



Holiday Update

DECEMBER, 2013

Your Support is Helping this Family Thrive

The Greeley Transitional House exists solely to help struggling families regain their stability, find hope and support, and to eventually achieve self-sufficiency. Thanks to your support, Gloria and her family are well on their way to becoming completely stable.



Prior to joining our program Gloria was a two time cancer survivor, and had just recently endured the death of her husband. She arrived at GTH very broken and in need of support and hope. She stayed at GTH for about three months and then was enrolled in our two-year follow-up transitional housing program.

For the past two years she has worked diligently to complete a series of goals, despite suffering another debilitating illness shortly after leaving the shelter

which has left her with speech and mobility problems. With the program's support she has obtained her GED and is enrolled at Aims pursuing an Associates of Applied Science Degree with an emphasis in engineering. She has been raising her family and going to school with only the bus system for transportation.....a process made even more difficult by her limited mobility. However, Gloria recently obtained her driver's license and purchased a vehicle so

that she can now drive her children and herself to school. Gloria will be completing her work with GTH in January, and is proud to be moving into her own modest home and will continue to pursue her education.

We are extremely proud of Gloria's strength, courage and determination to keep her family together and to provide them with the basic foundation they will need to thrive into adulthood. We are also grateful that the GTH program exists to help families like Gloria's build a better future.

"The Transitional House has given us our life back. There is no amount of words that can thank everyone who has helped us in this great journey. Thank you all for giving us a great start."

Gloria

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A Note from the Executive Director

Greetings!

The Greeley Transitional House has completed another successful year thanks to the support of our wonderful donors and community partners. With your support here's what we accomplished in 2013:

- * 80 families received emergency shelter
- * 145 children were kept safe and housed
- * 76 families received continued support through our transitional housing programs
- * 463 individuals were

supported by one of our programs.

- * 156 homeless families were housed
- * 29 families "graduated" our follow-up program and were successfully working and living in homes again.

Thanks to you our staff have touched the lives of hundreds of families - whether they faced an urgent need or sought support to improve their lives.

Your gift to GTH is extremely important because it provides

resources that make an immediate impact on families in crisis. Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$200 or more assists us in our commitment to make sure our community's homeless children are safe and housed.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. *Have a wonderful holiday season!*

Jodi Hartmann
Executive Director





GTH is now a Colorado Gives Day Member

24 Hours to Give Where You Live.

Support Greeley Transitional House on Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Last year a remarkable \$15.7 million was raised for Colorado Non-profits on this day. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for GTH on Colorado Gives Day 2013.

Presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day allows Coloradoans to give to their favorite charities through the website ColoradoGives.org. On this website GTH shares its goals, accomplishments and much more.

- 100% of your donation will come to Greeley Transitional House
- When you give to GTH on the ColoradoGives.org website any time on Dec. 10, the value of your donation will be increased by the FirstBank Incentive fund
- Donate online at: https://www.coloradogives.org/Greeley_Transitional_House/overview

“I will always remember this house as the turning point in my life.”

Delores R.



This Case Manager Makes a Difference

We believe case management is a key tool in helping families regain their self-sufficiency.

Through the professional guidance of caring case managers, our families find support, accountability and advocacy to reach their goals.

Our Champions Program Case Manager, Maria Hernandez, is an extraordinary case manager and individual.

Every day she inspires

and coaches her families to achieve great things through her keen grasp on resources, strong expectations, and caring support.

Maria overcame several childhood and adolescent obstacles to achieve her dreams. She completed a degree in Criminal Justice at Aims and a BA in Human Services at UNC and is the mother of two young daughters. Maria's message to her

families is always, “if I can do it, you can do it!”

Maria's fluent bilingual skills are also a great asset to not only GTH but the greater community. In her spare time Maria is a trainer for the Weld Waits youth program and is often sought after to work with families that need her unique help. We are very pleased and proud to have Maria on our team!

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 The 250+ individual donors who
 purchased Raffle Tickets at our 2013
 Summerfest fundraiser—Thank You!

Message from the Board of Directors

It has been another exciting year at the Transitional House. The dedicated staff have worked very hard to help many homeless families in the community to get back on their feet. I always enjoy the times where I get to interact with the staff, and understand the work that they do to help the families. Whether it be working with the parents to find jobs and housing, or the children's programs that help the children not only gain a sense of security back, but also to thrive again in school and their lives. Equally important are the follow-up transitional housing programs which help to ensure that the families continue to have the agency's support and direction after they leave the shelter to maintain their stability.

The board of directors has

also been working hard this year to make our SummerFest event the best event we have presented yet. The board's efforts to raise funds in an improving, but still difficult economy, as well as to provide strategic direction and community awareness for the organization provided great leadership for this work.

Going into my final few months as president of the board and as a board member, I would like to see an improvement in community awareness and support for the Transitional House. I would urge everyone in the community to support GTH in any way you can, whether it be through funding, volunteering or just sharing your knowledge of this great organization with your friends and colleagues. The best way to get the word



Kevin Whyrick
Board President

out is through people that know and support our organization.

I would like to thank the staff, the board and all of the supporters of the Transitional House for a great year, and I hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

- Kevin Whyrick



Camfield Corners Apartments Expanding

In 2012 GTH began offering transitional housing apartments at the Camfield Corner Apts. on 3rd Street & 11th Ave. in Greeley.

We manage these apartments on behalf of the City of Greeley's Urban Renewal Authority through a long-term lease/partnership. There are currently eight apartments at the site and this fall GURA began construction on a tri-

plex to add three additional two and three bedroom units. The units will be completed by spring 2014.

Over the past two years we have been able to assist 14 families in this two-year transitional housing which includes monthly case management support. Our goal with these units is to help families moving from the shelter to re-



Construction is underway on a fourth triplex at the Camfield Corner Apartments at 1020 3rd Street.

build their credit and housing histories before moving on to permanent housing in the commu-

nity. We are very grateful to the GURA Board and Staff for giving us this opportunity to provide further support for homeless families.

I was motivated before coming here but going in circles. You saved my life and what you do here truly matters.

- Tonya P.

Summerfest Event is the Talk of the Town

On August 23, we again hosted our annual Summerfest "Comedy for a Cause" event at the Island Grove Event Center. Featuring comedians Bob Meddles and Joe Larson, the 8th annual Summerfest was another great success.

This year we raised more than \$65,000 thanks to our 40 presenting, event, corporate and table sponsors,

Comedian Joe Larson was a big hit at our 2013 Summerfest



and the nearly 300 individuals who purchased raffle tickets and event tickets. *Thank you so much for supporting this great event!!*

Save the Date!

Saturday, August 16

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John W. Whitehead, founder, Rutherford Institute

As you consider a gift to Greeley Transitional House this holiday season, there are a number of ways that your support can help one of the more than 175 children who will live at our residential emergency shelter during this coming year:



- Yes! I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A HOMELESS CHILD
- \$25.00—Pays for one night’s shelter stay for a child
- \$50.00—Pays for three hours of case management & referrals for a child
- \$100.00—Pays for a year’s worth of arts & crafts and activities for 10 children while living at the shelter
- \$500.00—Pays for a child to stay at GTH for a month
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www.greeleytransitionalhouse.org

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Thank you for helping us help homeless children find safety & stability!