



Summer 2018

Living Faith and Life

Thank you for your continued support of LINC Austin Outreach's relational approach to reaching those on the streets of Austin with hope and grace. Over the past several years, we have been able to grow these relationships, building trust and rapport. LINC is blessed to share faith and hope with many who are in need of validation that they are human and are not defined by their circumstances. Since the beginning of 2018, we have been blessed to build new relationships with numerous individuals. Each of them has been referred to us either by current clients or through city/county partnering agencies. Over the last several months, this number of individuals seeking family has been staggering. The need continues to be great, and the need for Jesus is even greater. Thank you for your prayers, your support and partnership.

Newly Housed

In June of 2018, LINC Austin Outreach was blessed to be able to collaborate with partnering agencies to house several clients.

David is a veteran and has spent the last 12+ years homeless in Austin. LINC worked tirelessly to fight for

David to provide him the support and "family" he so desperately needs and wants. David often says that we are helping him to become "human" again after years of feeling invisible, unloved, and hopeless. David has been volunteering with LINC for many months, and often assists our team with outreach.



In June, we assisted Lily and Donny to relocate to a new and safer apartment. The apartment they had been living in for the last two years was laden with crime and drugs. We are hopeful that this new opportunity will help Lily and Donny find peace and new hope to grow.

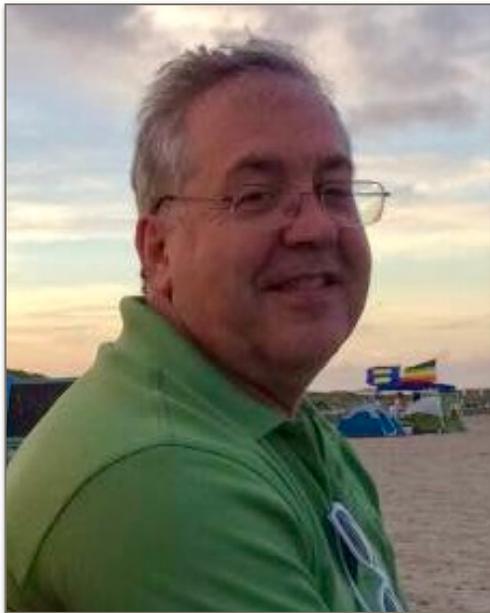
LINC Austin Outreach has MOVED!

In April, LINC Austin Outreach found a new home. As our needs continue to grow, and as ministry strengthens, we realized the need of a larger space. As we sought God's guidance, Upbring School of Arts and Science in Austin reached out to us to offer space in their new school building. Upbring School is leasing the former St. Paul Lutheran School building in downtown Austin, and LINC has been blessed with a classroom in that building. The new space is larger and more convenient to our work across the city. We are grateful for our continued partnership with Upbring.

We are so thankful to Hope Lutheran Church for their generosity and support for the last three years. They provided us a building block to stand on, and offered us a head start as LINC Austin established itself. Hope Lutheran Church is also growing its ministry and we look forward to a continued partnership.

**New Staff
Kurt Niebuhr**

Through a generous grant from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cedar Park, LINC Austin Outreach was able to hire a part-time Outreach Assistant to assist with administrative and office duties. Kurt was hired on May 7, 2018 and has been a blessing beyond words. Watch for updates on social media and newsletters as Kurt takes on our communication role.



Transitional Life Together

Launching this Fall, we are excited to offer a faith-based program that provides mentorship, life skills, and support for up to two years. The program will be offered in an 8-10 week time frame each quarter and will focus on providing holistic support to help individuals transition from life on the street to acclimating to life in housing. Our hope is to expand the program from quarter to quarter, adapting to the needs of each phase of their transition, while keeping Christ at the core of their lives.

Please pray that God will continue to open doors for funding, and that he begins preparing the hearts of those He wants benefiting from this program. Please pray for the team that is creating this program, and for volunteers to come forward that have the heart and gifts to invest in these new relationships.

Prayers

- T- transition into housing, peace in conflict with family.
- A- Food resources, guidance with relationships, health for child.
- D&A- Opportunities for possible housing, strength and courage to move forward.
- Bl- guidance as he returned to jail.
- B- guidance and peace in decision-making.
- L&D- renewed motivation.
- D&C- Guidance in their relationship, transition into housing.
- R- patience as she awaits housing, safety and protection.
- J&D- patience as they await housing, and peace in transition.
- RH- health, motivation and determination to make better decisions.

Summer Intern

We are so overjoyed to have Caleb Kersten back as our Summer Intern. Caleb will be assisting us with data entry necessary for HUD funding, and special projects to alleviate work for Kevin and Haleh.

Juan and Debbie

After many years living on the streets, battling past challenges and hopelessness, Juan and Debbie are finding hope. Several months ago, they approached LINC about inquiring to see if they would be a candidate for Community First living. We reached out to Mobile Loaves and Fishes and after months of hard work, Juan and Debbie have been approved to move into a trailer at Community First Village in the coming weeks and are signing their lease this week. Juan and Debbie have worked so hard to meet all the goals we have set forth for them and finally see a real future. God has worked His miracles these last months. Though they are excited for this new transition, their present situation of living on the streets continues to weigh heavy on them. Our team has been able to point them back to Jesus, reminding them that they have strength in Him. We daily discuss that regardless of “trials and tribulations” Jesus is with them and will protect and guide them. They are ready, however, the transition of streets to housing is also very scary. Please keep them in your prayers these next months.

Autumn Food Campaign

Watch for details as we launch our new campaign to meet the needs of those we serve. As we serve those that are transitioning into housing, we have found that the need for food is as great as when they are on the street. Our new Autumn Food Campaign will help to meet this need for those that are homeless and transitioning to housing.

Items needed: Pasta food kits (Hamburger Helper, Mac and Cheese), Canned meats (Tuna/Chicken), Cereal, Dry Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Crackers, Chips, Breakfast foods (Pop-Tarts, Oatmeal), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jams, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Canned Soups and Stews.

HEB gift cards for perishable foods.

Please NO canned vegetables. We have plenty.

Support LINC Austin Outreach Ministry

As LINC Austin Outreach continues to grow and create a footprint for Christ in the City of Austin, the needs of ministry are growing rapidly. The number of those we serve has tripled in the last quarter, LINC Austin is developing a solid reputation for caring for the hopeless.

It is with your support and involvement that God continues to open doors for LINC Austin to share the love and light of Christ wherever we walk.

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