

Upper Keys Homeless Prevention Program



FLORIDA KEYS OUTREACH COALITION
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The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition's Upper Keys Homelessness Prevention Program is currently providing coordinated social service assistance (basic needs services, outreach, and homeless prevention services) to Upper Keys residents (individuals and families) who are currently homeless and/or at risk of losing housing.

Services Offered:

BASIC NEEDS SERVICES: FL State ID's, drivers' licenses, and birth certificates, transportation assistance for work-related activities, family reunification assistance, prescription assistance, medical and dental co-pays, treatment and diagnostic testing, and clothing.

OUTREACH/MAINSTREAM RESOURCES: On-going outreach efforts assisting with Food Stamp (SNAP) applications, SSI/SSDI applications, assistance accessing to ACA, Medicare/Medicaid assistance and financial, housing and employment counseling.

HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES: Temporary rental and mortgage payment assistance and assistance to those living on boats to ensure habitability standards are obtained or maintained to remain housed. Call for availability.

Eligibility:

If you would like us to assess your needs for eligibility, please call our Upper Keys Office at 305-916-5454 (Monday-Friday; 9am-5pm) and we would be happy to schedule an appointment to meet with you. Applicants will be asked to provide documentation to show need.

We look forward to serving you!

Our Mission is to provide homeless individuals and families with the resources and opportunities by which to attain residential, financial and personal stability and self-sufficiency. The FKOC further seeks to address the underlying causes of homelessness and work toward its elimination in Monroe County, Florida.

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Featured Artist of the Month: Cinnamon Edgar

Cinnamon Edgar was born here in the Florida Keys. She loves to paint and photograph local scenes focusing on the Florida Keys' natural beauty. She is a true Florida Keys native and has lived in Islamorada her entire life. She has been fortunate to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Keys every day, and enjoys sharing this through her art-work and photography.

She attended Island Christian School the first year the school opened, and continued for several years.

She then attended the Marian Center School and developed her love for painting and photography. The nuns would always ask her to design cards for special events for the school. Her cards were then printed and used as invitations. From the time she was small, her work had to be perfect or she would start over. She made cards for everyone she knew for birthdays, anniversaries, get well or just to keep in touch. She knows several hundred birthdays and anniversary from memory. She was encouraged by those to whom she had sent cards over the years to start a business. She graduated from the Marian Center and attended the workshop program for several more years before deciding to quit school and get a real job, as she put it. After several months of thinking about what she wanted to do she said, "Start my own business selling notecards."

She started her business twelve years ago selling scenic note cards, photographs and watercolors which are beautifully reproduced, starting with one of the local businesses (which is no longer here). A week later they needed more of her cards, and then more, so she started to expand her business and formed Cinnamon's Florida Keys Art. She has sold them in many of the local stores and art shows.

Cinnamon has won several fishing tournaments including the Miami Metropolitan South Florida Fishing Tournament, winning Jr. Master Angler two years in a row. She won first place in the Junior Sailfish Tournament, and placed in



several more. She has traveled much of the US, the Bahamas and many countries overseas. Her favorite music is classical and oldies. Cinnamon lives at the oceanfront home of her grandparents, the late Irving Eyster who was our Keys historian and wife Jeane Eyster who still resides there. She takes countless pictures from there, many of which she uses for her cards and others for her paintings.

Cinnamon has been featured in Florida Monthly Magazine, The Miami Herald, The Free Press, Channel 4 News, Channel 2 Art Loft, and countless other media. One of



Cinnamon and her stepfather David Purdo at Worldwide Sportsman.

her photos graced the cover of the 2008 Florida Keys Yellow Pages. She has donated her work for many fundraisers. Cinnamon now has over seventy retail accounts throughout the Keys which she services regularly. She is well known and has a large following from the art shows and many events she participates in, and through her web-site and email list, which is huge. She never misses an opportunity to help someone or make a new friend. She does her own QuickBooks, deposits and bookkeeping, along with handling her phone calls to clients.

She hopes to expand her artwork throughout the United States. See her work at CinnamonsFloridaKeysArt.com

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