



The People of Perris



Social Work Action Group's (SWAG) mission is to advocate, educate and inspire marginalized individuals and families in the Inland Empire to achieve sustainable independence through community support.

"SWAG has been working with a married couple and their dog Pedro, who have been homeless and on the streets of Perris for the last 3 years. The barriers that have contributed to their homelessness include untreated mental illness, heroin use and a history of unhealthy relationships within the family. Engagement with this couple goes back to mid-2018, and there had been several occasions when she showed interest in making a change, however, he did not. There were also times when he wished to make changes and she did not. Through a collaborative engagement plan with Perris Code Enforcement, Perris Sheriff station, Animal Friends of The Valley and various county agencies we have been able to raise rock bottom and facilitate entry to treatment. Both clients were placed into a residential detox facility which allowed them to be a part of each other's recovery plan. Today, we are happy to report both have been sober for more than 4 months!

Both client's and little Pedro are continuing to remain off the streets. They continue to receive outpatient substance abuse services, and are enrolled and attending groups for mental health wellness as well as seeking gainful employment. Our team will continue to guide them through this process while working to ensure they do not return to the streets. Both have stated "we have never known what it's like to have been clean for longer than six days, thank you all for not giving up and believing in us even when we didn't believe in ourselves". SWAG Team

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