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# Cancer Tried to Take Him Down, But Because of You, Mike Is Winning

Mike, a U.S. Army Veteran, is a young man with a beautiful wife and 4 amazing children. They seemed to have it all. Mike was a successful graphic artist and published author. LeAnn worked for the school system. They always put their children first. Mike and LeAnn often helped others in need. It's always been important to them. But recently, they found themselves to be the ones in need when tragedy came knocking at their door.

Mike was diagnosed with a rare form of aggressive cancer... a tumor behind his knee. Because of the horrendous pain, Mike was unable to work. And to make matters worse, the only doctors that could treat his rare form of cancer were a 10-hour drive away in Miami. After 2 trips to Miami and the expensive treatment, they were financially devastated. They faced losing everything.

#### Because of You, Mike Is Winning

But thanks to you, Mike and his family found the support they needed at 90Works! Our incredible staff was able to work with the landlord to keep Mike, LeAnn, and their four precious children so they would have a roof over their head. Your gifts helped pay their rent while we connected Mike with several other organizations that helped him apply for Veteran benefits, transportation, and other assistance. You also helped put new tires on their car so they could make the long drive to Miami safely.

Mike needs 6 months of treatment in Miami so they need to move there temporarily. We've been working with other organizations there to get them the help they need so Mike can get his treatment.

Mike and LeAnn are hopeful and are so grateful to you for supporting them during this scary time. And in classic Mike and LeAnn fashion, they are already excited about coming back home after Mike's treatment to volunteer with 90Works to help homeless Veterans.



### **Profiles In Generosity**

Kevin Belon is a local landlord and property manager and a decorated Navy veteran. When he heard about the work with Veterans that our donors make possible, he was excited to see how he could help combat homelessness of veterans and their families.

To date, Kevin has housed over 20 veterans and keeps on working with our veterans and 90Works today.



Thank you, Kevin!

Left, Kevin Belon & Right, Outreach Specialist, Mandi Rockwell



# **COMPASSION SHOWS UP IN WHITE**

On September 8, despite the recent hurricane scare and sweltering heat, 100

of the best people in Ft. Walton came together to fight poverty at 90Works 2nd Annual Twilight in White.

With attendees donning their best all-white outfits, the evening featured the musical stylings of the Moos Brothers and a photo booth.

One of the most popular activities of the night was the Table Decorating Contest. Attendees brought their own decorations to deck out their tables. There were some incredible entries, but at the end of the night, Melissa Wemyss won!

It was a wonderfully fun night, with our amazing guests donating over \$8,000 to fight poverty in Florida.

Special thanks to the following event sponsors:

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# Your Donations at Work: Making It Easier to Help with the 90Works App

5 years ago, Cate Jordan, CEO of 90Works, had an idea. What if we could develop an app that would take the 90Works Model to other organizations around the country? After all, 90% of the people that enter the program become self-sufficient in 90 days and 90% of those folks remain self-sufficient for 6 months, as long as we track them.

This is almost unheard of! Because of your generosity, people are able to move from in- crisis and vulnerable to safe and stable. Cate thought it was imperative that other organizations around the country were able to access the 90Works model.

Well, that idea is becoming a reality. The Project90 App has been in beta testing for four months now and is due to release in the App Store early next year! We can't WAIT to make this available to other organizations. Together, we are crushing poverty! And that's good for everyone. Thank you!

# Vroom! Vroom! Help Fight **Poverty and You Just Might Win a Classic Mustang!**



It's almost time for Mustang Madness! Your chance to win a masterfully restored 1965 Shelby Cobra Mustang Tribute. Raffle tickets will go on sale soon to win this beauty,

so make sure to check in on our website (www.90works.org) often! And check your inbox for updates, too. With the holidays coming up, this is a perfect gift for the person in your life that has everything. Or maybe you just want to win it for yourself? And what could be better than helping good folks get back on their feet and stay there?

# #GI**≫ING** TUESDAY

## An Easy Way to Help People Get Back on Their Feet.

Giving Tuesday is less than a month away. It's a simple idea really. It's a day to encourage people to do good. YOU can do great things for people that just

need a little help to get back on their feet. How about a Facebook Fundraiser for 90Works? It's simple. Just go to our Facebook page by clicking here. Then click on the "Create Fundraiser" button.

Then share away and Invite your friends to donate!



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