

NEWSLETTER



SPOTLIGHT

▶ Marriott Vacations Club & EEG, Inc.

THANK YOU!!!

MVW, your commitment to purchasing and assembling 500 hygiene kits is a significant and invaluable contribution to our annual PIT Count.

Thank you, Education Enlightenment Group, Inc., for your support and partnership during MLK DreamMegafest.

▶ Point-in-Time Count

Expressing gratitude to all participants in the 2024 PIT Count! This year's success is a direct result of the collective efforts of each of you, our dedicated volunteers (including Lakeland's Mayor Mutz). You surveyed 226 individuals. Your commitment makes a significant impact.

▶ Did you know?

HCPC is currently seeking individuals to fill seats on the Governance Board. If you know someone who may be a good fit, please encourage them to email their resume to sherrita@polkomeless.org.

NEW GRANTS

- Comprehensive Housing Counseling Program- Unspecified - Due 02/08/2024
- TD Bank: Community Sponsorships - Amount Unspecified - Due 02/14/2024
- Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Foundation - Amount \$20K max - Due 02/15/2024
- Conagra Brands Impact Grant - Amount Unspecified - Due 02/15/2024
- BoA Charitable Foundation - Amount Unspecified - Due 02/16/2024
- Legal Services for Homeless Vets - Amount Unspecified - Due 02/23/2024
- The Hillman Foundation - Amount \$50,000 - Due 02/27/2024
- Red Rover DV Housing - Amount Unspecified - Due 03/01/2024
- Dr. Scholl Foudation - Amount \$25,000 max - Due Rolling
- Grace Spearman Foundation- Amount Unspecified - Due 03/30/2024
- Perdue Foundation- Amount \$10,340 - Due 03/31/2024
- Barrett Foundation - Amount Unspecified - Due 03/31/2024

Mission

MAKING HOMELESSNESS RARE, NON-RECURRING, AND SHORT LIVED



Client Resources!

Socks, sheets, pillows! Oh my!

Are you in need of supplies for your agency or clients?
We have:

- *Bed linen (no more size Twin)*
- *Pillows*
- *Socks*
- *Underwear*
- *Disinfectant Wipes*
- *Hand Sanitizer*
- *Masks*
- *Hygiene Kits*
- *Vitamins*
- *Off Bug Spray*

Call our office to schedule a pick-up time with Lexi (863)687-8386. Please visit our [website](#) for a list of additional resources.

The Criminalization of Homelessness

The fundamental need of unhoused individuals is affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or emergency shelter. They need housing help, not handcuffs. In fact, [criminalization policies](#) actually make homelessness harder to exit. Advocacy groups have formed in response to the growing [data](#). To take action against the criminalization of homelessness, [click here](#).

Workforce of Homeless Service Providers

Each of us faces personal and professional [challenges](#) in our efforts to end homelessness. To avoid [burnout](#) and [compassion fatigue](#), be sure to embrace [self-care](#), and maintain your own health and overall well-being.

For more data, review the [report](#) developed by the Homelessness Research Institute at the National Alliance to End Homelessness.