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GOOD NEWS! FILLING THE TECHNOLOGY NEED

As we continue to see changing needs for the Partner families in our Self-Sufficiency Program, we are very excited to announce that, due to wonderful community support, we have been able to provide all the families in our program with updated computers and internet service. The funding received will cover the costs of internet so families can work from home, attend school remotely when needed, and connect with us and other service providers. Helping our families overcome the “digital divide” has been a goal we are so happy to have reached!

FROM A PARTNER WHO RECEIVED A COMPUTER:

“We are so thankful for the computer that was given to our family, it has everything we needed! I am able to work from home doing online booking for a local resort. My oldest son suffers from some significant mental health issues and can now use our old computer, which was not working for my job, to stay busy and happy. My junior high school age daughter is doing school online so the school provided computer is dedicated to her schoolwork. I never thought we would all be home during the days and have the ability to do all these things. Thank you to Partners in Housing for our home during these crazy times and for the tools we need to make everything work!”

Partners in Housing is grateful for funds received in response to COVID-19 from El Paso County CARES fund and the City of Colorado Springs CDBG COVID fund, as we continue to see added needs from our Partners and are able to provide additional resources.

We continue to provide food, diapers, household supplies, hygiene products and other items. Heading into fall and winter, our staff are engaging Partner clients in another assessment survey to make sure we are meeting their needs as they continue to change.

The resilience of the adults and children in our program is always amazing, but during these especially difficult times it is even more apparent! We are so proud of the work they are doing to move forward towards self-reliance!

AS YOU PLAN FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GIVING, PLEASE REMEMBER PARTNERS IN HOUSING. OUR FAMILIES CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

- **WHAT IS IT?** Partners in Housing is eligible for the El Paso County Enterprise Zone, a 25% state tax credit.
- **HOW DO I QUALIFY?** Donations for this tax credit must be made in the form of a check. Please donate a minimum of \$250 made payable to “El Paso County Enterprise Zone” with Partners in Housing and the last four digits of your social security number in the memo line. Send your check in the enclosed, addressed envelope to Partners in Housing.
- **WHAT IS THE IMPACT?** Individual or corporate contributions help 120 families in need move forward out of homelessness AND has the additional benefit of reducing your state tax liability.

TWO TAX CREDIT BENEFITS CHILDCARE CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT

- **WHAT IS IT?** A gift to Partners in Housing’s Child Enrichment Center offers the greatest return! Your gift of \$500 or more is eligible for a Childcare Contribution Credit on your Colorado state taxes of up to 50% of your gift.
- **HOW DO I QUALIFY?** Please donate a minimum of \$500, payable to “Partners in Housing” using the enclosed envelope. Write “Child Enrichment Center” on the memo line.
- **WHAT IS THE IMPACT?** Your individual or corporate contribution to the Child Enrichment Center has a direct impact on the lives of over 250 children each year AND it has the additional benefit of reducing your state tax liability.
- **WHY GIVE?** With our current resources, we can only serve 120 families per year, but we receive almost 1000 applications every year. The need is great, but TOGETHER we can make a difference.
- **TO GIVE?** Visit partnersinhousing.org/give-help today.



OUR MISSION. Partners in Housing guides families in housing crisis from insecurity to stability, self-reliance and prosperity.

COVID HAS MADE OUR NEED TO SUPPORT FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS EVEN GREATER. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR CAUSE BY DONATING AT PARTNERSINHOUSING.ORG.

Our Partners Holiday Event Tradition Continues



The holidays are an exciting, but stressful, time for families who are already trying to find wiggle room in their budget for food, gifts and fun activities. Partners in Housing is excited to be able to provide our annual Holiday Event for families, though it will look a little different. We will be offering contact-free photos with Santa, opportunities for both parents and children to shop for presents for family members, and a food bag distribution. This event will have registration in advance to allow social distancing and to keep surfaces sanitized and safe. Through community support, families in the Partners in Housing program will also be given gift cards. This allows parents to choose items for their holiday based on their traditions, needs and child's list to Santa.

This is the largest family event Partners in Housing offers each year and we are delighted that with the continued support of our community and volunteers we are able to adapt and overcome these challenging times.

THANK YOU, MATTRESS FIRM!



We want to give a BIG thank you to Mattress Firm for recently donating 50 BRAND NEW Queen mattresses to Partners in Housing! We are continuously impressed by the generosity of our donors and are so grateful we were chosen for this gift! Many families that enter our program are coming from domestic violence situations and often, arrive with little to no possessions. These new mattresses are a big first step in making a new, unfamiliar place, a warm, welcoming home. Thank you again, Mattress Firm, for your dedication to helping your Colorado community and a big thank you to our volunteers that helped carry these in!

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We are especially proud to have 3 former Partners on our Board of Directors, giving a client-centered perspective on agency decision making. All Board members made financial contributions to PIH in FY19-20.

Partners in Housing In Our Community

For almost 30 years, Partners in Housing's core mission and main program has assisted families with children who are in a housing crisis through our Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Partners in Housing believes in helping our community in many other ways as well.

- We collaborate with The Place (formerly Urban Peak Colorado Springs) in providing transitional housing units for some of the youth in their program.
- We are helping tenants in the community who have been affected by COVID with rental and utility assistance using City CDBG-CV and El Paso County CARES funding.
- Through our ownership and operation of affordable housing properties, we provide low income households with rental homes. These apartments and single family homes are rented to families who qualify according to Area Median Income requirements and help meet a community wide shortage.



BOX TRUCK NEEDED

Partners in Housing offers free furniture and mattress delivery services to the families in our program, but unfortunately, the Partners in Housing box truck (pictured) is too high in miles to warrant the thousands of dollars of fixes it requires to be safe to drive. If you have any leads on a box truck we could purchase or if you own a box truck and would like to gift it to our program, please email Mary Stegner at marystegner@partnersinhousing.org. We appreciate any help that will allow us to deliver much-needed mattresses and furniture items to Partners in Housing families!



2020 Moving Families Forward Annual Fundraising Event

Join us for Phase 2 of this year's event!

Thank you to all who were able to attend our limited in person event on Sept. 5th.

It was a lovely day in an amazing home as we previewed the Parade of Homes property. We are grateful to Galiant Homes and the homeowner for making it available for our use. This is Partners in Housing's only fundraising event, and while enjoyable, we did have to limit attendance which affected our fundraising goal. When considering your year-end giving, we hope you will think of Partners in Housing and the families we assist.

For those who were not with us at the event, we have an amazing opportunity for you to view the home in a beautiful video and hear our Partner Kaitlyn's story. Go to Partnersinhousing.org/events and have fun!



Volunteer With Us!

Partners in Housing is looking for the second member of our Donation Administration volunteer team! We need a detail-oriented and computer savvy volunteer to email tax receipts to donors, assign a dollar value to donations, and enter donation information into our Raiser's Edge donor database. This role will be on-site at the main Partners in Housing office, and will have their own office to work in. We need this routine volunteer to complete at least one 2-3 hour shift per week between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, with required trainings prior. This role will greatly support our Donation Center from behind the scenes and we are excited to welcome another person to our team!