



# Transitions

A Newsletter published by the Greeley Transitional House

*Where we are helping homeless families help themselves*

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*Presents. .*

## SummerFest!

*An evening of casual fun, delicious food & laughter*

Join us for our

3rd Annual

"comedy for a cause" event

*Featuring. . .*

### Clinton Jackson

*As featured on The Late Late Show & Comedy Central Presents*



### Jeff Wozer

*A regular at the Comedy Works and a Colorado outdoorsman*



*And...*



*The im-provisational comedy troupe from the University of Northern Colorado*

Saturday,  
August 23, 2008  
6:00—10:00 p.m.

at the  
Island Grove  
Event Center  
Meeting Rooms  
(west side of building)

Tickets: \$150 per couple, \$80 per individual  
or \$600 to sponsor a table for 8 people.

To buy tickets in advance call (970) 352-3215 or  
email us at [info@greeleytransitionalhouse.org](mailto:info@greeleytransitionalhouse.org)

*We hope you will join us for an evening of  
great fund that benefits the work of the  
Greeley Transitional House!*

*In addition to great comedy there will be a  
\$3,000 Grand Prize Reverse Raffle*

*(runner up prizes worth over \$10,000)*

*Catering provided by Kenny's Steak House*

### Reach Out

To volunteer or donate please contact our Administrative Assist./ Volunteer Coordinator Andrea King or our Executive Director, Jodi Hartmann by email: agking5@qwestoffice.net or jhart@qwestoffice.net

**Doing some summer cleaning? Consider donating to the**

### Weld Furniture Bank



Call us at **978-8753**  
or **352-3215**

### CLIENT SERVICES JAN-JUN

- Provided **5,339 Nights of Shelter**
  - **45 homeless families served**
  - **149 persons sheltered** – 57 adults & 92 children
  - Provided **52 Life Skills Classes** for Families
  - 40 of these **families found** permanent affordable housing
  - **45** of the adults were working before or **found employment**
  - **503 hours of case management** to **32 families** in our **Follow-up Services Program**
- 225 volunteers** provided **636 hours** of volunteer service to GTH

## From the Executive Director's Desk by Jodi Hartmann

As this issue goes to print, summer is in full swing and we are definitely feeling the heat. One of the ironies of working with the homeless is that summer is often our busiest time! In fact, the shelter has been 100% full for the past four months, and it looks like that pattern will continue indefinitely.

I think we have all been even more cognizant of the importance of our homes and shelter as we watched our close neighbors in Windsor and Gil-

crest struggle with the aftermath of the May 22 tornado. This tragedy illustrated for all of us that "home" can be gone at any moment, and when we lose this stability and shelter, everything else becomes a struggle as well.

Thanks to the helping hand of hundreds of volunteers and donors, rebirth is occurring in these communities. Rebirth is also a theme year-round at GTH. Inside our doors each day you will find families celebrating

milestones, overcoming odds, making progress, and growing towards self-sufficiency.

Please remember us this summer. More than ever we need your donations and support to help homeless families. On the back of this newsletter is donation information. Your donation of \$25/\$50/\$100+ is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting our work in striving to breaking the cycle of homelessness.

## Remodeling the Weld Furniture Bank

The Greeley Transitional House has been working in collaboration with area nonprofits to remodel the Weld Furniture Bank (WFB) located at **228 N. 9th Avenue**.

This is a tremendous project for all of the agencies involved. We are very grateful for all the wonderful employees and volunteers who put so much effort into making this remodel a reality. Over the winter months volunteers and construction crews worked to insulate the

building, lower the ceiling, paint, and divide the large warehouse space into two spaces

As the project reaches completion, we are excited to announce that the Greeley Interfaith Clothing Bank has now moved to this building and is sharing the space with the Weld Furniture Bank. We believe that the joint location will provide convenience for our clients and donors.

We would also like to thank the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority for providing the building to the nonprofit community and for helping to finance the renovations to the building. This project was truly a community collaboration.

**Where thou art,  
that is home.**

**(Emily Dickinson)**

## We gratefully thank the following public, individual, corporate, foundation and church donors for their financial support from January through June:

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Thomas, Dave & Pam

## Message from the Board of Directors by Steve Bytnar, President

It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through another year! My first six months as President of the Board have been great thanks to our hardworking board members and staff, and a great program that is effective in helping the homeless out of crisis.

I'd like to welcome three new board members: Kevin Whyrick from Envirotech Services, Pam Thomas, a community volunteer, and Michael Muskin, UNC Foundation (formerly with United

Way). These folks have already proven to be great assets on the board and we appreciate their time and dedication.

Summer is always an exciting time of year at GTH because it is the season we spend planning and implementing our annual major fundraiser—SummerFest! which will happen on August 23 this year (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). With help from our many corporate sponsors we are able to produce one of the

most entertaining events you will attend all summer and which will greatly benefit the work of GTH.



The theme of SummerFest! is "comedy for a cause" and we bring in professional level comedians that you'd ordinarily have to drive to Denver to see. We hope you will join us!  
- Steve

### Wish List:

- ✦ Picnic Table
- ✦ Pots & Pans
- ✦ Lamps
- ✦ Rugs
- ✦ Potholders
- ✦ Fans
- ✦ Laundry baskets
- ✦ Baby furniture of all kinds
- ✦ DVD or VCR players
- ✦ Toiletries, feminine hygiene items
- ✦ Over-counter meds
- ✦ Nonperishable food
- ✦ Work boots
- ✦ Garden tools/supplies
- ✦ Gift cards for gas, groceries

## Staff Spotlight - Andrea King



Andrea King has been part time Administrative Assistant/ Volunteer Coordinator since June 2007. Andrea is constantly working on a variety of

projects from holiday decorating to networking with future volunteers. She has brought many improvements to the shelter including creating a children's resource center, organizing the many in-kind donations we receive, and re-

arranging and organizing our office. She greatly enjoys getting to know our families and working within the community.

Andrea is completing a degree in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Northern Colorado and plans to graduate in December. When she is not working she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, playing intramural sports and cooking.

Andrea has been a fun and friendly addition to our staff.

pride and joy and give me many candid moments to scrapbook (which I also enjoy).

I have been volunteering for the Greeley Transitional House for more than a year now. I volunteer for many reasons. The first reason I volunteer is to fulfill a promise I made several years ago. I was 16 years old and my father (our only source of income) lost his job. Our house was full of stress as the weeks went by without him finding another job. I prayed every night that he'd find a job and that we wouldn't lose our house. Then I made a promise that if he found another job soon I'd volunteer my time when I was older to others in similar situations. And so 15 years later, I am fulfilling that promise.

The second reason I volunteer is to share the knowledge and experience I've gained working as a Financial Analyst. It was when my father lost his job that I realized the importance of managing your money. I earned a business degree from Colorado State University in 1998 and have been working as a Financial Analyst for 10 years. Now I want to help others learn the skills necessary to manage and create a personal budget. This is why I enjoy teaching the personal budgeting course at one of the GTH's Life Skills classes."

**Thank you Stephanie and Alberta!!**

## Summer Volunteer Opportunities

- ✦ Yard work
- ✦ Sort our food pantry
- ✦ Coordinate a small fundraiser or drive
- ✦ Paint and update rooms.
- ✦ Help pick up furniture donations for the Weld Furniture Bank
- ✦ Throw a holiday or birthday party for our children
- ✦ Organize donations
- ✦ Help with basic maintenance such as minor repairs and cleaning.
- ✦ Restock and reorganize our client kitchens.

## Volunteer Spotlight—Stephanie Ayres



Every week we are blessed with numerous donations from the community of items that our families can use to "start over." We are extremely grateful to volunteer Stephanie Ayres and her mother-in-law Alberta Jacobsen who come in nearly

every week to sort and organize these donations for easy access. These ladies have been a tremendous help! Here is what Stephanie told us about her work as a volunteer:

**"My name is Stephanie Ayres and I am a volunteer for the GTH. I work for IBM as a Financial Analyst but my real passion is hiking and gardening. I love nature and being outdoors which is why I feel these Colorado winters are too long. I have 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls) which are my**





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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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