



New Meal Mobile Bus Working to End Homelessness

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On September 18, 2023, the engine to the Meal Mobile was started for the first time, marking the first day of a new comprehensive service delivery bus in Palm Beach County. Designed to deliver high-impact and life-changing services to those experiencing homelessness in our community, this new transformative vehicle has the potential to change lives in a variety of different ways.

Thanks to a long-standing partnership with GL Homes, The Lord's Place is now able to bring their services directly to the most vulnerable individuals in our community. GL Homes not only donated more than \$100,000 to the project, but also contributed more than 500 volunteer hours to convert the 41-foot-long bus into a food truck and engagement office.

The Meal Mobile is not only able to serve fresh cooked meals to those experiencing homelessness, but also allows The Lord's Place to engage with these individuals to begin a conversation of how to meet their needs and ultimately expedite their journey out of homelessness. While the food truck is providing hot meals to the hungry, the outreach team is able to pass out clothes and hygiene products and connect homeless individuals to healthcare, mental health services, housing, and more.

Diana Stanley, CEO of The Lord's Place, spoke about the Meal Mobile, explaining that it "embraces our philosophy of using food as an engagement tool. Whether we engage with our clients at our physical engagement center or directly where they are living on the streets, we know the



first necessity is curbing their hunger. Once we address the essential need for food, we can begin the conversation of how to meet their needs to ultimately end their homelessness."

The Meal Mobile bus is the first of its kind in Palm Beach County and will visit various locations throughout our community to deliver its life-changing services to the homeless community. Because of partners like GL Homes and organizations like The Lord's Place, those experiencing homelessness will have the opportunity to have a safe, clean place to live and the resources they need to break the cycle of homelessness.

To learn more about The Lord's Place and the work they are doing through the Meal Mobile bus, visit www.thelordsplace.org.