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We couldn’t do it without you!

Your Generosity Makes It All Possible

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- 518 Families Housed
- 165 Families Purchased Homes
- 428 Families Graduated CHF
- 113 Graduated School Programs

Changes in 2016...

- Our Founder and Executive Director, Connie Zimmerman, retired on July 1, 2016 after 27 years of service to the CHF families.
- We hired Karen Allen, M.A. as our new Executive Director on February 19, 2016.
- We brought our accounting in-house, saving CHF $10K/year.
Your Gifts At Work: 53 Families Who Were Homeless or At Risk of Being Homeless spent 13,221 Nights Housed Safe and Sound at CHF in 2016!!!

“CHF is my family’s ‘beginner’ home that provides peace, stability, resources, & accountability so we can have a better future.” ~ Debra W.

A Snapshot of Our 2016 Residents
- 53 Families Housed (73 Adults & 134 Children)
- 32 Single Parent Families/21 Two Parent Families
- Average salary at intake was $16,000
- Average salary at graduation was $31,000
- 14 individuals obtained jobs (previously unemployed)
- 12 individuals obtained better jobs
- 19 individuals attended college
- 17 individuals attended ESL classes
- 8 families graduated to self-sufficiency
- 4 of those 8 families who graduated purchased their own homes

Statement of Operations 2016 (Audited)

Income $669,641
Expenses $875,095*

SOURCES OF INCOME

Funding Source | Amount
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Government Grants | $10,714
Government Contracts | $215,625
Foundations | $124,553
Individuals | $85,714
Fees/Earned Income | $194,196
Workplace Giving | $32,143
Other | $6,697

CHF had numerous one time expenses related to hiring a new Executive Director and concurrently paying two Executive Directors while Ms. Allen was being trained. In addition, many of the units were rehabbed to leave the properties in good condition for the transition in leadership.

Anna’s story is a true American success story. Anna came to the United States from Russia at the age of 23 alone and with limited resources in hope of pursuing her dreams. Unfortunately, with few resources of her own, Anna’s dream quickly became a nightmare. Anna fell in love with a man who promised her a hope and a future. Shortly after they were married she discovered that he was not the man he claimed to be. While Anna worked 16 hour shifts, he seldom held down a job. While Anna took care of their three children, he was out drinking with friends. As if that were not enough, he also was very abusive to Anna. It was time for a change.

Against all odds, Anna decided to go back to school. She had a bachelor’s degree in music from Russia but could not find a job that paid well in that field. Having a bachelor’s degree also meant she was not eligible for most grants so she had to find a way to pay for school while working and caring for her three children. She worked hard as a CNA and went to community college to complete her pre-requisites for nursing school. Upon completion, she really wanted to go to Regis University because she had heard of their stellar nursing program, but she was not sure she could afford it. Anna told me she prayed, and “this is when God showed me His blessings.”

Anna courageously left her husband and came to live at Colorado Homeless Families (CHF) which made her cost of living significantly lower while also offering her some desperately needed support. She was accepted into a scholarship program with Women With A Cause that helped pay for her schooling and provided her with a stipend.

That was 2014. Now, two years later, Anna’s dreams have come true! She just graduated from Regis University with a 4.0 GPA. She was selected for the Excellency in Nursing award and was given the honor of giving a speech at their graduation/pinning ceremony. In addition, Anna has passed her registered nursing licensure and just accepted a job at The Medical Center of Aurora in their ICU department. Anna’s ultimate goal is to become a nurse practitioner so that she can help even more people. There is no stopping her now!

Thank you all for being part of Anna’s story and many more stories to come as you continue to support Colorado Homeless Families!

"Because of the CHF program, my kids and I not only have a home but also are provided the opportunity to build an amazing future that otherwise would have been unattainable." ~ Desiree G.