

"WHO ARE  
WE IN LIFE  
IF WE  
IGNORE THE  
SUFFERING  
OF OTHERS"  
-ANONYMOUS

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## STREET OUTREACH

*An Entity of Good Samaritan*



In 2020 Good Samaritan received a grant from Rocky Mountain Development Council to implement and direct a new grant program, Street Outreach. GSM prefers to hire individuals that reflect the population served for better understanding and future treatment options. We have recently hired Mr. Mark Nay who is in recovery himself and has experienced homelessness thus has shared life experiences with many of our folks we are reaching out to on the streets.



The Street Outreach Program is largely based in the community, requiring Mark to walk the streets, act upon calls reporting individuals that appear to be homeless, send messages through the homeless community that we at Good Samaritan are there to help *without judgement*. Mark's regular stops include developing relationships with the homeless to gain trust for future individual needs or making referrals to our other programs .

Most often he finds that many of those he meets on the street are living with severe mental or physical illness, or struggling with addiction. His first meeting with someone may be to provide:

- blankets
- tents
- sleeping bags
- food or to provide
- transportation for emergency medical treatment
- working to find a safe shelter
- identifying a substance abuse program (if there is an immediate need or the client might be ready to address their addiction issue)

He also refers some to our Assistance Ministry for:

- emergency shelter
- clothing vouchers
- propane to help keep them warm on the street
- and other services