Leadership Message

Dear Friends,

There is an invisible homeless crisis in our community. A very different face of homelessness than what most of us see from the sidewalks and streets. It includes families living in cars or sleeping on a friend or relative’s sofa. Many of the single moms with kids that we help in our program had some sense of stability before domestic violence, illness or a job loss drove them into desperate circumstances.

In FY 2014-2015, we received a record number of applicants. We foresee the poor job climate and housing shortage in Colorado Springs will continue to exacerbate the problems our homeless families face. Fortunately, through the help of our donors, staff and volunteers, Partners in Housing was able to help 397 adults and children last year. 92% of our clients improved their education, employment and/or transitioned to stable housing. We are very proud of their achievements!

We have a lot to celebrate in the coming year as we will be reaching our 25 year anniversary milestone! We have come a long way from our Catholic Charities roots. Plans are in development to remodel the Colorado House and to move forward with other initiatives to support families in our community.

The homelessness we experience in our city can sometimes seem hopeless. Partners in Housing is committed to following our mission, to constantly improving our services, and to being the support families need to move forward ... to never be homeless again.

Thank you to all donors, volunteers, staff and board members for their combined efforts to strengthen our community.

Sincerely,

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All board members made financial contributions to PIH in FY14/15.
How do we meet the need?

“Partners in Housing gave me so much more than just hope. They gave me a home for my children.”
- Anonymous

With **60 housing units** and a 20+ year program history, PIH is the largest and longest-running family homeless program in the Pikes Peak region. Our housing units range from efficiency apartments to scattered-site single-family homes. PIH owns all of our housing units, providing tremendous cost efficiencies for our program.

- Homeless families with children are the fastest growing homeless population in the US.
- 92% of homeless women have experienced severe abuse during their lifetime.
- 70% of the people PIH serves have been victims of domestic violence.
Services

397 People Served

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING – PIH gives families a year of stable housing, allowing them to stop living in crisis and start focusing on making long-term positive life changes.

- During the fiscal year, PIH provided 55,439 transitional housing nights.

CASEWORK – PIH case managers work with families to develop and implement individualized Service Plans and access critical mainstream resources, such as affordable child care, health care, and transportation.

- PIH provided 1,974 case management hours.

LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS – These hands-on classes help Partners learn practical skills that will help them become self-reliant. Workshops emphasize financial literacy, finding and maintaining employment and permanent housing, and enhancing personal well-being.

- Partners benefited from 8,095 life skills hours (some provided by PIH, some by other agencies).

BUDGET COUNSELING - Monthly budget counseling with PH staff or trained volunteers helps Partners learn money management skills and develop a household budget and savings. Personalize credit counseling helps families build and repair their credit.

- PIH provided 511 budget counseling sessions.
Outcomes

92% Success!

- 92% of graduating Partners improved their overall self-sufficiency, demonstrating greater confidence and self-determination, accountability, and the practical application of acquired life skills.

- 83% of graduating Partners improved their employment by finding a new job after unemployment, obtaining a promotion at a current job, or moving to a better job (more benefits, more advancement potential).

- 84% of graduating Partners improved their income.

- 84% of Partners graduating from the program moved to stable housing.

- 50% earned a GED, college degree, or professional certificate, or made substantial progress towards one of these degrees with the intent to finish. Note: Some Partners already have sufficient education to pursue their career goals, therefore not all Partners are trying to improve this outcome.

"You gave me more than rent assessment. You gave me the opportunity to completely rebuild my life. I can’t even put into words the transformation that took place in time I spent with you. I feel good about who I am and what I have accomplished.”

- DR, PIH Partner
Partners in Housing could not accomplish its work toward helping families gain stability and a place to call home without the generous gifts of our donors. We are grateful to each one.

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONAL DONORS FOR FY 2014-2015

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PARTNERS IN HOUSING

PIH Dedicated Staff & Volunteers

- Caitlin Bond, Housing Operations Manager
- Ricky Fulton, Housing Maintenance Coordinator
- Robert Graves, Colorado House Maintenance Specialist
- Donna Greenfield, Grants Manager
- Laura Weillert, Development Associate
- Elia Macias, Operational & Administrative Support Specialist
- Mary Morgan, Property Manager
- Cheryl Nygaard, Special Projects Coordinator / Rent Assessor
- Rick Palmer, Caseworker
- Harmonie Kerkow, CEC Coordinator
- Brenda Piatt, Family Services Director
- Dianne Reitan, Development Manager
- Dea Rivera, Caseworker
- Dovey Rothermal, Intake Assessor / Program Manager
- Lora Schwahn, Caseworker
- Courtney Smith, Intake and Referral Administrator
- Mary Stegner, Executive Director
- Karan Tolbert, Support Services Specialist
- Abel Tovar, Intake and Referral Services Manager
- Melissa Wells, Intake and Referral Administrator Specialist

252 volunteers provided more than 5,000 service hours!

FY 2014 - 2015 FINANCIAL BREAKOUTS

*Note: The difference between expenses and income is entirely due to depreciation and in-kind rent. PIH ended the fiscal year with an operating income over expense of $99,287. Please see our Audit for complete details at: www.partnersinhousing.org.
Ways You Can Help

Visit our website at www.partnersinhousing.org to learn how to:

• **Give Time** PIH always needs volunteers.

• **Give Stuff** Our clients always need furniture, mattresses, clothes, and household goods.

• **Give Money** You can make a difference to a homeless family!

Partners in Collaboration

PIH is a proud member of the Gazette/El Pomar Empty Stocking Fund, Pikes Peak United Way, and the Colorado Gives Day Campaign.

With a 100 year legacy the Myron Stratton Home has become a collaborative consortium. PIH is proud to be part of the campus of human service agencies serving Winfield Scott Stratton’s vision.