Courageous, amazing women and their children will be the focus of a special Mother’s Day event as they journey toward successful, independent lives.

Partners in Housing is hosting its annual Every Mother Matters celebration – a family day of fun and education on Saturday, May 13, for single mothers and their children participating in our one-year self-sufficiency program. Women with children make up a large part of the “invisible” homeless crisis in our community – women who have been driven into desperate circumstances due to domestic violence, job loss, or illness. Each year, we seek to recognize and appreciate those who have joined our program as they strive to improve their education, and life skills, gain meaningful work, and achieve lasting self-sufficiency.

During our special event, mothers will enjoy self-care workshops, massages and haircuts – services coordinated for us by Leadership Pikes Peak. Children attending will create Mothers-Day cards and join a safety class led by members of the Colorado Springs Fire Department. Additionally, kids will be provided with flowers to give mom on her special day. Each mother will also receive a personal hygiene basket, arranged with help from Pikes Peak United Way.

How can you help us? Your donation of flowers for children to give and items for hygiene baskets can help us celebrate these brave women who are working so hard to return to stability and independence. For more details and to coordinate your gift drop off, please contact our development manager, Dianne Reitan, at dreitan@partnersinhousing.org. As always, monetary contributions are gratefully accepted via the Donate Today button on our web site homepage at: partnersinhousing.org.
Dear Friends of Partners in Housing,

On November 19, 2016, Partners in Housing celebrated its 25th anniversary. We are very proud of the 25 years we have served the community by assisting homeless families to overcome crisis, to develop skills and to move on to self-reliance for their households.

In FY 2015-16, Partners in Housing was able to assist 139 households comprised of 424 people (148 adults and 276 children) which was a record for the highest number of children in the program. Sadly, more than half of the children were under the age of six. Due to the work of the PIH staff, board, volunteers and donors, we know that not only the lives of the adults in the program are changed, but the future for the children has also become so much brighter. Our hope, and theirs, is that they never have to experience homelessness again.

We have so much more to do together in the coming year. With the limited housing resources available to homeless households, PIH continues to see increases in the number of people seeking services. Though our growth during the past 25 years has been steady, we are not able to keep up with the rising demand. We continue to assess our program and to utilize our incredible resources effectively to assist in the best ways possible.

We remain committed to the mission of PIH and to the families that we serve and the community that we all support.

Thank you to all funders, volunteers, staff and board members for their combined efforts over the past 25 years and as we go forward.

Sincerely,

Mary Stegner
Executive Director

Dan Apricio
Board President

To view our new annual report, visit http://partnersinhousing.org/our-financials/

Our Mission is to give homeless families with children the hope and opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency through supportive services and transitional housing.

Our Vision is for every family to live in adequate housing and realize its full potential.

It’s Easy to Join Our Electronic Mailing List!

A lot of the great work being done to help the homeless gets posted on our monthly electronic newsletter and through Facebook at PIHofCS. Please subscribe to our electronic messages on our website homepage or via text. Text PIHOFCS to 22828 to get started.

message and data rates may apply.

Through the Eyes of Our Dedicated Staff

Our Housing Operations Manager, Abel Tovar, interacts with PIH applicants and donors every day. He and other staff are keenly aware of changing trends that may impact our services. Homelessness remains hugely challenging for young single mothers with young children; too often, these moms lack job skills and work experience needed to financially stabilize their families. Those in the charitable community continue to be generous with in-kind and monetary gifts. There has been an increase in those giving new items. Said one staffer, “seeing the face of a mother as she receives a brand new pillow for each family member is just humbling.” For more behind-the-scenes insights like these, check out Abel’s video on our YouTube channel under Meet the Partners In Housing Staff.
How We Help

Our donation room is FREE to clients of Partners in Housing and Tessa. Our program graduates are allowed to keep all the furniture and items they need from the donation room. We DO NOT take small electrical appliances or TVs. Please bring your donations on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings when volunteers are available. We will come and pick up mattresses, box springs, furniture, washers, dryers, refrigerators, and stoves.

We Need:


Please note: Things we cannot use are generally too big or heavy to get into our small apartments. Please NO king size beds, sleeper sofas, china hutches, futons, over-sized furniture. If you need help getting furniture/mattresses /large appliances to Partners in Housing, call Jane Flowers to schedule a pick-up at: (719) 325-5844. Our furniture movers are volunteers and work various schedules; they will bring your tax receipt. Please bring the clothing and household goods you’d like to donate to Partners in Housing at 455 Gold Pass Heights, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Our donation room is located under our offices on the Myron Stratton campus (Hwy 115 just south of Lake Avenue). A tax receipt will be given to you when you drop off your donations. Thank you for your donations!

Help Us Celebrate Helping Homeless Families!

Many people think of a single guy panhandling on the street when they think of the homeless. Reality is that the largest and fastest growing demographic of homeless are single moms with kids. Last year we received 1,043 applications for our 60 transitional units.

In the last 25 years, Partners in Housing has helped 4,000 individuals and 1,500 families. Last year, at least 90% of our clients increased their overall self-reliance!

You can make a difference to a homeless family. Come join us for a great evening of incredible wines and appetizers!

Saturday, August 5th, 2017
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

$75 ticket includes wine tastings and pairings of hors d’oeuvres on the beautiful Myron Stratton Home.

455 Gold Pass Heights
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

RSVP to Dianne Reitan
dreitan@partnersinhousing.org
(719) 325-5830
The Housing Challenge: One Family. One Year.

We are inviting all companies, organizations, and families in the Pikes Peak region to consider accepting the Housing Challenge by encouraging donations totaling $7500 by December 31, 2017. Your support will enable us to continue providing one-year of transitional housing and supportive services including case management, budget counseling, and life-skills training to a homeless family in our community.

What does $7500 do?

Amazingly, just $7500 will support a family of four for an entire year in our program, including a clean, safe, furnished, transitional housing unit, support services and self-sufficiency training. Our team works closely with each client family to ensure they transition successfully to long-term housing and independent living as quickly as possible. The main beneficiaries of this program are the children who are able to relax, study, and enjoy family life in a stable home environment while their parents work on creating a sustainable existence for all.

Thank You for Your Support

Thank you for considering the Housing Challenge as a your project. Please call our offices for more information, or to arrange a private tour of our facilities: 719.325.5830

Give to the Housing Challenge

Please fill out the form below and mail to Partners in Housing care of Housing Challenge

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City: __________ State: __________ Zip Code: ______
Phone: __________ Email: _______________________
Company, Organization, or Family: _______________________

☐ Check enclosed  ☐ Gift Amount: _______________________
☐ Charge my gift to my: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express
   Card Number: ______________________ Exp Date: ________

Include me on your mailing list for updates on events and Partners in Housing news & updates
Please contact me regarding donation and volunteer opportunities

Visit Partners in Housing at www.partnersinhousing.org to learn more about our mission and other ways to give your time and stuff.
Partners in Housing

Who We Serve

- In the 2015-16 fiscal year, we served 139 families
  - 424 individuals (276 children, 148 adults)
- 65 percent of those individuals were children
- 50 percent families with children aged five and under
- 79 percent single mothers with children
- 12 percent single females
- 6 percent two-parent families
- 70 percent have experienced domestic violence

How We Help

Founded in 1991, we focus on providing shelter and opportunity for families who have neither. We take in children and parents and provide them with safe, clean, temporary homes in one of our housing units. Caseworkers counsel our adult clients, helping them acquire the skills they need to be independent. We empower mothers with training in basic life skills, budgeting, credit management, and support with job seeking. If our clients determine they need additional degrees or certificates in order to become fully employable, we assist them with educational planning. In the last fiscal year, more than 90 percent of our clients improved their overall self-reliance making us one of the Pikes Peak region’s most effective non-profits.

How You Can Help

You can make a difference to a homeless family! There are many ways to give including your time and gently used items. We desperately need pots and pans as well as gently used mattresses which our volunteer furniture movers will come pick up. We also need data entry help in our office and you can also give money. Visit our website: partnersinhousing.org/give-help

“...as I learned more about [Partners in Housing], I got to know some of the employees and I heard the stories of their clients and how these clients worked extremely hard to reach self-sufficiency, I was even more convinced that this organization does in fact deliver on their mission. This is clearly an organization that deserves to be supported. I have been contributing every year to Partners in Housing since 1999 and will continue to contribute annually.”

– Gerry Abdella

Visit Partners in Housing online at www.partnersinhousing.org

Follow us on Facebook.com/PIHofCS

Partners in Housing is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide homeless families with children the hope and opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency through supportive services and transitional housing.
Partners in Housing

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F
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Get Involved

If you share our passion for ending homelessness in our community, there are many ways you can help.

Give Money – We could not fulfill our mission without generous financial support from our community. To make a difference in the life of a homeless family, visit partnersinhousing.org/give-money

Give Time – Go to partnersinhousing.org/give-time to learn how you can volunteer.

Give Stuff – This link will list all of the items we need for the 60 homeless families in our program. partnersinhousing.org/give-stuff.

Lunch & Learn

Learn about PIH while we feed you lunch!

Discover how our program achieves a 90% success rate and how you can help our homeless families become self-sufficient. There will be an interactive 45 minute presentation followed by a tour of our Donation Room.

Upcoming Lunch Dates:

Thursday, May 11
Thursday, June 8
Thursday, July 13
Thursday, August 10

RSVP to Dianne at dreitan@partnersinhousing.org or 719-325-5830

Hosted at Partners in Housing
455 Gold Pass Heights
Myron Stratton Home
Hwy 115 - South of Lake Ave.