

PARTNER NEWS

July 2015

An end to homelessness – Is there one answer?

PIH has a proven track record demonstrating families who are homeless become independent at a higher rate when they are held accountable to achieving goals they set for themselves. Many of our one-year program participants want to learn new life skills and money management and they oftentimes need the emotional support they get from their caseworker. Some individuals need help with their career and life planning and appreciate learning about resources such as credit counseling, child care and transportation. That is what **transitional housing** looks like.

There are different models used across the country that assist those who do not have a permanent place to live. We strongly believe the model we use at Partners in Housing allows us to help families whose unique situation can be complex. The families in our program want to live on their own and express gratitude when they learn about solutions for their homelessness. We operate 60 units of transitional housing and last year 86% of our client partners improved their overall self-sufficiency. We would not be this successful with our program if it wasn't for our staff, volunteers and donors. **Thank you!**

“At first it was hard doing all of the things PIH wanted me to do in the program...but the way I see it, they were paying me to better myself and my life...”

- Partner Client

Annual Picnic Thursday, July 30, 5-7 pm

Come join us and bring your family for a complimentary BBQ served by *Common Cause Catering*. We'll have a live band, celebrate achievements and have fun activities for the kids on the beautiful Myron Stratton grounds.

At this event, we will be collecting **laundry soap and queen size sheets**.

Please **RSVP** to Laura at 719.325.5845 or LWeilert@partnersinhousing.org





Dana Shaw

Paying it forward

Dana Shaw sorts and organizes donations in our Turnaround Room every month. Her smile and humor put our client partners at ease as they gather supplies for their new PIH unit. Ask a little more though and Dana will tell. It was 5 years ago when Dana and her then 11 year old son were staying with family, without a place of their own. “When I moved in with my parents, I was only allowed to stay for a limited time. I was motivated to utilize my resources and look for alternate housing.” Dana started her own turnaround as a client partner—from start to follow-through to finish. Dana described working the program and becoming, “Strong enough that I can take care of my son.”

Leaving PIH, “it was awesome when I moved out,” says Dana who had gone from married in her own house, to a homeless housing program, to later maintaining it all thanks to “a program I really liked.” The difference between voucher-based housing only, Dana explained, “I liked how Partners in Housing is there to care about the individual, while also holding up their end of the bargain to take care of housing units and have programs.” More importantly Dana and her son regained their relationship. Moving into PIH, “He was happy we were on our own.”

Dana is now renting a beautiful townhome and still striving to achieve goals. She hopes to purchase a home soon where she will establish a foundation and build, “memories for years to come.”

We are in need of the following items:

Silverware

Laundry soap

Pots and pans

Queen size sheets

Gently used bath towels

Small electrical appliances

Donation Drop Off:

455 Gold Pass Heights
Hwy 115 just north of Lake Ave

We can't say it enough -

THANK YOU!



Peak Producers is made up of the top ten percent of all real estate agents in the Pikes Peak Region. They wanted to promote professionalism within the industry, but more importantly, to support and give back to the community as well as endorse local charities.

In 2015, they decided to devote their efforts to assisting **Partners in Housing** and we are extremely excited about the possibilities that their support could bring.

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.

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Curious about PIH?

We invite you to attend our free, one-hour orientation at our office on the following dates:

Thursday, July 9
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Lunch provided

Saturday, July 11
10 am–11:00 am
Light brunch provided

RSVP 719.325.5830



Beautiful townhomes built by HBA Cares—HomeAid. PIH property committee is always on the search for new acquisitions

Your Partners in Housing

Development Manager, **Dianne Reitan**, Executive Director, **Mary Stegner**, Development Associate, **Laura Weilert** and Grants Manager, **Donna Greenfield**, are committed to making sure your cash and in-kind donations are being used wisely for the benefit of our Partners. If you have questions or ideas, please call us at **719.473.8890**



We smile more in real life, we promise

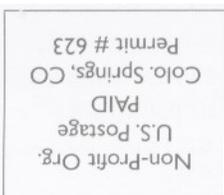
Would you like to:

- Set-up a furniture or appliance pick-up?
- Have your donations occur monthly via credit card?
- Schedule a team-building day providing home/yard maintenance?
- Attend a free one-hour breakfast or lunch orientation about PIH?
- Receive your quarterly newsletter via email?



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