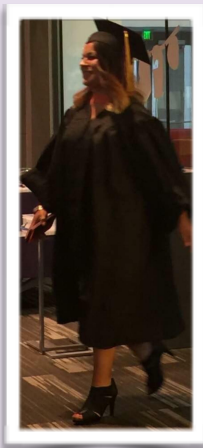


CLAUDIA'S STORY



Claudia is a single mom with four boys and a girl. She is also caring for her 12 year old brother to give him structure and a chance at a better

life. Due to family violence, Claudia had to leave her home with her kids and try to make it on her own. Claudia has always been a hard worker. She wanted good things for her kids, but she had no way to get ahead working the types of jobs for which she was qualified. Being in the CHF Transitional Housing Program has allowed her to take a time out from the tyranny of the urgent (day to day bills) and to focus on a good future instead. Read below to hear a bit of her story in Claudia's own words.



"Colorado Homeless Families has been a big blessing to my family. Before living here I was working two jobs to take care of my five kids. Living at CHF gave me the opportunity to quit one of my jobs and set up goals for my life. I was able to attend GED classes and graduate. I am in college pursuing my



Currently, I and am career. I thank CHF for all the support they have given me. With out their help I

wouldn't have been able to do it. Thank you CHF!



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COLORADO HOMELESS FAMILIES ANNUAL REPORT



*We couldn't do it
without you!*

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE

Since 1987, Colorado Homeless Families (CHF) has been the place hardworking families can turn to when they find themselves without housing due to job loss, family break ups, high cost of rent, etc.

- ❖ > 500 Families Housed
- ❖ > 400 Families Graduated from CHF
- ❖ 167 Families Have Purchased Homes
- ❖ 114 Graduated from School Programs

CHF FINANCES & STATISTICS

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK!

2017 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (AUDITED) ❖ INCOME= \$708,141 ❖ EXPENSES=\$649,738 ❖ SURPLUS= \$58,403

DIVISION OF EXPENDITURES: 85% PROGRAMS ❖ 14% ADMINISTRATION ❖ 1% FUNDRAISING

IN 2016 WE HAD A \$42,096 DEFICIT ❖ WHILE INCREASING SERVICES IN 2017 WE HAD A \$58,403 SURPLUS



CHF kids enjoying our Summer Kick Off Party. Special thanks to Ralston Hills Church for donating the inflatable fun house & slide.



THE NEED

According to the Denver Post, "since 2011, wages are up 11.4%, metro Denver rents are up 46.2%, and home prices are up by half." According to The Self-Sufficiency Guide for Colorado, "76% of workers in the most common occupations . . . do not earn wages sufficient to support their families."

OUR APPROACH

Job Loss, High Cost of Housing, Family Break Up... These are the 3 leading causes of homelessness. Our comprehensive program addresses all 3!

- ❖ Families pay 30% of their income to live at CHF.
- ❖ While here they participate in career counseling to determine their unique strengths so that they can receive the training needed to work in livable wage jobs that are a good fit for them and will provide well for their families.
- ❖ In addition, they participate in courses designed to build life skills in healthier relationships, financial literacy, parenting, etc.
- ❖ Families with trauma in their background also participate in intensive, trauma-informed therapy so that the relationship patterns of the past are not repeated in their futures.

A Snapshot of Our 2017 Residents

- 45 Families Housed (63 Adults & 123 Children)
- 27 Single Parent Families
- 18 Two Parent Families
- 51% Caucasian
- 27% African American
- 16% Hispanic
- 4% Asian
- 2% Native American
- 45% were homeless at intake
- 55% were at imminent risk of homelessness
- 3 individuals obtained jobs (previously unemployed)
- 16 individuals obtained better jobs
- 16 individuals attended college
- 18 individuals attended ESL classes
- 2 families graduated to self-sufficiency
- Both of the families who graduated purchased their own homes
- CHF residents performed 2,362 hours of community service
- CHF subsidized \$360,348 in rent
- CHF provided \$88,655 in family assistance (help with car issues, insurance, utilities, counseling, etc.)

Funding Source	Amount
Government Grants	\$708
Foundations	\$148,710
Individuals	\$72,939
Fees/Earned Income	\$457,459
Workplace Giving	\$26,909
Other	\$1,416
Total	\$708,141

FUNDING SOURCES

