

# DELRAY BEACH INITIATIVE TO END HOMELESSNESS

The Delray Beach Initiative  
to End Homelessness (DBIEH)  
was born out of a desire  
by City officials and agencies,  
community charities and leaders  
to find solutions for homelessness  
through shared concern and collaboration...

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## City Commission Update 2021

# THE TIMELINE:

2015

- Police Department identifies increase of unsheltered people

2016

- Homeless Task Force initiated to respond to community challenge

2018

- Progress report to City Commission

2021

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# DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS:



An individual and/or family who lack fixed, regular and adequate nighttime housing due to loss of employment or income, behavioral health issues, etc.

# CIRCUMSTANCE VS. BEHAVIOR

**Homelessness is not a crime**

Thus, behavior must be dealt with separately from  
a person's status as being unsheltered

# 2016-2018 REPORTED SUCCESSES:

- More than 20 local partners meet regularly for the DB Homeless Taskforce
- Volunteers provided for 2 Point In Time Studies – 2017 and 2018
- Mini-Connect and Project Homeless Connect hosted in Delray Beach in 2017
- In 2018 No Hungry, Homeless Child Program will feed 100% of homeless DB students on weekends this school year; funding secured at 120%
- Influenced updates of the City Comprehensive Plan

# 2018-2020 REPORTED SUCCESSES:

- **20 local partners** meet regularly once a month
- Point In Time Studies from 2018-2021 show a decrease of unsheltered people from **110 to 81**
- Found permanent home for shower truck that has provided **2,953** showers to date
- Implemented Wash and Read (free wash of clothes and books distributed)
- Hosted 2 homeless memorial services



# CARING KITCHEN:

Meals Served 2018 -2020	Total Served 2020
Noon Meal	16,892
Evening Meal (Sunday)	416
Meals to Home Bound (MWT)	15,974
Brown Bag Lunch (Cason –Sat Sunday	16,320

## Other Services:

- Free day bus passes
- Gift of Sight Program (free eye exam and glasses)
- Homeless declarations



# INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:

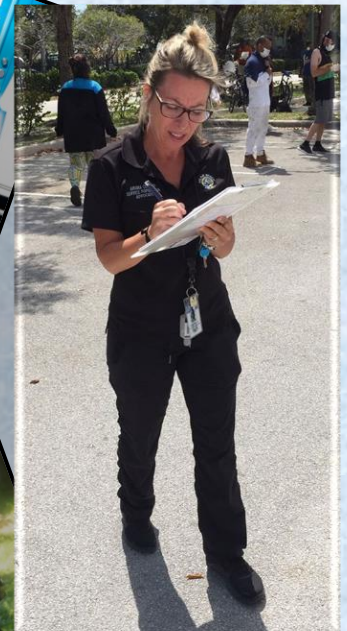
- Members include 11 Interfaith groups
- Provides various services to homeless population in Delray Beach
- Operates mobile shower facility
- Distributes hygiene kits and fresh clothing
- Manages mail service
- Helps to secure employment
- Assists the community by improving appearance and health of unsheltered population



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM:



By the Numbers 2020	Population Served
Number of people Served *416 reported housing issue	557*
Hot Team Assessments	103
Unsheltered persons that have passed away	17
Placed in a shelter	16



# FAMILY PROMISE:

Family Promise mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence.

	2018	2019	2020
Parents	20	24	8
Children	27	40	10
Families	14	19	7
<b>TOTALS:</b>	47	64	18



# LIVING HUNGRY:

## CHILDREN:

### **117 Homeless Students** (School Year 2019/2020)

- 100+% Living Hungry fed homeless kids at 6 Schools (Atlantic High, Carver Middle, Banyan Creek, Morikami, Orchard View, and Village Academy)
- 17 Cases shipped weekly by Sysco direct to School Cafeterias

**234 cases shipped 2020 @ \$56/case = \$13,104.00**

## **DB FAMILIES: (March 2020 - March 2021).**

- **1,400 Families groceries** every week on average.
- **1.2 million pounds** in 174,000 Farmer Boxes (30 lbs/box groceries)

**Total donations groceries and meals: valued at \$2,668,564**



# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- New name recognition
- Explore transition to a 501(c)3
- Web site under development
- Explore possibility of implementing a day “drop-in” center
- Support and advocate for expansion of Community Outreach Team
- Continue to support Point In Time studies
- Continue to support shower truck
- Continue to support our non-profits that belong to the Delray Beach Initiative to End Homelessness with resources and connectivity



# EXISTING PARTNERS

