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The Greeley Transitional House Newsletter

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Summer 2007

Raffle Tickets are Still Available!

\$100 per ticket

Need not be present to win

OVER \$8,000 IN PRIZES INCLUDING:

- *Suite for 12 at a Colorado Rockies Game and*
- *One Week at a Ft. Meyers 3 Bedroom Condo*
(air fare not included)

Grand Prize \$3,500 cash

The raffle will benefit the programs of

Greeley Transitional House

and will be held during our 2nd Annual SummerFest!

Special Event (see below)

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Saturday, August 11, 2007

6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Event Center

Featuring comedians Phil Palisoul (The Tonight Show)
and Nancy Norton (The Yellowish Green Girl).

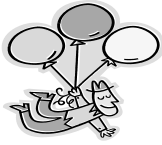
Delectable appetizers from Kenny's Steakhouse
and a cash bar are part of the festivities.

The Raffle will take place throughout the evening.

SummerFest!

An evening of casual fun, delicious food & laughter

- Couples \$150 / Individuals \$80
- Casual Attire
- Child Care Available



**Open House
at the
Weld Furniture Bank**
Saturday August 4th
8:00 am– Noon
228 N. 9th Ave, Greeley

Bring your gently used furniture and receive refreshments and prizes from the volunteers who organize our Weld Furniture Bank.

For more information about the open house or donating



furniture please contact
(970) 978-8753
or
(970) 352-3215

**CLIENT SERVICES
April-June:**

- Provided **2,052 Nights of Shelter**
- **37 homeless families served**
- **104 persons sheltered** – 47 adults & 62 children
- Provided **26 Life Skills Classes** for Families
- **28 of these families found permanent affordable housing**
- **43 of the adults were working before or found employment**
- Provided **376 hours of case management to 33 families** in our **Follow-up Services Program**
- **25 volunteers** provided **555 hours** of volunteer service to GTH

There’s No Place Like Home—Especially for Children by Jodi Hartmann, Exec. Dir.

Over 100 children have lived at the Greeley Transitional House since January 1. In 2006 we sheltered 174 children.

Six in 10 homeless persons in Colorado are part of a household with children according to our recent statewide Point-In-Time Homeless Count, Winter 2007. In the last 10 years Coloradoans have seen a dramatic escalation in rental housing costs (rents have risen five times faster than incomes) and increasingly, families are paying well over 50 percent of their income for rent for housing that is often substandard. Inability to afford housing, break-up of relationships, and high utility costs are all leading reasons families are becoming homeless. Even though more than half of the adults in the families we serve are working, wages are typically low and it is often difficult to pay rent, utilities, and the other basic necessities needed by the family.

How does homelessness affect the children in these families?

- Homeless children are more likely than housed children to suffer from chronic illnesses and infectious disease. Poor nutrition contributes to homeless children’s health problems. Homeless children are hospitalized twice as often

as children with homes.

- Homelessness interferes with children’s development. Most homeless preschoolers experience a major developmental delay, such as delayed speech. Older homeless children experience four times the rate of developmental delays, twice the rate of learning disabilities, and three times the rate of emotional and behavioral problems as housed children.
- Homelessness prevents children from performing well in school. Homeless children experience frequent moves that make it hard for them to keep up in school. Almost half of homeless children attend two different schools in one year. As a result, three-quarters of homeless children perform below grade level in reading, and more than half perform below grade level in math.

More than ever before, a homeless person in our community is likely to be a child. Homelessness influences every facet of a child’s life, from conception to adulthood. Homeless children are not simply at risk; most suffer specific physical, psychological, and emotional damage due to the circumstances that accompany

“Think of a homeless person. Maybe you are picturing a lone man lying on a park bench...try again. Only this time, picture a sick, frightened, hungry child with no place to call home. As we move into the 21st Century, this cruel vision is the new face of homelessness.”—Alvin F. Poussaint, M.D., National Advisory Board Chair, National Center on Family Homelessness.

homelessness (Family Housing Fund).

The Greeley Transitional House is working hard to mitigate some of this damage for the 175+ children we serve every year. Our Child & Adolescent Program works one-on-one with the children and their parents to provide information, advocacy, referrals, services, mentoring and school readiness.

We invite the community to join us in working on this critical issue that will affect our community for generations. We need volunteers to tutor, read, and play with our children and we need financial support to insure continuation of the Child & Adolescent Program.

“When we first had to move here (GTH) we felt ashamed and embarrassed about losing our house and job. There is a feeling of a family environment that is felt when a family moves in that is amazing. The program taught our younger children that it’s ok to have a bed time and our older children that it’s important to get chores done. Our stay here taught us that is we work together we can achieve goals that we set as a family. ~ Wilbur & Rhonda

We gratefully thank the following individual, corporate, foundation and church donors for their financial support from April– July:

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Message from the Board of Directors

The second annual Summer Fest! is just around the corner and the GTH Board of Directors are excited as this event promises to be bigger and better than the first.

On the evening of August 11th, Greeley Transitional House will host an evening of food and comedy at the St. Michael's Event Center in Greeley. The event will feature professional comedians, food catered by Kenny's Steakhouse, and a raffle with over \$8,000 in prizes. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for both! For those of you with children, Children's Workshop will provide convenient childcare from 6 -10 PM for a minimal cost.

In addition to a fun filled evening, Summer Fest! will give us the opportunity to thank those who support our mission of helping homeless families help themselves. Unfortu-

nately, homelessness doesn't end when the weather is nice. In fact our shelter is now busier than it was this winter. The event is made possible by the many supporters in our community and our dedicated board of directors.

I want to give a special thanks to our corporate sponsors including: Flood & Peterson Insurance, Alliance Construction, Kenny's Steakhouse, Wells Fargo, Antiques at Lincoln Park, Hall-Irwin Construction, Envirotech Services, Inc., Anadarko, New Frontier Bank, the Greeley Tribune and Cache Bank and Trust.

On a sad note, Laura Connolly is leaving the board because of term limits after serving for six years. Laura is a past president and has made tremendous contributions to our mission over the last six years. She has been an outstanding advo-

cate for the homeless, a tireless board member, and an optimistic leader through huge organizational changes. She will be missed very much and we are extremely grateful for the time and support she has given GTH. Thank you Laura!



We look forward to seeing you August 11th and invite you learn more about the mission of Greeley Transitional House while enjoying top-notch entertainment!

Bryce Sowitch
Board President

Wish List:

- Furniture of all kinds (in good repair)
- Toiletries, hygiene items
- Over-counter meds
- Baby supplies of all kinds
- Nonperishable food
- Children's socks & underwear
- Garden tools/supplies
- Executive desk
- Office furniture/equipment
- Office supplies

Staff Spotlight - Jessica Rude

Our new Child & Adolescent Program Coordinator, Jessica Rude, is an aspiring clinical family psychologist. Currently she is working on her Master's degree in clinical counseling for marriage and family therapy at the University of Northern Colorado.

While is only 23 years old this Colorado native is well on her way to a rewarding career. Some of the children she works with describe her as being "a very nice lady" and "a really good listener".

She is passionate about her job at GTH. She says, "I like working with kids and families and getting the experience."



Help homeless families help themselves by simply washing your car!



Westside Car Wash
4625 29th Street, Greeley
will make a donation to GTH every time you wash your car

Instructions for requesting donation to GTH:

- Use one of the automatic car wash bays.
- BEFORE SELECTING WASH, type in the following code: **3215***
- Select the wash of your choice and pay normally.

Thank you!

Receive a 25% State Income Tax Credit and Benefit GTH in the Process

What is this State Tax Credit?

The Greeley Transitional House is an approved contribution project under the Greeley/Weld Urban Enterprise Zone through the State of Colorado. This means that any taxpayer who makes a minimum cash contribution of at least \$100 through the Upstate Colorado Economic Development (UCED) office to the Greeley/Weld Urban Enterprise Zone in financial support of GTH may claim a state income tax credit of 25% of the value of the cash contribution up to a maximum credit of \$100,000 per taxpayer, per year. Any excess credit may be carried forward for a period of up to five years.

Simply make your check payable to Greeley/Weld E.Z. Fund and mail it to our office. We will process your donation through the Upstate Colorado office and make sure you receive this tax credit.

Call Jodi Hartmann at 352-3215 for more information.

GTH Family Picnic a Success

Saturday July 21, 2007
Sunrise Park

Over 75 persons attended our annual Summer Family Picnic at Sunrise Park. Follow-up and Emergency Shelter families and staff enjoyed an afternoon of good food, playing in the splash park, and catching up with old friends. We thank our sponsors, Nancy Nemec (GTH Board Member) for her assistance in providing food for the event.





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YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT TO GREELEY TRANSITIONAL HOUSE IS NEEDED TODAY!

Greeley Transitional House needs the generosity of the community to sustain our services. We are supported by a variety of public and private resources, but rely heavily on local individual and business donations. Over \$50,000 must be raised annually from private donations in order to continue these vital services for our community. Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

YES, I want to **help homeless families help themselves** with my gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other: \$_____

I would like to receive the 25% State income tax credit for my donation of \$100 or more through the State Enterprise Zone. In order to receive this credit I have made my check payable to: Greeley/Weld Urban Enterprise Zone. (We will process your check for you through the Upstate Colorado office and you will receive a form from them explaining how to claim the credit. First time donors through the Enterprise Zone must include their social security number or federal ID number on the check. This information will be kept confidential on file with the Upstate Colorado office.)

Please mail all checks to GTH at: 1206 10th Street, Greeley, CO 80631

Thank You for Your Compassion & Support!



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