Some of La Mesa’s Homeless Citizens

60 year old woman lives behind Vons with cart. She has metastatic cancer has chosen not to have treatment. Has low energy but lives on faith. She had legal event 10 Oct 2015 which she said was from being homeless. She has a daughter in El Cajon and a son in Santee(?). She needed assistance adding minutes to her cell phone and a clean pair of jeans. She has a contact with Rev Bill Word from Foothill. She wanted to contact Dr Corey H Marco. She worked in the past with Syd Levenson in La Mesa and he helps her financially and gives her work occasionally. She sometimes can shower at Kroc Center YMCA.

A 53 year old man describes himself as ‘near’ homeless. He has food sources and medical care. Has bad eczema on his hands. Is in touch with his brother in Minneapolis. Studies at ‘University of Academy of Science/Unariun Society’ in El Cajon. He worked in cosmetology. He would like medical care.

A 38 year old woman can be reached at Rachel Women’s Center but usually prefers to sleep on the streets. She applied to Man Power Job Find Services and is waiting to hear if she will receive employment in Alaska in seafood processing plant. She receives disability and EBT from the State. Would like to have a sleeping bag and was told she could receive food help from the church.

A mother of four children, 8, 9, 13, and 14. Lost her job and was evicted because she couldn’t pay the rent. They had an old car which broke down on the highway and was towed to impound, which they will never be able to pay. The impound lot was found and they were helped to retrieve their clothes and belongings. Her children are in the Spring Valley school district, have bus passes and are doing very well in their classes. The older girl is in ROTC. The man who is the father of the youngest boy is a painter and when he gets occasional work is able to pay for a night in a motel...several people in the church donated money for the motel when they didn’t have it. The mother is subsisting on $700 a month ebt medical, Health and Human Services. She hopes to get a job at a catering service.

A 56 year old man lives in his truck, does painting when he can get work. He is a veteran and has a colostomy bag...he gets supplies from VA but applied for VASH and for some reason was turned down. He was in prison for 10 years but has been out for six. He needed an ID and was referred to Crisis House to obtain one. Has a wife in New Mexico and recently moved to New Mexico to see if he could get work there.

A senior in his 70’s was recently hit by a car and is been in hospital six weeks and needs to go back for another surgery. He has medicare is hoping to get ‘senior housing’ is on a wait list in El Cajon. Sleeps in shed in parking lot at Home Depot.

A 59 year old man has no income or social services. He has a slipped disc, hernia, and lung infection. Worked as a repairman on small appliances, electronics, PC’s. Trying to get SSI, bus pass, and work.

A 35 year old man former heroin user has been clean and out of jail for three years. Has worked as a cook and a security officer but can’t get work because of record. He would like to get his record expunged by a lawyer. His grandfather started a church in Santee and he says all his family take advantage of the old man.

A 50 year old man who has a BA in art education, but has done electrical work the last few years which he learned from his Dad. He lives with his girlfriend. His family are on the east coast. He has no history of drugs and no legal history. He would love to get some kind of job teaching. He worked for ARC San Diego teaching art. Would like to get his own place. Has no ID.

A 57 year old man has a VoTech Mechanic Certificate, has no job and is homeless. He sometimes stays with a friend in bad weather. He doesn’t want his family to know he is down on his luck.

A 28 year old woman has a six year old son. He has a bus pass to go to school from the school district but they can’t give the mother a pass to take him. She would like to get him in school so she could look for a job. She finally was taken into a shelter in East County and is now getting help from a case worker. She has found work and her son is going to school.