



Greeley Transitional House

Holiday Update

DECEMBER, 2014

We're Still Changing Lives

Greeley Transitional House is perhaps best known for its emergency shelter programs for homeless families, but we are also providing life-changing support for families through our transitional housing programs and Champions Program, a United Way of Weld County funded program.

We first started working with Judith after she and her two children became victims of the June 2014 floods in east Greeley which destroyed their home. She applied to the Champions Program for assistance, and was able to work with GTH's Champions Advocate, Maria Hernandez.



Together Maria and Judith developed a plan to



stabilize the family by first giving them emergency shelter at the Transitional House.

Judith was already working full-time as a cashier at Walmart while juggling the needs of her school-aged children with no other family support.

Judith is a former victim of domestic violence and has developed a strong and tenacious drive to help her children survive and thrive as a single-parent family. GTH enrolled her in our two-year transitional housing program to give her additional support and stability, and we assisted her in finding an

affordable three bedroom townhome. Judith works nights so that she can be available to take her children to school and be with them during the early evening. She is a great mother and definitely providing an excellent role model for her children.

We are proud of Judith's drive and all that she has done to keep her family strong and together.



"The Greeley Transitional House has helped my family and me to not remain helpless, and I've learned I'm not alone. We are so grateful for the support and I am happy my children have a home and know about the goodness of programs like this" - Judith

A Note from the Executive Director

Hello Friends & Supporters,

Thanks to the more than 525 individuals, businesses, foundations, and public partners who valued our work this past year through their donations and funding, the Greeley Transitional House:

- * Helped 70 families (234 individuals) with emergency shelter
- * Gave 87 school-aged children living at the shelter the support they needed to stay in school
- * Provided over 2,000 hours of case management to the families at the shelter
- * Sponsored 180 Life Skills Classes for adults and teens

- * Assisted another 49 families (167 individuals) with transitional housing support to further stabilize their housing
- * Provided support and case management to 41 families (132 individuals) served by our Champions Program to help move these households from crisis to stability.

In all, GTH touched the lives (and in many cases, changed the lives) of more than 500 adults and children in our community this year.

This great program providing safety net services for the most vulnerable is the result of the continuing support of all of

you who so faithfully help us fulfill our mission through your donations and support.

Thank you to our great Board of Directors who guide us in this process and the wonderful caring staff for their compassion and hard work.

And thank you friend for your holiday gift to help us continue this important work in 2015.

Happy Holidays!

Jodi Hartmann
Executive Director



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- 100% of your donation will come to Greeley Transitional House
- When you give to GTH on the ColoradoGives.org website any time on Dec. 9, the value of your donation will be increased by the FirstBank Incentive fund
- Donate online at: https://www.coloradogives.org/Greeley_Transitional_House/overview

“GTH brought security and stability into our lives so that I could concentrate on bettering our situation. The resources and help received made all the difference.”

Salina G.

Help us get our share of the Colorado Gives Day

\$1 Million Incentive Fund

For the fifth consecutive year, Community First Foundation and FirstBank are partnering to present Colorado Gives Day. All Coloradans are encouraged to join the statewide movement on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, by supporting their favorite causes online through

ColoradoGives.org.

Leveraging Your Gift

For the first time ever, Colorado Gives Day features a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country. This means every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the Incentive Fund. For example, if we receive 10 percent of the total donations made on Colorado Gives Day, we will receive 10

percent of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund.

Your gift to the Greeley Transitional House on Colorado Gives Day increases the value of every dollar you donate.

Check out our donation page on ColoradoGives.org for comprehensive information about our organization. Beginning November 1, 2014, donations can be scheduled ahead of time.

Thank You For Your Support This Past Year!

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The 350+ individual donors who purchased Raffle Tickets at our 2014 Summerfest fundraiser—Thank You!

Message from the Board of Directors

Another year is rapidly coming to a close. Every year seems to come and go quicker than the previous one! As I look back and reflect on my first year as President of the Greeley Transitional House, I feel that the organization took great strides both in our programs and financially. The Board of Directors and staff continue to create new methods to raise awareness of our mission and increase the services that the organization provides.

One of the main goals of the organization was to increase attendance at our biggest fundraiser, Summerfest. In order to reach this goal, many hours were spent in cultivating new relationships as well as maintaining our current ones. We were able to reach our goal and Summerfest 2014 was our most successful event on record! We look forward to being back in Greeley for our Summerfest 10 year anniversary in 2015.

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I would like to personally thank the members of the Board of Directors as well as all of the volunteers who have donated their time and efforts this past year as well as our exceptional staff. Our success is directly linked to your passion and dedication.

I would also like to extend our thanks to all of the individuals, couples and businesses that have made contributions to Greeley Transitional House this past year. It is through your support that our staff is able to provide the very best services to an ever growing population of homeless families in the Greeley and Weld County areas.

As we approach the New Year, we look forward to another successful year. The board will continue to work



Matt Brucklacher
Board President

diligently in continuing to raise awareness of our mission and serve our clients with the utmost care.

We wish all of you Happy Holiday's and a very prosperous New Year!

- Matt Brucklacher



Gratefully Giving Back to GTH

One of the greatest GTH family success stories in the last 10 years has been the White family. After successfully completing the emergency shelter and follow-up program, Junior and Rhonda White (and their three children) wanted to give back to GTH.

They started out volunteering at the shelter, helping with donations and yard work. Soon we had hired Junior as a

House Manager, and later Rhonda helped us with our Children's Program. She is now a House Manager as well. The Whites are also the Resident Managers of the Camfield Corner Apartments managed by GTH.

The couple has often explained that because GTH did so much for them, they want to give back. They (and their children) consider GTH their



home and their family, and they care for

the GTH properties as if they were their own.

We highly value the White family as a great success story, dedicated and hard-working employees, and lifelong friends of GTH.

"GTH is a life saver when life throws you some unexpected obstacles."

- Sonya & Frank

Join us in Celebrating our 10th Summerfest Event

On August 22, 2015, GTH will be celebrating its 10th Summerfest "Comedy for a Cause" special event. As our many supporters who have attended this event know, Summerfest is an evening of casual fun, excellent entertainment (our comedians are provided by Comedy Works in Denver), fabulous raffle prizes and great food. This year we will be returning to the Island Grove Event Center with the

wonderful food provided by Kenny's Catering. We are also planning special activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary and will have top professional comedians to make the event the best Summerfest to date! We hope you will plan to join us.

Comedian **Justin McKinney** was a big hit at our 2014 Summerfest



Save the Date!

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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
- I would like to donate \$_____ to be used where needed to help a child



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Greeley Transitional House
1206 10th Street
Greeley, CO 80631

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www.greeleytransitionalhouse.org

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