

## Monthly Newsletter

### *Hope for the Unhoused*

Dear supporters: we hope you are well, and we thank you again for making another Wheels of Blessings trip possible.

#### **Team 1 August 14**

Team 1 met some of our regulars, especially E., who asked for help in calling a local church willing to help him with rent for a few months. We are praying this works out!

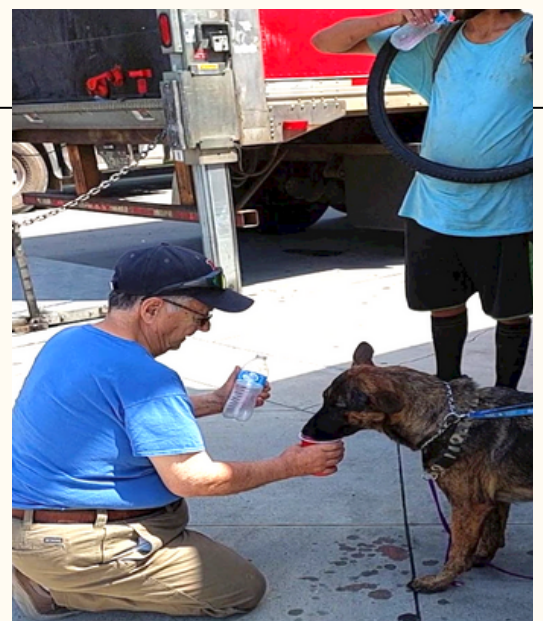
We found S., the 88-year-old living in the toolshed, in very low condition. She was not able to get out of her bed when we came. As she weakens, her church keeps a close eye on her and Sr. Carolyn visits her several times a week. About a week after our visit, we learned she was in the hospital; the prognosis is not good.

We found an elderly man to whom we delivered food in the Fall. He had been living under a tarp behind a Hardees but we lost track of him after police moved him on. We received a tip that he could now be found in a shed nearby. We also learned that he has cancer, and just got out of the hospital. We managed to reach the shed, found its door open and called in to him. He could barely raise himself from his "bed," a thin mattress and blankets. He was extremely thin, bug-bitten (the shed has no air conditioning, water, or electricity), and had little strength to talk. At that point it was anguishing to leave him in that condition, as we had no information on him to see if he is receiving any help from DSS, or receiving any kind of care. A week later, Carolyn Bergman drove by to check on him and found him in much pain at the back of the Hardee's. Carolyn spent some time speaking with him, getting him something to eat, etc., and found out his name and that he does have a Medicaid caseworker, who has arranged for him to be moved to a nursing home in Charlotte. We were so relieved to hear this. We're trying to find out which nursing home, so we can visit him.

As many unhoused persons have dogs (some cats), we always carry little bags of dog food and treats. Pictured below is Stu LaFrancis, giving needed water to a thirsty dog, with his owner in the background.

Also pictured is Sr. Carolyn, speaking to a woman holding her small dog.

"The dog is my everything," she said.



**Team 2 August**

Repll spoke with Megan and Trey today at the Franklin Square McDonalds. Ray Ray was out in the parking lot. All 3 friends had been given meals by the time I saw them. The police threw out their nice tent with everything they owned inside of it. All that they have is in their backpacks. They have a kid size pup tent that they share and are living at Perry's camp. They have no idea where Amy is. Miraculously they stayed dry during Tropical storm Debby.yForward  
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