

# PARTNER NEWS

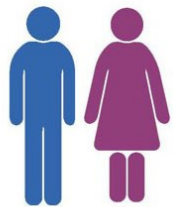
September 2015

## FY2015 Outcomes:

**1,004** Applicants



**60** One-Year  
Transitional  
Housing Units



**397** People  
Served  
in **136**  
Households



Improved overall self-sufficiency

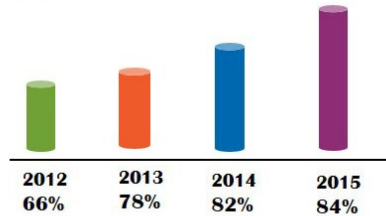
**55,439** Nights

Client partners and their children  
slept in stable housing



**250**  
Children  
Served

Housing Stability for PIH Graduates



client-centered  
decision-making

**1 in 3**

board members are  
former Partner-clients

**We are proud to share our  
FY2015 outcomes!**

Thank you to our staff, volunteers and donors and, of course, to our Partner Clients who have worked hard this past fiscal year.

All of our adult participants were chosen for our one-year program based on their capacity and motivation to become independent. Many of our program participants were able to graduate early.

**Of the 136 households, we served  
109 families with kids and 27  
individuals.**

You can make a difference to a homeless family. Please find the enclosed envelope and donate today. You can also donate online, or find a list of items needed by our Partner Clients, at [PartnersinHousing.org](http://PartnersinHousing.org).

**Thank you!**

**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 & transitional housing.

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**Curious about PIH?**  
We invite you to attend our free, one-hour educational session at our office on the following dates:

**Thursday, Oct. 8**  
12:00 pm—1:00 pm  
Lunch provided

**Saturday, Oct. 10**  
10:00 am—11:00 am  
Breakfast provided

RSVP 719.325.5830



## Partner Client Story

Partners in Housing quite possibly saved my life, and definitely my sanity!

I was working at a big box retail store part time as a greeter, going to school part time. In January 2012, I found out I was pregnant with my very first child, after being told I would never have children, at the age of 32. In March that year, I could no longer work on my feet, and had to quit my job. I had a little saved up, and my mom helped me a little as well. It quickly depleted.

In early July, I had my daughter early, at only 24 weeks, due to Pre-Eclampsia. She spent 132 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I spent every day and every night by her side. I still could not work; I had lingering health issues and would not leave her side. September that year brought an eviction notice for unpaid rent. My daughter was still in the NICU and I felt so overwhelmed.

I called 2-1-1, Pikes Peak United Way, and they gave me information about Partners in Housing. I called PIH, desperate for some glimmer of hope. I could not bring my daughter home from the hospital to nothing. I applied, did the intake interview, and waited. I cried. I prayed. I begged. Finally, I got the call that I was accepted! October, I moved in to Colorado House, and in November, I brought my daughter *home*.

Lily was on oxygen when she came home, and plenty of medications. As a preemie, she could not be in daycare. So, I threw myself into online school, while being able to be there for her special needs. I attended the Life Skills classes regularly, fully utilizing the program for what I could. After a year and a half, we were ready to be self sufficient. Lily was off her medications, off the oxygen and doing phenomenal. I found an apartment, and a full time job. I am still in school, and Lily is in daycare while I work. Life is good.

At the beginning of July, Lily turned 3 years old. You'd never be able to tell she was a mere 1lb 4oz when she was born. She has no delays, and only minor health issues. I attribute her success, at least partially, to Partners in Housing. I do not know where we would have been if I did not have them there. I was able to nurture and stay with her during the most critical time. Best of all, we had a home. Partners in Housing taught me how to be on my own, and how to manage life as a single mom. I made a ton of connections and friends along the way. I will never forget the kindness shown to us.

**Thank you** Partners in Housing staff at the Colorado House! You made a difference in our lives!

# You Can Help Us Remodel the Colorado House!

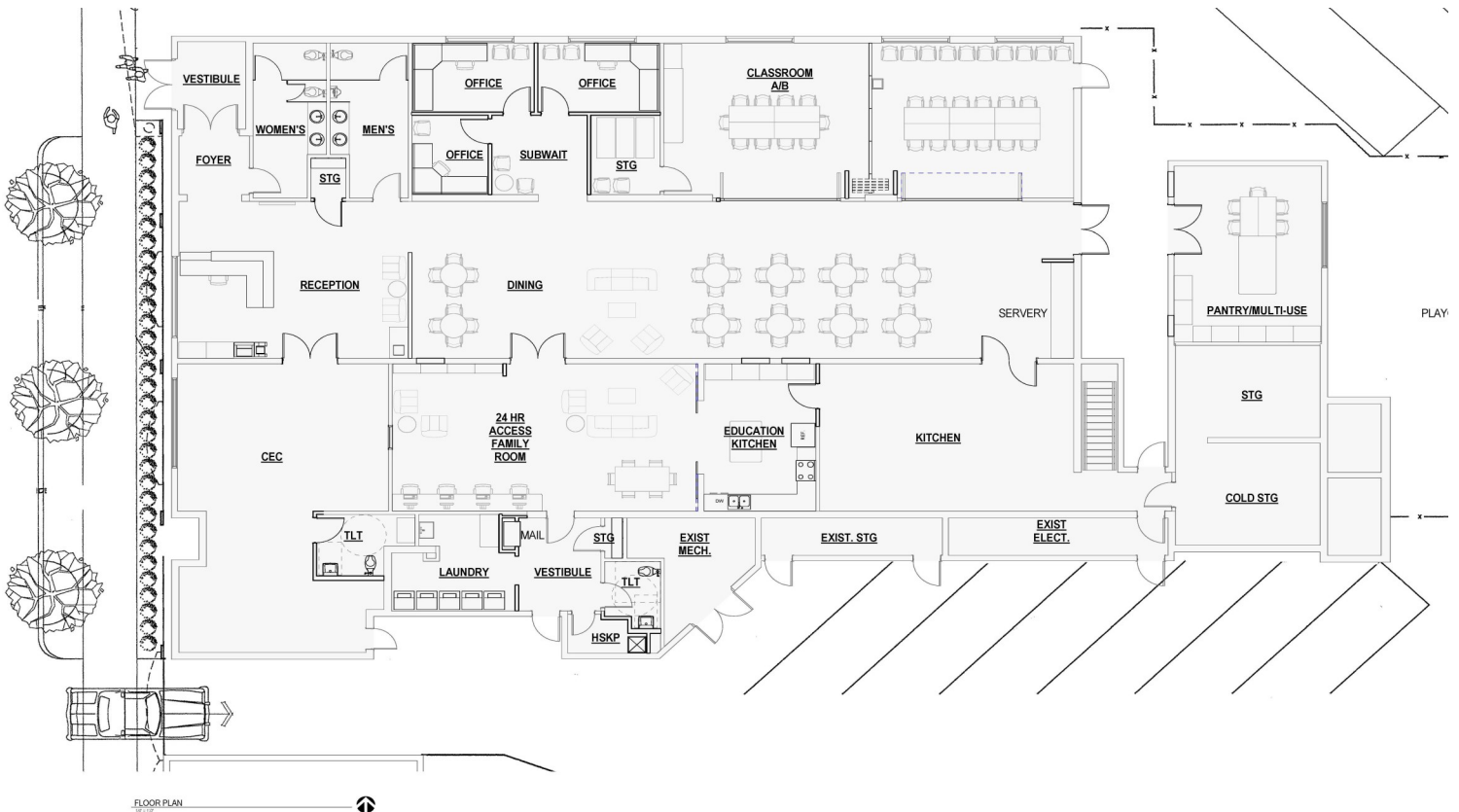
After 17 years, it's time to upgrade the **Colorado House** which includes 25 of our 60 transitional housing units. The remodel of the Colorado House will occur in phases and will make the space more functional for our Partner Clients. The renovation plans include an upgraded community kitchen, expanded laundry facilities, a new Child Enrichment Center, and an updated space for Life Skills Training. The plan also allows for better 24 hour access for our Partner Clients. Our moms in the program will be able to bake cookies in the kitchen and have a birthday party for their kids in the family room.

We have been fortunate to receive in-kind services from **RTA Architects**. Five **Lowe's** stores in Colorado Springs have decided to combine their philanthropic efforts this year to support PIH and help with the Colorado House remodel!

## We need your help, too!

Please call Dianne Reitan at 719-325-5830 to schedule a tour and explore how you can personally help us with labor and/or materials. You may also use the enclosed donation envelope to make your contribution.

*Thank you for helping our homeless families!*



**PROPOSED NEW PLAN**



**Partners in Housing**  
455 Gold Pass Heights  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
(719) 473.8890

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**PartnersinHousing.org**

Save the Date!  
Please plan to donate to PIH on **December 8th!**  
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