**Blue Door Homeless Outreach Ministry**

***Services Provided to the Unhoused and Needy in Destin and Surrounding Area***

**Men’s & Women’s Clothes Closets**

Clients are able to get T-Shirts, sweaters, sweat shirts and hoodies, pants, slacks, skirt and dresses. Men’s & Women’s underwear, socks, belts, cold weather clothes, jackets, coats, gloves and hats.

Sleeping bags, blankets, hand and feet warmers

Reading glasses

Hygiene products for men and women

OTC medicine and first aid products

Sun screen

***2022 contacts: 1719***

**Food Pantry**

Many of our clients do not have refrigeration or cooking facilities. Pantry bags with non-perishable canned goods are provided once a week. For those who can cook (outdoors many times) we also provide pasta, sauce and meat when available.

***2022 contacts: 348***

**Showers**

We have an indoor shower and dressing room. Soap, shampoo, conditioner and body lotion are provided 4 days a week. The blue door also provides towels and wash clothes. These are dropped in our laundry chute and washed, dried and restocked. Two washing machines work nearly full time to keep up with the needs of our clients.

The Blue Door also provides the detergent, bleach and dryer sheets for the laundry service. Personal laundry service is not provided. Clothes that come through the laundry chute are washed and recycled into the clothes closets for future distribution.

***2022 contacts: 2955***

**Sack Lunches**

On days when there is no hot lunch or a client can not stay for lunch (served at 11:00AM) a sack lunch is provided. They contain canned meat, crackers, fruit cups, granola bars or peanut butter crackers.

***2022 contacts: 708***

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Hot Lunch**

Teams of volunteer cooks and servers from St. Andrew’s, other churches and NGO’s provide a variety of lunches. Anything from pasta and sauce, chicken dinners, and casseroles along with vegetables, salad, bread and deserts. Ingredients for lunches are provided through Destin Harvest deliveries (See Below), Blue Door purchases and donations from the community. Clients are served in the church hall.

***2022 contacts: Monday: 1302 Wednesday: 281 Friday: 1397***

**Food Stamp (EBT)**

Applications are processed for clients. The Florida Access on line application program can be difficult to navigate. Files are kept in the office so that notices, updates and re-applications can be processed in a timely manner. Most clients do not have access to a computer and using a phone is nearly impossible.

***2022 contacts: 52***

**Bus Passes**

When funds are available the Blue Door purchases EC Rider single ride tickets. Clients use them to attend appointments for doctors, probation, social security and other required meetings. Most of the services for the homeless are located in Fort Walton Beach.

***2022 contacts: 134***

**Harvest House Vouchers (HH Voucher)**

Clients receive one set of clothes from the Blue Door per week. Often times because of weather, soiling or lost clothes, fresh outfits are necessary. The Harvest House helps by providing one set of clothes per week with a signed voucher from the Blue Door.

***2022 contacts: 519***

**Charity Tracker Program**

This is an on-line data management system that tracks client directory information and resource usage. The Blue Door shares information via this program with Harvest House to track resources used and to create reports.

***2022 contacts: 235***

**Destin Harvest**

Destin Harvest is a non-profit program that sources over stocked and soon to expire food of all kinds from local grocery stores. A refrigerated truck delivers to the Blue Door Monday mornings where it is sorted and stored for distribution to families Tuesday morning. The data indicates the number of individuals picking up food on Tuesdays. The “Feeding from DH” number indicates the number of family members that are being fed.

***2022 contacts: 886, feeding 1699***

**Bike Shop at St. Andrew’s**

The Bike Shop provides free bikes to the Homeless and needy. In addition, the shop repairs donated bikes that can be obtained with a donation. They also provide low cost repairs for anyone with a bike.

***2022 bikes delivered: 985***

**P.A.T.H.**

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness is designed to help people struggling with mental health issues to obtain housing and stability. Case workers visit the Blue Door weekly to manage clients. They also assist with Wednesday lunches periodically.

**My Gulf Care (Ascension Sacred Heart)**

The program is designed to help manage chronic health conditions. A social worker and nurse visit the Blue Door weekly to provide health screenings. In addition, case management services connect clients with medical and mental health appointments.

 ***2022 contacts: 163***

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