A Ray of Hope in a Time of Crisis

COLORADO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

2008 Annual Report
2008 was a year of turbulence in our nation and in Colorado. The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, together with our clients, staff, supporters and Board, effectively weathered the instability of the economy. In a time of great adversity in our State, when homes and jobs were lost faster than at any time in recent history, the Coalition turned to our strengths to continue to create lasting solutions for so many who need us.

The Coalition serves people with dignity and respect in what may be their darkest hour. We provide a broad range of medical, educational and personal services, but our chief product is hope: hope for a better future, for a permanent home, and for a voice in our nation’s policies. We are a bright light in Colorado communities, working together with our partners, donors and funders to find solutions to some of our toughest problems.

The results of working together in 2008:

- The Coalition served more than 15,000 people, and housed more than 2,100 individuals and families on any given night.
- We opened Renaissance 88, housing 180 families, including those who are formerly homeless or disabled. We added a clubhouse with a computer lab and a neighborhood garden to create a sense of community.
- The Stout Street Clinic increased capacity to serve 20% more homeless individuals with medical and mental health care. The all-volunteer eye clinic provided over 1,000 pairs of eye glasses to homeless adults and children, and the dental clinic served 1,287 homeless individuals.
- Our rural Colorado and Metro Denver Transitional Housing programs housed hundreds of families, 79% of whom became stabilized in permanent housing and 6% who exited to homeownership.
- Our Housing First program for chronically homeless individuals, demonstrated that use of emergency services such as hospitalization, substance inpatient treatment, detox or jail, decreased by 60% after participants completed two years of enrollment. During this time, participants’ average monthly income increased from $185 to $431.
- The Coalition dedicated 90% of every dollar raised to client programs and services.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless continually reaches beyond state borders to make a national impact. John now adds to his position in Colorado by serving in Washington, DC as board president of the National Coalition for the Homeless, and we were recognized by the MetLife Foundation with a prestigious first place award for Excellence in Affordable Housing.

The Coalition is ready for the challenges of 2009. We continue to develop new housing, and expand our programs and services to meet the increased need throughout Colorado. We also remain focused on our efforts to prevent homelessness for those living on the brink of crisis.

Please continue your support and keep the light of hope shining bright in our communities.

John Parvensky
President and CEO

Jay Brown
Board Chair
Hope on the Streets

By best estimates, more than 16,000 people are homeless in Colorado on any given night. They may be hidden under bridges, in cars or seeking shelter in remote areas. Our street outreach team approaches individuals and families in some of the darkest corners of Colorado, with the compassion to tackle their personal obstacles to housing.

365 days a year, in rain, hailstorms, blizzards and bitterly cold or sweltering hot conditions, our street outreach team attempts to help those who are homeless and in need. It can take years to build a trusting relationship with chronically homeless individuals who may be suffering from mental illness or substance addictions. The street outreach team does not give up. Armed with backpacks of supplies and an abundance of patience and understanding, these skilled workers travel to the toughest destinations offering hope for a stable home.

The Coalition's Street Outreach Team served more than 10,000 homeless individuals through 27,000 encounters – 388 of these individuals now have a permanent home.
Hope for a Permanent Home

Have you visited an “affordable” housing development lately? The term often conjures images of poverty and crime. But we’ve come a long way in the past 20 years. Our cities and towns need housing that works for people transitioning from homelessness or struggling to make ends meet with minimum wage.

It’s time to take another look. Our latest development, Renaissance Riverfront Lofts, is a state-of-the-art apartment complex that brings dramatic new architecture to Denver’s River North neighborhood. The design is both striking and sustainable. Riverfront is built “green” to minimize environmental impact, create a healthy living environment and reduce annual operating costs. The project produced 55 new jobs and generated approximately $30 million in economic activity, and now houses 100 people who may otherwise be homeless.

Despite the aesthetic and financial benefits to Colorado, the Coalition’s focus remains on those 100 people who now live in a safe, stable home with access to services that help them achieve their goals.

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### Renaissance Riverfront Lofts:
*Solar powered for the future of our residents, and our planet*

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Families and individuals who are homeless may visit our Stout Street Clinic, or receive health care at our Health Outreach Program. The mobile medical clinic is often seen in the community, on its way to shelters and motels to provide care to those who find it difficult to travel.

Hope for Good Health

For those who experience life on the streets, paying for healthcare often comes secondary to food and shelter. The life expectancy for most Americans is almost 80 years – yet, for those who have been homeless, the probable lifespan is between 42 and 52 years.

The Coalition’s Stout Street Clinic has delivered healthcare to homeless adults and children for almost 25 years. There is never a charge for this care. We want healthy communities and understand that fees might literally mean the difference between life and death for a homeless individual.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless uses an integrated approach to health care. Patients arrive at the Coalition through a variety of clinical programs. Providers collaborate to address the overall health and mental health of each individual. The Coalition’s model of care attributes its success to meeting each patient’s needs by working with their personal strengths.

| Medical Care: 23,150 visits |
| Pharmacy: 102,877 prescriptions filled |
| Dental Clinic: 3,891 visits |
| Eye Clinic: 897 visits |
| Mental Health: 13,279 visits |
| Pediatrics: 1,231 visits for children 12 and under |
“One out of every three homeless men who is sleeping in a doorway, alley or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served this country,” according to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has found success in housing veterans, both men and women, and honoring their service to our nation.

Hope for Our Heroes

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has exceptional long-term success rates for housing chronically homeless individuals. We consider each person’s circumstance and work one-on-one to remove barriers to housing.

A veteran’s life experience is unique, and therefore we employ specialized programs to help these men and women achieve permanent housing. About half of homeless veterans suffer from mental illness or substance abuse problems. The Coalition’s case managers and counselors are experienced in addressing their individual issues, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, prevalent among veterans. We also house veterans in close proximity to each other whenever possible, and provide substance-free environments to help them re-build a healthy community.

In 2008, the Coalition worked with 946 veterans, and housed 251 of these individuals.
Renaissance Children’s Center provides the highest quality of care with long-term staff who understand the unique challenges that homeless children and parents experience.

Hope for the Future

Families with children comprise 60% of those who are homeless. It’s a startling statistic. Moving frequently, or living in temporary shelters or motel rooms can be a chaotic life for a child. The Renaissance Children’s Center provides stability for these young lives - a happy and safe place, where children are able to learn and play. The Center also allows parents the time they need to look for a job or attend programs that help them find and maintain a permanent home.

The Renaissance Children’s Center has consistently been awarded one of the highest ratings for childcare facilities in Colorado – the 4-star Qualistar – making it popular among parents of all income levels. The Center believes integrating children from various backgrounds, including homeless or formerly homeless, helps students appreciate the diversity in our communities from a very early age.

Renaissance Children’s Center made a difference for 213 children and their families in 2008.
Hope for a Steady Job

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless welcomes community support. Individuals, corporations and foundations contribute time and funding to make a difference for those in need. In return, the Coalition provides critical services that keep the community healthy.

Local entrepreneur Mike Sanchez brings a ray of hope to our community. He sees the strengths in his neighbors by looking beyond their status as ‘homeless’ and recognizing their employment potential. As reported by the United States Conference of Mayors, 30% of homeless people have jobs and can’t escape homelessness, but it is virtually impossible to escape without a job. The Coalition actively seeks paid positions for those we serve.

Mike Sanchez works with the Coalition’s Employment & Vocational program to hire people experiencing homelessness. Mike operates several businesses in Denver. “People have hard times, but they want to work, they want to have a home again. The Coalition screens employees for me, and makes it easier to bring them into my business.”

Mike’s businesses include contracting and renovation, and parking services. As his employees learn new skills, he increases their level of responsibility. Mike is committed to keeping his employees off the street. In fact, he has been known to invite them to live at homes under renovation. “There is a better chance of getting back on your feet when you have a place to live,” says Mike.
A Voice for Homeless Citizens

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has always been a champion for advocacy on behalf of homeless families and individuals in Colorado and throughout the United States. For example, John Parvensky worked tirelessly to help create and enact the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the first federal legislation ever dedicated to homeless assistance programs. The Coalition continues to shine a spotlight on the needs of those who are often forgotten. We work to create opportunities for the people we serve to share their concerns with elected officials, both here at home and in our nation’s capital.

Voter Registration

When the Democratic National Convention was held in Denver in 2008, The Coalition saw an extraordinary opportunity to engage the homeless community. We organized a voter registration drive at Stout Street Clinic and at Urban Peak, the Denver Rescue Mission, St. Francis Center and the Gathering Place. Over a two-day period, the Coalition registered 83 homeless individuals to vote in the 2008 election.

A National Leader

John Parvensky, who has led the Coalition for 23 years, was recently appointed President of the Board of the National Coalition for the Homeless, headquartered in Washington, DC.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has grown to be a nationally recognized innovator in developing programs for homeless and at-risk families and individuals. Now, in addition to his role in Colorado, John will assume a leadership role addressing homelessness throughout the nation.

A Model for the Nation

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless established our Housing First program in 2003 to help chronically homeless individuals move quickly from our streets and shelters. Once individuals are housed, they receive additional services essential to maintaining permanent housing.

Our program proved to increase housing success, decrease taxpayer emergency service costs, and improve the health and mental health status of participants. The Housing First model has become a standard embraced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other federal agencies, and is now duplicated by other non-profit organizations across the country.
The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless collaborates with our partner agencies in Colorado to address homelessness where it happens. Smaller cities and towns often lack the resources to ensure an adequate supply of housing and services for those experiencing homelessness. The Coalition shares knowledge, best practices, funding and staff time with our partners to maximize resources. Our goal is to help our partners end homelessness for families and individuals in rural and suburban communities.

A Statewide Approach

The Coalition is a leading member of the Colorado Community and Interagency Council on Homelessness. The Council serves as an advisory body to the Governor charged with recommending policies and programs that will assist in preventing and ending homelessness. In 2008, the Council made forty-eight recommendations for Colorado in the areas of housing, employment, benefits acquisition, education, access to support services, management and evaluation, and information collection.

Providing Statewide Support

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless raises funds to address homelessness throughout the state. We also serve as a “pass-through” agency, distributing funds to other non-profit partners who can best meet the needs of their local communities. In 2008, the Coalition administered more than $3 million to 25 agencies who also provide hope and permanent homes in Colorado.

Denver’s Road Home

Denver’s Road Home works with agencies in metro Denver to implement Mayor John Hickenlooper’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. The Coalition plays an integral role in Denver’s solution by developing transitional and permanent supportive housing, and providing a myriad of services to those experiencing homelessness. Denver’s Road Home raises funds through the Mile High United Way of Metro Denver and allocates these funds to agencies such as the Coalition that carry out the mission of the Ten Year Plan.
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Benefits Acquisition & Retention Team (BART)
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Healthcare Services
Health Outreach Program
Housing Development
Mental Health Services
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Renaissance Children’s Center
Rental Assistance Program
Rural Initiatives
Supportive & Transitional Housing Services

Beacon Place
Forest Manor Apartments
Forum Apartments
Garfield
Gateway
Lincoln Glenarm Apartments
Renaissance 88 Apartments
Renaissance at Blue Spruce
Renaissance at Civic Center
Renaissance at Concord Plaza
Renaissance at Loretto Heights
Renaissance Lowry Boulevard
Renaissance Off-Broadway Lofts
Renaissance Riverfront Lofts
Renaissance Xenia Village
Ruth Goebel House

Stout Street Clinic
Consolidated Statement of Activities

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Renaissance Housing Development Corp.
Renaissance Property Management Corp.
Year ended December 2008

Revenues
Contributions $ 6,672,768
Grants 19,721,272
Programs 5,194,504
Development Fees 266,667
Other 2,979,571
Interest 704,539
Total revenues $ 35,539,321

Expenses
Program Services:
Health Care 17,284,409
Education $ 55%
Management $ 9%
Supporting Services
City and County of Denver - Department of Human Services 1,565,719
City and County of Denver - Theaters and Arenas 345,716
Total Programs $ 31,078,175

Supporting Services
Management 3,050,342
Fundraising 651,118
Total Support 3,701,460

Total Expenses $ 34,779,635

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets 759,868

Net Assets December 2007 $ 12,623,511
Net Assets December 2008 $ 13,383,197

90% of every dollar is dedicated to client programs and services

Thank You

U.S. Bank Volunteers at Renaissance Riverfront Lofts

Fours & Benson Foundation
Faulkner Foundation
Fawcett McCorison Corporation
FCS Construction, Inc.
FedEx Charitable Gift Fund
Feinstein Institute for Maternal Health United Way
Fellows Foundation
Gannett Foundation
Gary Williams Oil Producer Employee Fund
Geffen Foundation
Gilead Sciences
Great American Insurance Company
Gresham Kansas City Community Foundation
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Co.
Help for Abused Partners
Hope United Methodist
Moo Balfour Stanford Memorial Trust of
Holy Name Province
McGraw Hill Companies
McKesson Foundation, Inc.
Mercedes Office Furniture
Michels Partnership for Housing
Michels Family Foundation
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Mike High United Way
Minniner Win., Inc.
Mitarbe Foundation
Network for Good
New Covenant Christian Church (DOCC)
The Nerd Family Foundation
Online Resources Corporation
OpenHomesFoundation
The Law Office of O'Brien & Stahlman, P.C.
Parker Sun Damage
Payless ShoeSource shares a Kids Program
Phelps Dodge Foundation
Shanes Law Firm
Shultz Foundation
Siegel Youth Development Management, Inc.
Louis P. Singer Fund, Inc.
Soundcheck, LLC
St. Andrew's Church
St. Francis Cabrini Parish
St. Gabriel's Catholic Church
St. Mary Land & Exploration Co.
St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish
Steel River, LLP
Steel Family Foundation
Sun Electric Systems, Inc.
Sun Microsystems, Inc.
Susan G. Komen Foundation
The Jess & Rose Ruiz & Peter Ruiz Foundation
UBS Financial Services, Inc.
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David J. McCay

James W. Hubbell

Andrew H. Swanson

Jeni A. Halingstad and Catherine P. Cole

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Civic Center Apartments: Recognized with Two National Awards

Renaissance at Civic Center Apartments, in the heart of downtown Denver, provides housing to chronically homeless individuals, coupled with intensive treatment programs such as mental healthcare and substance abuse counseling.

The MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing recognized the outstanding work of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in developing and managing Renaissance at Civic Center Apartments with a First Place national award. The award was presented by Enterprise and the MetLife Foundation.

Renaissance at Civic Center Apartments was also nominated for the Fannie Mae Foundation’s Maxwell Award of Excellence, acknowledging outstanding efforts to prevent and end homelessness in the United States. The Coalition accepted a prize for our exceptional success serving chronically homeless individuals at this site.

Civic Center Apartments is on the Colorado register of historic places, having housed one of the first YMCA basketball courts. Today, it provides 216 apartments, community rooms and the new Central Denver YMCA.

Congratulations to the Renaissance at Civic Center Apartments’ development and property management teams, as well as to those who provide services to the tenants each and every day.

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