

# Greetings

While COVID-19 continued to be hard on BeyondHome families, BeyondHome remained dedicated to our mission of helping hardworking families become self-sufficient for life. Our families are changing into the best versions of themselves despite whatever setbacks come their way. You will see



in the pages to come some of the important things our families accomplished and how we were able to walk alongside them as they worked toward self-sufficiency. First, I want to share our top five 2021 organization wide successes:

- Installed new playgrounds thanks to funding from The Colorado Health Foundation. This is already building community and bringing kids and families together outside!
- Completed our first ever five-year strategic plan which will direct us as we grow.
- Began developing a second BeyondHome housing community with a longtime church partner.
- Sold one of our three offsite homes with the proceeds strictly being used to add even more homes in the second BeyondHome housing community.
- Began implementing two new software platforms that will help us track everything from development to case management and property management more efficiently.

I feel so honored to be the Executive Director at BeyondHome and work with such amazing BeyondHome families, staff, and board members. It's also an honor to share a little bit of who we are with you. Thanks for reading.

Here's to a great 2022!



Karen R. Allen, M.A.

# **Self-Sufficiency Roadmap**

### Identify The Need

Our BeyondHome team interviews parents and single mothers to assess their immediate needs, goals, and motivation for success.



# **Provide Immediate Needs**

Families accepted into the Self-Sufficiency Program are placed in a safe environment with stable housing within the BeyondHome community. Families receive the necessary items to satisfy their immediate needs.

HOUSING



**FURNITURE DONATION** 



**FOOD BANK** 



**DIAPER BANK** 



## (3) Assign Case Management

Families are assigned a Case Manager who helps identify their strengths and needs. With frequent meetings and personalized care, the Case Manager creates individualized case plans.



# **Go Deeper**

Individual case plans may include any of the following options or more based on the resident, scholar, family, or child's specific needs.





LIFE &/OR **PARENT COACHING** 



CAREER COUNSELING



**FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSES** 



WWAC **SCHOLAR PROGRAM** 





### **COMMUNITY GARDENING**



BeyondHome has 16 raised garden beds that are available for residents to grow their own fruits and veggies.



### **GROUP NIGHT COURSES**

Taught by professionals in their field, group night courses offer a variety of life skills throughout the year - effective communication, economical shopping, cooking skills, conflict resolution, and much more!



### YOUTH PROGRAM

Our Youth Program combines enrichment activities and programs intended to bridge the achievement gap and help children reach their full potential. The Youth Coordinator becomes a trusted adult and helps the Case Manager identify possible areas of concern.

# (6) Graduate To Self-Sufficiency!

LIVABLE WAGE **CAREERS** 



**FINANCIAL STABILITY** 



HOME **OWNERSHIP** 



STABLE, HAPPY, & **HEALTHY FAMILIES** 





# **Self-Sufficiency Program**

BeyondHome has 39 homes in Jefferson County that provide transitional housing for families. Families pay 30% of their income in rent. BeyondHome sold one offsite property this year to help us purchase vacant land that will allow us to build at least 20 more homes. BeyondHome worked with 50 families (192 individuals). 76% of whom were single moms.

### **Top Five**

5

**Five** families graduated to self-sufficiency.

\$43K

Graduates increased their income by an average of \$43,000/ year from intake to exit.

1,574

Our onsite foodbank had **1,574 visits** with food from **14 food partners** and **\$170,368** of in-kind donations.

**26** 

26 households saw at least one counselor in the BeyondHome mental health network. **36** 

2 in GED, 6 in ESL,
6 in certificate programs,
1 in trade school,
21 in college or university,
10 adults graduated.

### **Direct Financial Assistance Breakdown**

# **Self-Sufficiency Program**

Auto	\$3,226
Cash from Up Together Fund	\$3,780
Education	\$1,375
Covid	\$1,700

\$43,329

**Subsidized \$455,219** in rent from market rate value (based on HUD FMR for seven two-bedrooms and 32 three-bedroom homes).

Waived \$21,817 of expected rent due to residents' extenuating cirsumstances.







The one word I would use to describe BeyondHome would be opportunities. Living here has opened a bunch of opportunities for my mom, and our family. We wouldn't have as many opportunities as we had if we were anywhere else.

Family Graduate Success Stories

# The Diaz Family, August 2021 Graduates

Claudia was on the road of hard knocks with the father of her children. Without family and hope, she endured years of abuse. Fearing for her safety, she did not share her violent home life. After escaping that violence, Claudia worked in a Day Care during the day, cleaned offices at night, and sold tamales all to pay the rent for her one-bedroom apartment that she shared with her five children, three of them in diapers. Then she met Connie Zimmerman, the founder of BeyondHome. She moved in a week before Christmas 2013.

During their time at BeyondHome, Claudia and her kids were able to rebuild their lives. They healed from domestic violence and worked with case managers and counselors to address their personalized needs. Claudia's first goal was to get her GED. She studied hard and passed. Her next step was to find a career that would provide a sustainable future for her and her family. She went to career counseling and determined that she wanted to be a pharmacy technician. Claudia went to Pima Medical Institute and continued her classes online during the pandemic. She graduated as a Pharmacy Technician and added even more certifications after graduation.

When asked for one word to describe "BeyondHome", Claudia said "family". Julian, her oldest said, "The one word I would use to describe BeyondHome would be opportunities. Living here has opened a bunch of opportunities for my mom, and our family. We wouldn't have as many opportunities as we had if we were anywhere else." Today, Claudia has a great job and owns a home in New Mexico. Her kids are doing well in school. Claudia's hard work has paid off, and she is equipped to be self-sufficient for life!

# **WWAC Scholar Program**

The WWAC Scholar Program has been a faithful partner to BeyondHome for years. When their founder, Susan Kiely, was ready to retire, joining forces with BeyondHome was a natural fit. Since January 1, 2020, the WWAC Scholar Program is now a BeyondHome program. Our mutual goal of helping families become self-sufficient for life, our shared clients, and our shared approach of offering a hand-up rather than a hand-out was a great foundation. Now as a part of Beyond Home, our hard-working Scholars have additional services available to them as they work toward becoming self-sufficient for life.

### **Top Five**

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**3** Scholars graduated with degrees

Two earned a BS in Nursing (RN) and one earned a Master's in Social Work

1

1 New Scholars

11

**11** Total Scholars (31 individuals)

8

**8** Scholars in Counseling

2

**Two** Scholars met with a Parent Coach



Danyelle2021 WWAC Scholar

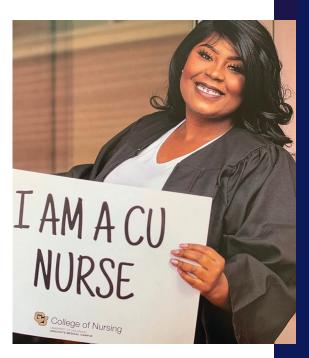
### **Direct Financial Assistance Breakdown**

### **WWAC**

Mental Health	\$12,404
Relationship Building	\$159
Auto repair	\$1,375
Tutors	\$1,700
Student loan payoff	\$12,771
Educational supplies (books, fees, etc.)	\$5,150
Kids/camps	\$ 2,968
Childcare	\$700
General support	\$5,610
Medical	\$200

\$43,036





Thank you Women With A Cause for helping support my mom be the best woman she can be for the world and me too.

2021 WWAC Scholar

# **Danyelle**

In 2017, Danyelle heard about Women with A Cause from a friend who was a WWAC Scholar. At the time, she was going through a lot of financial stress with going back to school and doing a work study program. She was very thankful to be accepted into the Scholar Program at that time.

Danyelle had a serious knee injury in 2020 and needed surgery. She was unable to work for two months. During that time, WWAC helped her pay her bills through our emergency assistance program. She was able to continue to make progress in school doing online classes. When she was cleared by her doctor, she completed her clinical rotations. In December 2021, Danyelle graduated from Community College of Denver's Integrated Nursing Pathways program. She is currently studying for the nursing licensure exam in preparation for her career as a Registered Nurse (RN).

Danyelle says, "WWAC blessed us with reliable transportation, books, childcare, and pretty much everything related to my education. In 2020, I ran into health complications, and WWAC stepped up to help me with bills and food, so my daughter had a stable environment during a hard season. I was also able to focus on healing. I want to become a midwife and open up my own practice so I can help women from all different backgrounds feel confident that they are receiving the best care."

Her daughter said, "Thank you Women With A Cause for helping support my mom be the best woman she can be for the world and me too."

# **Youth Program**

# **Top Five**

- 1. **Tutoring:** Weekly "Homework Hangouts" with Lori, our BeyondHome Youth Coordinator, and volunteers help kids reach their educational goals. Ten kids also participated in our Whiz Kids program which provides one-on-one tutoring for elementary school students.
- 2. Mental Health Awareness Group: BeyondHome started a Mental Health Awareness Group for students dealing with depression and anxiety. Our first group was specifically designed for middle school girls.
- 3. Undercover Hotshot: This program introduces kids to a variety of careers and helps them to begin dreaming about their futures. BeyondHome brought in our first"hotshot" last year who shared about working as a law enforcement officer.
- **4. Cool Cash Store:** This incentive program helps kids learn about the basics of money, saving for what they want, budgeting, math, and taking ownership of their community.
- **5. Birthday Parties:** Celebrated monthly, kids gather for a fun community event to celebrate each child who had a birthday that month.

128

825

60

total children and youth under 18 0-4 years old: 22 5-10 years old: 49 11-15 years old: 49

16-18 years old: 8

volunteer hours served with BeyondHome Youth kids regularly involved

# **Youth Program Expenses**

Education	\$3,903
Games/Prizes/Crafts	\$568
Equipment	\$823
Food/Parties	\$871
Marketing	\$149
Support Staff	\$1,436

\$7,750







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Youth Success Story



# **Erion**

Erion and his mom came to BeyondHome after fleeing from a domestic violence situation in 2021. He was also bullied at school which led to him being fearful and insecure. Once they moved into a BeyondHome house, Erion quickly got involved in the Youth Program and now receives weekly one-on-one tutoring throughWhiz Kids in the BeyondHome community room. He hopes to get all As by the time he finishes 6th grade, and he wants to start making YouTube videos to help other kids who don't like school so they can learn to have a different mindset. Because of BeyondHome, Erion also was able to attend Martial Arts where he grew in discipline and confidence. Erion started counseling where he could navigate his past traumas, understand how to deal with tough situations, and communicate better.

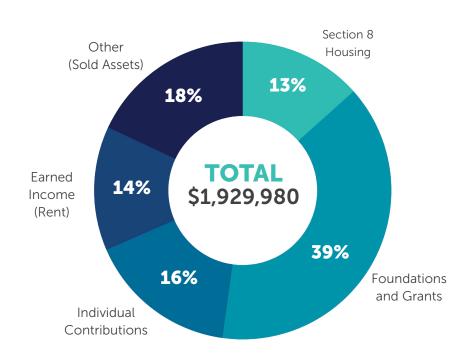
Erion is grateful to have the Youth Program because of the many ways it helps him with school and other areas in his life.

## Erion's mom (pictured) had the following to say:

"Since moving to Beyond Home, Erion has improved in many areas, the biggest improvement is related to his schoolwork and emotional maturity. Before we moved here his grades weren't of big importance to him, and he didn't like school. Something switched within him, and he started to believe in himself. Now he gets all As except a B in math. He always struggled with math, so this is a huge accomplishment for him."

# **Financial Report**

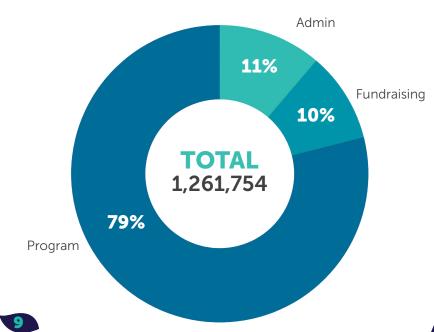
# Where the money came from:







# What the money went towards:





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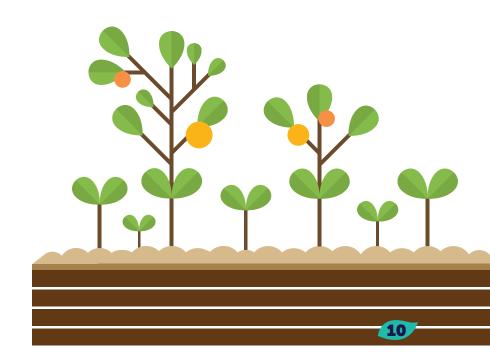
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# **Mission**

BeyondHome offers a comprehensive approach for families to become self-sufficient for life.

# **Vision**

Families that work hard to achieve personalized goals for their education, housing, finances, and family are able to become self-sufficient for life.

# **Values**

Accountable, Focused, Compassionate, Empowered, and Resilient.



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