



Greeley Transitional House

Holiday Update—2010

Our Mission: to provide safety, stability, and opportunity for families in crisis through emergency shelter and comprehensive support services.

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Celebrating 25 Years Serving Families

Greeley Transitional House achieved an important milestone this year by reaching our 25th year of operation. The event was celebrated at a breakfast event at UNC on November 4, with over 80 community leaders, former board members, partners and supporters in attendance. At the event we had an opportunity to reminisce a little about our early days as a start-up, struggling young nonprofit organization, communicate many of the successes we have achieved over the years, and pay special tribute to the many partners to whom we owe our longevity and achievements.

We are very grateful to the community for providing the leadership, vision, and financial support to allow this program to grow and thrive over the past 25 years. We literally would not be here without the support of the many individuals and organizations who have sustained us through the years.

Most importantly, because of your belief in the work we do, over 1,400 families (including over 2,900 children) found hope, stability, and the resources they needed to begin rebuilding their lives after experiencing homelessness.

As 2010 comes to a close we regret that the need for emergency shelter for homeless families is needed more than ever. We have been continuously full for over two years, and we do not anticipate a change in the foreseeable future. Fortunately the community has many important safety nets, including our emergency shelter and

transitional housing programs, to help sustain vulnerable families through tough economic times.

We can continue to do this important work with your support. Please consider a \$25, \$50, or \$100 donation during this holiday season to help us continue helping homeless families help themselves. *Most of all, **thank you for your past support, and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to your family from ours!***

Jodi Hartmann
Executive Director



Community members enjoy our 25th Anniversary breakfast celebration at UNC

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Giving Options:

- ✓ Use the enclosed envelope to send a check
- ✓ Visit our Website at www.greeleytransitionalhouse.org to donate electronically through Paypal or other credit card
- ✓ To receive a 25% State Income Tax Credit on donations of \$100.00 or more make check payable to **Greeley/Weld Enterprise Zone** and mail it to GTH in the donation envelope provided (see back of newsletter for more details)

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT

GURA Helps GTH Update Beds/Appliances

Once again we have been very fortunate to have received assistance from the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) to provide important improvements to our emergency shelter facility.

GTH has received a CDBG grant from GURA and the City of Greeley to replace all of our 21 mattresses and box springs, including purchasing mattress protectors for bed bug protection. The grant will also enable us to purchase new appliances to replacing our aging appliances. The design of our building is unique in that we have four separate kitchens and laundry facilities which requires numerous appliances. Since moving to this facility six years ago we have housed more than 500 families, and over 1,700 individuals. Our furniture and equipment takes quite a beating and up until this point we have relied on donated appliances and furniture for replacements. We are very excited to be able to replace the most critical of our furniture needs with new items, and are very grateful to GURA for their support with this project.

CLIENT SERVICES 2010

- Will provide approx. **10,700 Individual Nights of Shelter**
- **88 homeless families** served
- **295 persons sheltered** – 117 adults & 178 children
- Provide **96 Life Skills Classes** for Families
- **77 of these families will find** permanent affordable housing
- **99 of the adults will have found employment**
- **2,400 hours of case management to 91 families** in our **Transitional Housing Programs**
- **80 volunteers** will have provided **700 hours** of volunteer service to GTH

Volunteers Needed to Teach Life Skills Classes

Do you have a special talent that you could share? Are you a retired professional with skills that others could use? We are looking for volunteers to add to our list of resources for our evening Life Skills Classes on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Transitional House. These classes are offered every week, year round. You can teach one class or a series of classes, depending on the subject or your time. We are looking for presenters in subjects that would be helpful for a young family, just starting out who might not have yet learned basic life skills. Examples could be:

- ✦ Cooking/nutrition
- ✦ Auto maintenance and minor repairs
- ✦ Job search skills
- ✦ Basic financial management
- ✦ Shopping and money– saving strategies
- ✦ Creative household cost–cutting tips
- ✦ Designing a resume; dressing for an interview

Call Jodi Hartmann at 352-3215 if you are interested in volunteering.



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Message from the Board of Directors by Deb DeBoutez, President

Greetings supporters! This time of year between the hustle and bustle, we give pause and reflect on our good fortunes. So much to be thankful for: our family, friends, our health, a job, a home, and the 25th Anniversary of an outstanding non-profit in our community – The Greeley Transitional House.

The current board is indebted to the wisdom, energy and vision of the original and subsequent GTH boards, as today we oversee a strong and vital agency. I have the great fortune of being president of a board that has diverse interests and yet is focused on GTH's mission: To provide safety, stability, and opportunity for families in crisis through emergency shelter and comprehensive support services. And that we do, thanks to our exceptional staff:

- Teddy Sanchez – Administrative Assistant
- Maria Hernandez – Case Mgr.
- Carol Hillebrand – VISTA Volunteer
- Amber Faiman – Child Program Coordinator



- Lanaye Smith – Children's Activities Coordinator
- Emma Lee Muniz – House Manager
- Laura Harter – House Manager
- Brian Watkins – House Manager
- Tom Petry-Sanders – House Manager
- Wilbur White – House Manager
- Lori Casares – Assistant Director/Program Director
- Jodi Hartmann – Executive Director

Our board gives 100% financial contributions and volunteer time to this agency, and I'd like to recognize and thank them:

- Kevin Whyrick – Vice-President
- Jennifer Shute – Treasurer
- Jackie Lyman – Secretary
- Angela Lovell
- Brandon Houtchens
- Michael Muskin
- Debbie Ulibarri
- Diane Stephens
- Steve Bytnar

GTH provides a safe and warm place to live for a brief time. But, in addition, the staff provides advice, guidance, referrals, financial assistance and encouragement to approximately 100 families a year. GTH exists because the residents of Greeley and Weld County continue to generously support our efforts to help people help themselves.

So now we give pause to reflect on that generosity in our community, and give thanks.

May warmth and peace continue for you –

Sincerely,

Deb DeBoutez
President



Save the Date
6th Annual

SummerFest!

"comedy for a cause!"

Sat., Aug. 27, 2011
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Island Grove Event Center

Featuring:

- Nationally recognized professional comedians
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- Buffet by Kenny's

We hope you will join us at this fundraiser—we *guarantee* you'll have fun!

Special sponsorship packages available!

Volunteer Spotlight— Carol Hillebrand



We are sad to say that our time with our Americorps VISTA volunteer, Carol Hillebrand, is drawing to a close. Carol has been with GTH since February 2009, and has provided us with many months of helpful capacity building assistance. Carol has helped us re-build our volunteer program, has worked diligently on a number of special events and fundraising activities, and has recently begun to write some grants for the organization as well. A highlight of her time with us was organizing our summer garden project with the children.

VISTA member assignments are typically for two year terms, so we will be saying goodbye to Carol in February...but not before she helps us recruit her replacement!

Thank you Carol from all of the staff and the Board of Directors for all of your dedicated time to GTH. You made a difference and we will miss you!

Assisting Families Through Transitional Housing

While providing emergency shelter for homeless families is the core of our mission, GTH is much more than just a temporary shelter. We are perhaps best known for our safety net services for homeless families, but the actual real strength of our program is in the follow-up transitional housing programs we are able to provide to help families not only remain stable after leaving the shelter, but to help them regain their self-sufficiency. GTH has several "transitional housing" programs to assist families:

- **Follow-up Program.** Provides a case manager to work with the family monthly/bi-weekly to provide encouragement, information, accountability, and on-going support for up to two years.
- **Supportive Services Program.** Funded by HUD, this program provides extensive financial sup-

port for up to eight families for two years. Families receive weekly case mgmt., supportive services for barriers such as transportation and childcare, and are provided with rent and utility assistance.

- **HPRP Program.** The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing program is funded by federal stimulus dollars and provides rent, deposit and utility assistance for households who are either already homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Applicants must enroll in the Champions Program to receive assistance.
- We are also actively working to develop transitional housing sites in order to provide families with poor rental histories with a "second chance" by participating in our case management services.

HELP US GO GREEN AND SAVE SOME TREES!

Please call (352-3215) or e-mail us with your **e-mail address** so that we can send this newsletter to you electronically. Send e-mail to: jhart@qwestoffice.net. Your e-mail will not be shared with anyone but GTH.





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*Remember Greeley
 Transitional House
 in your will*



Children enjoying our new playground equipment funded by the Littler Youth Fund at the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County.

GTH TIDBITS....

- ✦ GTH currently has two vacancies on our Board of Directors. Please consider whether this might be an opportunity for you to become more involved in our mission. The Board meets once a month for a general meeting and at least one other time for subcommittee meetings. Contact Jodi Hartmann if you are interested in learning more.
- ✦ Did you know that you can receive a 25% state income tax credit for your donation of \$100 or more to GTH? We are an approved enterprise zone contribution project which enables donors to take a direct 25% credit against their state income taxes for a donation. All you have to do is make your check out to the Greeley/Weld Urban Enterprise Zone and mail it to us. We will forward your check to the Upstate Colorado Economic Development office for processing the credit. First time enterprise zone donors must include their social security number or federal ID number on the check. This information will be kept confidential on files with the Upstate office. Checks must be received by GTH by December 21 in order to get the tax credit for 2010.
- ✦ We are on Facebook! (who isn't?). Visit us under "Greeley Transitional House" and become our friend so that you can see all of the current happenings at GTH.
- ✦ We have a new fund at GTH. The Betty Pickering Children's Fund has been established in memory of an early, dedicated employee, Betty Pickering. The fund will be used to provide year round support of one time needs of children living at the shelter (e.g. extracurricular activities, school uniforms, coats, etc.).



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