

Together We Are Transforming Lives



Peaceful and quiet, is how I would describe my life. As a single mom of two teens, money is tight at times, and there is always some activity going on in our home, but having a peaceful life is one of the best feelings I could ask for because that hasn't always been the case.

After being abused for many years by my ex, I had finally accepted that the abusive situation I was in was never going to stop, and one day my children would wake up without their mother. I had finally found the courage to leave for good. I had no job, no car, nowhere to go, and \$5.10 in my wallet. A neighbor brought me into her home and together we made a plan. I applied to Partners in Housing and a few weeks later I was accepted into the program.

Being with Partners in Housing, I had a support system that I've never had before. They didn't set my goals for me, I set goals for myself, and they gave me the encouragement and resources to achieve them. I am so thankful and grateful to my caseworker, the staff, and volunteers at Partners in Housing for believing in me and giving me a chance for a better future. With their support and assistance, my children and I now have a peaceful life and that's the best feeling ever."

Families in crisis in our community need our support. This year, Partners in Housing received a record-high 1,096 applications for our self-sufficiency program - a 31% increase in just the last three years. With 60 housing units, we simply do not have enough housing to meet the demand.

Despite the increase in demand for our program, shifting priorities in the federal homeless policy will result in a reduction in HUD support in October 2017. This on-going funding shift will challenge us to continue to diversify our funding and become more self-sufficient as an organization.

One of the ways we are working to diversify our funding is through a partnership with Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust on the Trailside Manor apartment complex in Fountain, CO. The Trailside Manor project will not only provide us with a new source of income it will also help meet a need for affordable housing in our community.

We are committed to providing transitional housing and supportive services to families with children experiencing homelessness in our community. Support from our caring donors and the entire community will be essential, now more than ever.

FY 2016-17

75 

households completed the program after staying more than 90 days

83% 

of households completed our program and moved to stable housing

 77%
increased their income

 81%
improved their overall self-sufficiency

New Furniture Gallery

The reveal of our new furniture gallery is here! We are so grateful for *NextStep Ministries* and the three dozen volunteers that came from all over the country and worked hard for three weeks to transform our warehouse space where our families shop for furniture donated by the community. You can make a difference to single moms with kids working to become self-sufficient. We need gently used twin, full and queen mattresses and box springs, dressers, dining tables, couches, etc. We will not be able to take dirty or broken items. To schedule a pick-up, please call lead volunteer Jane Flowers at 719.325.5844. To view a list of items we need to stock our free donation room please visit <http://partnersinhousing.org/give-stuff/>

Thank you for your donations!



Please note: Things we cannot use are generally too big or heavy to get into our small apartments. Please NO kingsize beds, sleeper sofas, china hutches, futons, over-sized furniture. 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.



An Evening of Giving

We are so thankful to Jerry and Pam Bruni for opening up their home to our supporters. Many thanks to our staff and volunteers, our 15 sponsors, Summit Catering, musician Steve Bench, Red Noland, St. Paul Catholic School, Sovereignty Wines and The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey.

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The Woman's Club of Colorado Springs

for their ongoing support not only financially but every month as this group volunteers in the donation room.

Learn more at womansclubofcoloradospringsgfwc.org



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.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to our organization
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of our organization



How an IRA charitable rollover gift works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to us.
2. Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to our organization to help continue our important work.
3. Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
4. Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

Contact us if you have any questions about an IRA charitable rollover gift. Please contact Dianne Reitan at (719) 325-5830. She would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

Enterprise Zone Tax Credit

You can make a \$1,000 donation for a net cost of only \$507 (assuming 28% tax bracket)! Your unrestricted contribution in the amount of \$250 or more makes you eligible for a Colorado Income Tax CREDIT equal to 25% of your donation. Combined with federal and state charitable income tax DEDUCTIONS, your gift can result in substantial tax savings. The Enterprise Zone Program is a tax incentive to encourage job growth and contributions in our area.

Donations of \$250 or more to Partners in Housing qualify for an 25% Enterprise Zone Tax Credit. If you wish to receive the credit, just follow the steps below:

1. Make your check out to "El Paso County Enterprise Zone" and write "Partners in Housing" on the memo line as well as the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
2. Mail the check to Partners in Housing at 455 Gold Pass Heights, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. PIH will complete the Enterprise Zone paperwork and forward your check to the County. You will receive a letter from Partners in Housing confirming your gift within a few days. You will receive your tax credit certificate directly from the county in approximately six weeks.

**Please note that the County charges a 3.5% processing fee on all Enterprise Zone donations.

While the full gift is tax deductible, PIH will actually receive 96.5% of your total gift.

**Enterprise Zone donations cannot be made via credit card.

**Contributions of in-kind gifts or publicly traded stock results in Enterprise Zone tax credits of 12.5% rather than 25% as with cash gifts.

Example Using 28% Tax Rate

Donation	\$1,000
Colorado Income Tax Credit	\$250
Federal and State Income Tax Deduction*	\$243
Total Tax Savings	\$493
After Tax Cost of Giving \$1,000	\$507

*Federal tax deduction is lowered because of the add-back effect of reducing state tax



"Once we learned about Partners in Housing's mission and methods, we decided to make them one of the non-profits where we focus our support with both our time and donations. Making our monetary donations through the Enterprise Zone is extremely easy and provides us the benefits of not only the normal charitable donation deduction against our income on our federal taxes, it also provides us a very nice tax credit against our Colorado tax bill. It's a win-win to do it that way for sure!"

- **Robert Swindler**
PIH Furniture Pick-Up /Delivery Volunteer



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SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

A gift to Partners in Housing in your will or revocable trust proclaims your confidence that we will continue to fulfill our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations. A bequest

- Is easy to arrange.
- Will not alter your current lifestyle in any way.
- Can be easily modified to address your changing needs.

RESIDUAL BEQUEST: A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid:

I give and devise to Partners in Housing, Inc., located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, (all or state a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its unrestricted use (or for the Homeless Self-Sufficiency Program or the Affordable Housing Program).

SPECIFIC BEQUEST: Naming Partners in Housing as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to Partners in Housing, Inc., located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the sum of \$_____ to be used for its unrestricted use (or for the Homeless Self-Sufficiency Program or the Affordable Housing Program).

CONTINGENT BEQUEST: Partners in Housing can be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled:

If (insert name) is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to Partners in Housing, Inc., the sum of \$_____ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its unrestricted use (or for the Homeless Self-Sufficiency Program or the Affordable Housing Program).

RETIREMENT PLAN: You may name Partners in Housing as a beneficiary of your IRA or other qualified retirement benefits. To make a charitable gift from your retirement plan, simply enter "Partners in Housing, Inc." and Federal Tax ID #84-1188208 on the Change of Beneficiary Form available from your plan administrator. Consult with your advisor to determine the benefits you would derive from such a gift.

Neither Partners in Housing nor the Diocese of Colorado Springs are engaged in rendering legal or tax advisory services. The above language is intended solely for general information purposes. For advice and assistance in specific cases, legal counsel should be obtained.

Lunch & Learn

Learn about PIH while we feed you lunch! Discover how our program achieves a 83% 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.

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

Upcoming Lunch Dates:

Thursday, Oct 12
Thursday, Nov 9
Thursday, Jan 11
Thursday, Feb 8

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



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We are especially proud to have 3 former Partners serving on our board of directors, giving a client-centered perspective on agency decision-making.

All board members made financial contributions to PIH in FY16-17.

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Partners in Housing Quick Facts

Who We Serve

In the 2016-17 fiscal year, we served 133 families
– 413 individuals (269 children, 144 adults)

- 53% of all children served are age 5 and under.
- 75% of all people served experienced domestic violence
- 82% single moms with children
- 8% two parent families
- 7% single women
- 1% single men
- 1% single dads
- 1% transgender
- 83% of households moved to stable long term housing
- 77% increased their income
- 68 % improved their employment situation
- 81% improved their overall self-sufficiency

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 80 percent of our clients improved their overall self-reliance making us one of the Pikes Peak region's most effective non-profits.

It's Easy to Join Our Electronic Mailing List!

A lot of the great work being done to help single moms with kids 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.

Place
Stamp
Here

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.



Partners in collaboration

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



Mark your calendar to donate to PIH on December 5!
www.coloradogives.org

