This year, Susan Kiely, founder of WWAC, turned 73 and has decided it is time for her to slow down a bit. As of January 2020, BeyondHome now houses the WWAC Scholar Program. We wanted to tell you more about this exciting news.

**Who is WWAC?**

WWAC (Women With A Cause) was founded in 2006. Over the years this organization has helped women in a multitude of ways and across many countries. They have provided sewing classes in India, helped women who were victims of human trafficking in Thailand, taught women in Ghana how to make handbags to enable them to have an income, and in Ethiopia they developed a computer lab amongst other projects. Many women throughout the world have been empowered and equipped to provide for their families because of the work done by WWAC.

In 2013, WWAC transitioned from focusing on projects overseas to focusing on educating and empowering working single mothers in Colorado. WWAC Scholars has helped more than 20 women graduate from college and move on to self-sufficiency and are anticipating six more graduate this year. Their intensive counseling/case management, mentoring, one on one financial literacy coaching, and financial assistance has made the difference between these families remaining in poverty versus graduating from college with a livable wage career.

**Who is BeyondHome?**

Founded in 1987, Colorado Homeless Families (CHF) was founded to assist working families on their quest to go from homeless to self-sufficient for life. At the beginning of this year, CHF rebranded as BeyondHome. Our new name reflects our continued commitment to housing families and captures the diverse range of supportive services and programs that we offer. BeyondHome owns 40 properties in Jefferson County. Housing is just the beginning of the journey with many other services offered to families in the Self-Sufficiency Program.

**Why Did We Merge?**

BeyondHome and WWAC Scholars have five clients in common right now, single mothers who are benefiting from both programs while working toward self-sufficiency. Our shared vision for helping families pull themselves out of poverty through hard work, education, and emotional healing creates the perfect team. Our merger allows the WWAC Scholars Program to continue while providing additional resources for BeyondHome. The merging of the two nonprofits will continue to enable working families to break the chains of poverty for themselves and for their children.

Sincerely,

Karen Allen

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