Through the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, our community in Southwest Florida experienced significant challenges. The limited resources and communication made it particularly difficult for the Homeless Coalition to provide assistance. However, thanks to the generous support of you and others, we were able to offer shelter, food, and resources to those in need. In fact, over 6,000 pounds of food were distributed to families who were struggling.

Despite the obstacles, the unwavering support from our community allowed us to continue helping the almost homeless and feeding the hungry. Even a year after Hurricane Ian, our community still grapples with the physical and financial devastation caused by the disaster. We extend our deepest gratitude to you and our volunteers for your continuous support throughout this challenging year. Your contributions have played a vital role in the journey of our community from devastation to stability.

Thank you and our volunteers for making a difference!
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FOOD PANTRY

We understand that grocery shopping has become increasingly difficult due to the significant rise in food prices. It is disheartening to know that 9 million children and 34 million adults are experiencing food insecurity.

We empathize with families who do not qualify for federal nutrition programs and have to rely on food pantries like the ones provided by The Homeless Coalition.

We are committed to bridging the gap for families by providing nutritionally balanced supplies of fresh produce, meats, dairy, bakery, non-perishable items, and even pet foods and paper products. Our twice-weekly food pantry supplies boxes of food to pre-qualified Charlotte County residents, serving an average of 2,200 boxes of food per month to 400 families. We are grateful for the support of generous and loyal donors like you, as the need for supplemental food support continues to rise.

Qualifications for Food Pantry: Must be a Charlotte County resident and must pass TEFAP requirements (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), a Federal Program through the USDA

*Source: USDA

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HOT MEALS

We are incredibly fortunate to have three highly skilled chefs from a prestigious local establishment, who are dedicated to providing our clients, both sheltered and unsheltered, with three nutritious meals and nightly snacks every day of the year. Our chefs understand the importance of a well-balanced diet and strive to include a protein, a grain, and a vegetable in every meal they prepare.

We serve an average of 3,250 hot meals per month to a diverse range of individuals, including families, seniors, Veterans, and children. We couldn’t do it without the incredible support of our volunteers who assist with food transportation, preparation, serving, organization, cleaning, and offer valuable feedback to help us continuously improve. Local restaurants, faith based and civic groups help supplement meals for lunch and dinner service.

"I joined The Homeless Coalition due to my own history, which could have led to homelessness without support. I turned my experiences into motivation to help others, aiming to make a meaningful impact in our community, providing assistance, and making a positive difference."

- Chef Kasie, The Homeless Coalition
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HOUSING OUR COMMUNITY, MAKING AN IMPACT.

Our program is designed to equip clients with the necessary tools and resources for long-term independence. Our Case Managers build lasting relationships with clients, providing ongoing guidance and support. They lead our Bridges Out of Poverty course twice weekly, focusing on financial and life skills. With their expertise and access to critical tools, our Rapid ReHousing team helps ensure our clients’ long-term housing stability.

14+ Years* Of Bridges Out Of Poverty Curriculum
75/84 People Rehoused Stably

*81 individuals served. 65% completed assessments and remain stable
Welcome to our Emergency Shelter, the beacon of hope in our community. Nestled between the vibrant cities of Sarasota and Fort Myers, we stand as the only no-cost shelter in between.

With homelessness on the rise, our mission is clear: to alleviate and prevent hunger and homelessness.

Our unwavering dedication lies in finding permanent homes for our residents and all the homeless. It’s no easy feat, but our passionate staff stops at nothing to make it happen. We prioritize resources for the most vulnerable, empowering them to focus on their housing goals. And let’s not forget, 22 beds are always reserved for our brave military Veterans.

**PROVIDING SHELTER & SAFETY, MAKING AN IMPACT.**

- **335** People Sheltered
- **59** Children Sheltered
- **83** Seniors Sheltered
- **112** Veterans Sheltered
- **159** People moved from E.S to Positive Situations
We understand the unique challenges that military Veterans face when they find themselves without a home. That’s why The Homeless Coalition increased this year to reserve 22 of our 62 beds specifically for Veterans.

Our dedicated Veteran Case Manager works tirelessly to connect each Veteran with the necessary housing resources and programs that can help them achieve security and stability.

AIDING OUR VETERANS, MAKING AN IMPACT.

We provide a safe haven for our clients, offering accountability and facilitating access to services. Thanks to funding from the Veterans Administration and support from our community partners, we are able to offer a range of resources and organize monthly outings to museums, parks, and lunches. Our mission is to provide a comprehensive solution that helps our clients transition from crisis to permanent stability, and we are proud to have sheltered and found permanent housing for many Veterans in the past year.

112 Veterans Sheltered

67 Veterans Moved Into Housing
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THRIFTING FOR CHANGE AT FABULOUS FINDS RESALE SHOP

Fabulous Finds Re-Sale Shop & Unique Boutique, now in its 7th year, offers a welcoming, budget-friendly haven for shoppers. From high quality clothing and designer fashion to furniture and housewares, we’re known for affordability.

Our mission extends beyond retail; we’re committed to helping our community combat hunger and homelessness with vouchers to shop for their needs.

SHOPPING SUSTAINABLY, MAKING AN IMPACT.

Every purchase at Fabulous Finds Resale Shop supports these vital causes, making a difference in many lives. With a customer and donor base of over 4,000 individuals connected to The Homeless Coalition, we’ve made impactful investments. Funds from the 2022 Fast Pitch appeal empowered us to hire a marketing coordinator, acquire a box truck, two tagging machines, a mission messaging system, and initiate a Loyalty Program.

Strategic investments transformed Fabulous Finds, diversifying inventory and enhancing customer engagement. Our dedicated volunteers are integral, ensuring welcoming smiles and warmth for every shopper. Their steadfast commitment is our foundation, and we extend heartfelt gratitude. At Fabulous Finds, you acquire unique, affordable treasures while contributing to our goal of making a meaningful community impact. This impact has been vital to the homeless residents due to the hurricane and economic hardships.

Join us on this journey toward a more vibrant, supportive future!

22,038 Roundup Transactions
$15,107 Roundup Dollars
$26,988 Donated In-Kind
439 Vouchers Given
$2,100 Donated Volunteer Services
$48k Profits funded for The Homeless Coalition

www.fabulousfinds.org
Our organization relies heavily on the dedication and generosity of our volunteers. They contribute their time and skills to various areas such as the kitchen, food pantry, intake, front desk, emergency shelter, and Fabulous Finds. Your commitment and support is the bridge!

In the past year alone, our volunteers devoted 17,126 hours to our cause.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY, MAKING AN IMPACT.

Considering the monetary value of $27.68 per hour* in Florida, their contribution amounts to a remarkable value of $425,497 to The Homeless Coalition. Truly, we could never assign a monetary value to the priceless contribution of our volunteers!

538 Volunteers
17,126 Volunteer Hours

MEET CYNTHIA
Cynthia has been actively involved in volunteering at The Homeless Coalition for a year and a half. She has played a vital role in revamping our volunteer database and constructing sets for our annual Mistletoe Ball. Cynthia finds joy in volunteering because she is passionate about creating positive change in her community.

MEET CJ
CJ has been actively involved with The Homeless Coalition for the past 10 years. She has contributed her efforts in various capacities such as working in the food pantry, at Fabulous Finds, and currently in administration as a volunteer assistant. CJ initiated the pet food program 8 years ago.

*Source: Independent Sector
JL's story is one of resilience and determination. After facing a difficult time that left him homeless, he knew he needed help to get his life back on track. This is when he turned to the Homeless Coalition’s Rapid Rehousing program, which helped him find a home. Despite this, JL struggled to find work and get the appropriate assistance for his mental health. But his passion for animals proved to be a breakthrough. With the aid of his case manager, JL started pet-sitting for Rover. This brought him much joy, though he found it wasn’t enough to cover his bills. JL persevered and continued his job search with the help of his case manager. After personally delivering his resume to several companies, he was offered multiple job opportunities within a month, including one working with animals. JL’s tale is a testament to the rewards of hard work and never giving up.
Dear Valued Community Partners,

We cannot express enough gratitude for your continued support of the Homeless Coalition. Your generosity has allowed us to provide 112 Veterans with Emergency Shelter and serve 3,250 hot meals each month to the residents of our community. We have accomplished this with your financial contributions and the dedication of volunteering your talents, treasures and time.

Our work here is truly a team effort, and we are proud to have you as a member of our team. As we work to bring stability to our community residents, we are reminded of the impact that can be made when resources, energy, and time are pooled together.

You are the 'bridge' that has allowed us to serve the community and we hope you will continue to support us in our mission.

Thank you for allowing us to do what we do each and every day, and for being a huge part of the solution to alleviate and prevent hunger and homelessness in our community.

Sincerely,

Tina Figliuolo
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