event at Centennial Bank in Punta Gorda to mark the milestone.

Keeping that business-minded ball rolling, we adopted an entrepreneurial mindset by partnering with The Patterson Foundation to create a three-year business plan to find out exactly how our Fabulous Finds ReSale Shop and Unique Boutique could be leveraged to achieve a greater community impact. This partnership culminated with hosting a Fast Pitch meeting the last week of July, with the goal of raising $150,000. Thanks to the generosity of the attendees, secondary fundraising events hosted by our supporters, and the diligence of our development team, we reached our goal in just a few months!

Then, the course of Hurricane Ian shifted. None of us were prepared for the devastation to our homes, our clients, and the community we serve. Ian brought with it a range of emotions – sadness at the loss so many of our neighbors experienced, gratitude for what’s still standing and pride for our volunteers and staff who have worked so tirelessly to help their community.

Despite having no power, access to email, the internet, or phones, the outpouring of support, from food and water to shelter donations, was overwhelming. Financial contributions provided us the immediate ability to purchase the necessary food for our Hunger Prevention Program to ensure we met the needs of the most vulnerable.

As our area heals from the devastation suffered from Hurricane Ian, we understand the road to recovery is a long one but we have faith in our community’s ability to overcome. The next year will bring with it rebuilding and continued focus that every individual, family, and veteran we serve daily are taken care of. As we look towards the future, our 14th Annual Mistletoe Ball is finally back, in-person, and we couldn’t be more excited for this much needed opportunity to join together again in celebration of the good things to come.
HUNGER PREVENTION

Our Hunger Prevention Programs create pathways to connect people and resources while providing dignity, hope and a brighter future for all of us.
The face of hunger is changing. The average family is spending more per month on household costs due to excess inflation, leaving more families than ever especially vulnerable. Because of these increases, households are having to make tough financial decisions regarding where they are cutting costs to make up this difference. The number of participants in the bi-weekly Food Pantry Days has increased as a way to make their dollars stretch.

Hot Meals are offered daily, 365 days a year, with a Lunch Service available four days a week. Complimentary computer usage in our lobby enables individuals and families to access food assistance programs such as SNAP. Because of this multi-pronged approach, we are able to increase the impact against hunger in our community.

Our pantry baskets increased from 600 per month to 2,200 per month, proving the need is growing in our community.

Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office bringing food donations
HOMELESS PREVENTION

Our philosophy is to quickly move newly homeless clients back into permanent housing through intensive Case Management.

Ana and her family in their safe home.
Our Rapid Rehousing Team plays an integral role in executing our mission by guiding our clients on their path to self-sufficiency. More than simply assisting with rent and utilities payments, our dedicated Case Managers take time to offer multifaceted mentorship to see clients through to overall wellness. From financial independence to their mental and physical health, this program is designed to provide clients with the tools and resources they need to not only become independent, but maintain it long-term.

Garnering lasting relationships, Case Managers provide guidance to clients when they need it. Twice weekly, they lead our Bridges Out of Poverty course, focusing on tangible financial and whole life skills. Our Rapid ReHousing team is a critical bridge to maintaining housing through ready access to the tools needed for our clients’ long-term stability.

One such success story is that of Ana and her tight-knit family of eight. Clients, like Ana, are able to excel in our program thanks to the concerted efforts of our staff and their own determination. Without the compassion and dedication of our Rapid Rehousing team, Ana’s story may have a much different ending. But, because of our Rapid Rehousing team, this beautiful family is able to support themselves and are living a lovely life with her family in the safest, happiest home they’ve ever known.

Our Emergency Shelter is a critical barrier amidst a housing crisis with the potential to exponentially increase homelessness in our area. As the only no-cost shelter between Sarasota and Fort Myers, our first priority is stability and keeping families intact.

Finding permanent housing for our shelter residents and the chronically homeless can be challenging, but our Shelter staff ensures every action is taken to achieve this goal. Prioritizing resources for the most vulnerable while sheltered helps enable clients to focus on their housing goals.

Of the 62 beds available in our Emergency Shelter, 22 of them are set aside for Veterans in need, up one from last year.

We Helped 82 Adults and 26 children become stably housed through our Rapid Rehousing programs
Our priority is to immediately provide shelter to every homeless Veteran referred to us from the Veterans Administration. While in our Emergency Shelter, a Veteran Case Manager will connect the Veteran to housing resources and necessary documentation. **This year, we have increased the number of beds designated specifically for Veterans to 22 in order to enhance our efficacy in addressing their specific needs.**

Veteran Services at The Homeless Coalition serves as an incubator for accountability and accessibility for Veterans. Our Veteran Case Managers have bolstered their communication and coordination with other agencies this past year. In doing so, we are better able to provide our Veterans with more than just a place to sleep and eat.

Acting as a buffer and intermediary in order to streamline access, this year our Veteran Services Team increased relationships with local Veteran-based community groups, as well as instated weekly meetings with the VA in service to those men and women who have given so much to our country. Alongside these agencies and community groups, our dedicated staff help Veterans navigate procurement of financial, medical, and housing benefits available to them.
Since our reopening, we have continued our weekly meetings with program consultants to discuss how to best increase the brand awareness of our storefront and gain financial independence with our funding. The initial Fast Pitch we hosted on July 28, 2022, was wonderfully received by the participants in attendance. With an amazing match of up to $50,000 by The Patterson Foundation, as well as a $75,000 match provided by our vested donor, Euro-Wall, we were well on our way to raising our goal of $150,000.

We have so many wonderful donors, like Cheryl Berlon who hosted a lovely “friend-raiser” on our behalf, pictured above, resulting in an impressive turnout of generous donors and donations alike.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters:

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We currently have 531 volunteers that assist us throughout the year. As our mission grows, so does our need for volunteers. Many volunteer in groups that come in for a day to help with a specific task. We are always looking for volunteers for evening meals, Fabulous Finds, and administrative assistance.

Did you know we only have 33 staff members – 24 Full Time and 9 part-time? Without our volunteers, we couldn’t possibly serve thousands of people every month. Hurricane Ian made us pivot and change the way we do our day-to-day jobs, so we now need day-to-day volunteers.

Did you know your volunteer hours can go toward your Bright Futures Scholarship requirements? Contact us today so we can help you succeed, as well.

If you have questions about volunteer opportunities, please contact us. We will find something that fits your schedule, whether it is once a week or 10 hours a week, we are so grateful for what every volunteer contributes.

VOLUNTEERS are the heartbeat of The Homeless Coalition

Volunteers provide vital services by performing the following tasks:
Answering phones, assisting in food prep, serving food, clean up, donation intake, food pantry set up and distribution, all retail jobs in Fabulous Finds, etc.

Facts
2019-2020 429 Volunteers
2020-2021 100 volunteers
2021-2022 531 Volunteers
**FISCAL YEAR 2021 - 2022**

### Income Sources 2021-221
- **State**: 37%
- **County**: 10%
- **Federal**: 14%
- **Events**: 7%
- **Private Foundations**: 12%
- **Contributed Support**: 20%

### Programs Expenditures 2021-22
- **Homeless Prevention**: 56%
- **Hunger Prevention**: 13%
- **Veterans Services**: 16%
- **Emergency Shelter**: 15%
- **Hunger Prevention**: 13%

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