Dear Friends,
On behalf of the board of directors of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, thank you for your continued support. It is your generosity that enables us to work towards lasting solutions to the problem of homelessness.

Jay Brown
John Parvensky

With your help, in 2007, we expanded our medical facilities, increased our stock of low income housing, and assisted more clients than ever before. The numbers you will find throughout this annual report reflect our progress. Specifically, we:

- Broke ground for Renaissance Riverfront Lofts (100 units), our first “green” community for homeless and low income households
- Established Gateway Supportive Housing Program for families and individuals that provides 40 units of interim housing
- Received re-certification for Renaissance Children’s Center as a four star Qualistar rated facility, one of a handful in Colorado
- Acquired and renovated Renaissance 88 in Thornton, providing 180 apartments for homeless and low income families
- Dedicated Renaissance at Xenia Village
- Expanded Stout Street Clinic, including the addition of three medical exam rooms
- Expanded mental health care through our PATH program
- Deployed our new Health Outreach Program Mobile Clinic (HOP) to provide mobile healthcare to those who cannot access Stout Street Clinic.

We also provided medical and mental health care to 12,228 patients in 2007 and now provide housing for nearly 2,100 individuals and families. But with all of the effort, the needs only grow. In an era of sub prime lending problems and escalating foreclosure rates, more and more individuals and families find themselves confronting homelessness, many for the first time. It is because of this that your support is more critical than ever before.

With your help as donors and advocates, we will continue to expand our efforts to create lasting solutions to homelessness in Colorado. Thank you again for your continued support.

Jay Brown
Board Chair

John Parvensky
President and CEO

CCH Programs
Benefits Acquisition and Retention Team (BART)
Denver Outreach Collaborative
Community Resources
Housing First Programs
- Denver Housing First Collaborative
- 16th Street Housing First
Education and Advocacy
Family Support Services
Healthcare Services – Stout Street Clinic
- Dental Clinic
- Eye Clinic
- Health Outreach Program (Mobile Healthcare)
- Pharmacy
- Primary Medical Care
- Respite Care Program
- Samaritan House Clinic
Mental Health Services
- La Casa Quigg Newton Family Counseling Center
- Stout Street Clinic Mental Health Services
- Stout Street Bridges
- Project to Assist in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance
Renaissance Children’s Center
Rental Assistance Program
Employment Services
Rural Initiatives
Substance Treatment Services
Supportive and Transitional Housing
- Beacon Place
- Forest Manor Apartments
- Forum Apartments
- Gateway Supportive Housing
- Lincoln Glenarm Apartments
- Renaissance 88 Apartments
- Renaissance Blue Spruce
- Renaissance at Civic Center
- Renaissance at Concord Plaza
- Renaissance at Loretto Heights
- Renaissance Lowry Boulevard
- Renaissance Off-Broadway Lofts
- Renaissance Xenia Village
Consolidated Statement of Activities

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Renaissance Housing Development Corp.
Renaissance Property Management Corp.

Year ended December 2007

Revenues

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Expenses

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Increase (decrease) in net assets

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Net increase of assets for operations in 2007

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The 2006 audited financial statements for the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless are available on request.

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Jerry Valdes, Director of Property Management

Revenue

- Grants 60%
- Programs 18%
- Contributions 17%
- Development Fees 1%
- Interest 2%
- Other 2%

Expenses

- Health Care 48%
- Housing 42%
- Administration 7%
- Fundraising 2%
- Education & Advocacy 1%
Most people are familiar with homelessness in big cities like Denver and Colorado Springs. But homelessness also exists throughout Colorado’s small towns, farming communities, and mountain resorts. It is not just an urban problem. Low wages, seasonal jobs, high rents, low vacancy rates, and limited mass transit often force people to live in their cars or in camps on public land. Additionally, rural counties have few charitable resources, like emergency shelters and food banks.

A recent statewide homeless count estimated that on the night of January 29, 2007, there were 6,706 homeless people in Colorado’s 56 non-metro and rural counties (ref. Colorado Statewide Homeless Count, Winter 2007, CU Graduate School of Public Affairs).

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless’ Rural Initiatives Program is a collaboration among CCH and non-profit homeless service providers in 14 small cities and towns. CCH and its rural partners jointly operate 12 transitional housing programs, one permanent supportive housing program and one supportive services program. These programs provide rental assistance and supportive services to help families and individuals become permanently housed.

**By the numbers**

**6,706:** The number of homeless people estimated to live in Colorado’s rural and non-metro counties

**14:** The number of cities and towns where CCH has rural partners
individuals move from homelessness to housing stability and self-sufficiency. In 2007 these collaborations found housing for 135 households including permanent housing for 44 households.

CCH is privileged to have rural partner agencies around the state who have been in the forefront of the fight against homelessness for many years.

CCH’s rural programs are located in Ft. Collins, Greeley, Loveland, Pueblo and Grand Junction, Sterling, Ft. Morgan, Canon City, Trinidad, Alamosa, Montrose, Durango, Glenwood Springs and Avon.

Some causes of homelessness are worse in rural Colorado
- Higher rates of poverty and unemployment
- Lack of safe and affordable rental housing
- Higher rates of domestic violence
- Lack of human services providers
- Lack of public transportation for homeless assistance programs

On May 23, 2007 Governor Bill Ritter’s Executive Order established the Community and Interagency Council on Homelessness. He named John Parvensky, President of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless as Vice Chair.

Rural Initiatives Partners
- Trinidad Advocates Against Domestic Assault
- Loveland Alternatives to Violence
- Fort Collins Catholic Charities Northern Larimer Center for Mental Health
- Glenwood Springs Catholic Charities Western Slope
- Greeley Greeley Transitional House
- Sterling HELP for Abused Partners
- Montrose Hilltop Community Resources
- Grand Junction Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley
- Durango Housing Solutions for the Southwest
- Alamosa La Puente Home
- Canon City Loaves & Fishes Ministries of Fremont County
- Pueblo Posada
- Avon Bright Future Foundation of Eagle County
- Fort Morgan S.H.A.R.E.
As adults, we have an urgent obligation to ensure that poverty does not determine our children’s future.” ~ Governor Bill Ritter

Homeless families throughout Colorado are struggling at a rate greater than ever before. Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of homelessness, suffering educational, physical, emotional and developmental setbacks. Exposure to violence, poor living conditions and lack of quality daycare contribute to these challenges for homeless families. A 2007 count conducted by the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative found that families with children comprise 60% of the homeless population and that 32% were homeless for the first time. At Colorado Coalition for the Homeless we are seeing the results of these figures first hand as 1,660 families came to us for assistance in 2007, an increase of 5% percent over the previous year.

CCH’s Family Support Services (FSS) provides a wide range of critical services for homeless families including: shelter placement; 24 months of service-enriched transitional housing; children’s programs designed to promote healthy physical, emotional, educational and social growth; and Welfare to Work programs. Every day, FSS tackles the challenges that deny the success of homeless families and robs their children of hope at an early age.

By the numbers

1,660:
The number of families assisted by FSS in 2007

2,412: The number of children provided shelter through FSS Emergency Services in 2007

129: The number of hours that families earning minimum wage ($5.15 an hour) need to work per week in order to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market rent

180,000: The number of children in Colorado living in poverty. The highest rate of increase in the nation from 2000 - 2006
The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has been delivering street outreach to homeless people in Denver since 1986. Two specific outreach programs provide life saving resources and direct medical care to Colorado’s homeless. CCH’s Outreach Program is the lead agency in one of the most effective collaborations serving chronically homeless individuals living on Denver’s streets: the Denver Street Outreach Collaborative (DSOC).

As part of Denver’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, CCH and several other organizations work closely with the Denver Police Department and the Downtown Denver Partnership to deliver critical services to Denver’s homeless population.

Collaborating with other providers like St. Francis Center, CCH’s Outreach Program puts caseworkers on the streets who search for homeless individuals needing help. Engaging with a chronically homeless individual can be a time-consuming process; for some it can take five minutes, for others, it may take years. As the relationship develops, the outreach worker connects him/her to available resources. These may include access to housing, healthcare, mental health and substance abuse treatment, respite care, acquisition of identification, benefits, motel vouchers, transportation, food, and clothing. Long-term housing for the individual is the ultimate goal.

The Health Outreach Program (HOP) takes medical care to the homeless community in a 47 foot long mobile medical clinic. In April, 2007, a new HOP mobile clinic was inaugurated with two medical exam rooms and a lab. In 2007, its doctors and nurses served more than 1,500 homeless adults and children in 22 locations in the Denver metro area.

HELP WHEREVER IT’S NEEDED: 32,505

By the numbers in 2007

32,505: the number of outreach encounters
1,178: The number of individuals provided outreach case management
357: the number of individuals housed through outreach services
1,500: The number of homeless individuals served by HOP

Photography: Dennis Schroeder
The Renaissance Children’s Center (RCC) has an important mission: Preventing the next generation of homelessness through high quality child care. A safe and friendly place to learn and play can be the most stable environment in the life of a child recently transitioned from homelessness. At RCC, formerly homeless children learn to play with low-income and middle to high income children. The curriculum invites children to develop cognitively through structured playtime and creative problem solving. Because of its 4-Star Qualistar rating, the names of parents from neighborhoods miles around fill the waiting list at RCC, which is also accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

RCC accepts children from six weeks through 12 years. Staff is chosen based on their care and commitment to the needs of the children and many have extensive backgrounds in early childhood education.

By the numbers

29,000:
The annual number of childcare days provided by RCC
5/1: The toddler/teacher ratio at RCC
4: The number of stars (maximum) awarded by Qualistar to RCC

Photography: Dennis Schroeder
“This development (Renaissance Riverfront Lofts) will help meet a critical housing need in Denver for both homeless individuals and persons working downtown who cannot afford to live in the near-by luxury loft development.”
~ John Parvensky, President of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

The most important way the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless creates lasting solutions to homelessness in Colorado is building supportive housing for its clients. Because of CCH’s progressive Housing Development program, one of its newest properties, Renaissance Riverfront Lofts, is among the first green-built affordable housing developments in Denver and Colorado.

Building green simply makes sense. It significantly reduces overall costs, especially energy and water costs, making available more donor dollars for the housing, medical, mental health, substance treatment and childcare programs that support our homeless families and individuals.

Scheduled for completion in early 2009, Renaissance Riverfront Lofts features rental loft apartments targeted to a variety of incomes. Approximately forty percent of the apartments are reserved for formerly homeless individuals served by CCH. The balance is directed to households at or below 50% of the area median income, (approximately $30,000), and is a mix of one and two-bedroom units.

Some CCH properties include four-bedroom apartments like Renaissance 88, a development in Thornton for families with some apartments modified for people living with disabilities. CCH offers integrated housing at our properties for transitional residents, low-income, and market rate residents alike. This eliminates the inevitable stigma that used to be common in housing for the homeless.

CCH’s properties provide a safe environment in the transition from homelessness, access to educational and job opportunities and stability for homeless families and individuals.

By the numbers

1: Renaissance Riverfront Lofts is among the first green-built affordable housing developments in Denver and Colorado.

80,000: The number of pounds of CO2 emissions reduced by Riverfront’s solar panels

1,500: The total number of housing units CCH has developed

40: The number of megawatts generated from Riverfront’s solar panels
CCH volunteers create a better world for homeless individuals, one person and one act of kindness at a time. 350 Coloradans found time in 2007 to provide 9,512 hours of help to CCH staff and homeless individuals by volunteering for positions ranging from clerical to medical duties and serving on committees and its board of directors. Without dedicated volunteers, CCH’s 32 programs would not function as effectively.

CCH volunteers include doctors, registered nurses, pharmacists, counselors, social workers, attorneys, and therapists. Volunteer attorneys provide homeless clients with legal help that often allows them access to benefits and housing. CCH’s Stout Street Eye Clinic is an all-volunteer program; 46 volunteer optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians, and optical assistants provide eye care for homeless clients. Proper eye care and corrective lenses help homeless clients read job applications and function more independently.

In 2007, Cherie Yager, a volunteer optician (pictured above) with CCH’s Stout Street Eye Clinic received the Presidential Volunteer Award, from President George W. Bush at a private ceremony. With more than 25 years experience in Denver’s optical retail community, she has been an invaluable asset to the eye clinic.

For information about how to volunteer at CCH, please visit our website at: www.coloradocoalition.org.

By the numbers

9,512:
The number of hours donated by volunteers in 2007

1910: The number of hours donated by doctors and nurses in 2007

350: The number of volunteers at CCH

132: The number of pro bono hours donated by lawyers in 2007

46: The number of volunteers providing optical services at the Stout Street Eye Clinic
The Denver Housing First Collaborative serves the most vulnerable homeless individuals - those who have lived on the streets for more than seven years – and targets individuals with mental illness. In 2007, The Housing First Collaborative, along with its companion program, the 16th Street Housing First Program, ended homelessness for 207 chronically homeless individuals by providing permanent supportive housing, health care, mental health services, substance treatment and veterans’ services.

An important study conducted by CCH looked at participants for 24 months prior to obtaining housing and for 24 months after obtaining housing. Results show an average savings to taxpayers of $31,545 per participant from significantly reduced utilization of emergency room care, inpatient medical and psychiatric care, detox services, incarceration, and emergency shelter. Factoring in the 207 formerly homeless clients, that is an estimated total savings of $6,529,815 to Denver taxpayers in 2007.

The 16th Street Housing First Collaborative Program is designed to serve chronically homeless individuals who primarily reside in the Downtown Denver area of the 16th Street Mall. The 16th Street Housing First Collaborative Program has dramatically decreased panhandling and loitering along downtown Denver’s 16th Street Mall. Ultimately, these Housing First programs improve the quality of life for homeless individuals and the community by reducing the number of people who must live and sleep on the streets.

By the numbers

6,529,815:
The estimated number of dollars saved by Denver taxpayers due to Housing First initiatives in 2007

207: The number of Housing First clients for whom CCH ended homelessness in 2007

34.4: The percent reduction of emergency room visits of a sampling of Housing First clients.

81: The percentage reduction of Housing First individuals in detox.
“The soul of a community is a reflection of its art and artists. The conscience of a community should be measured by how we serve our most at-risk citizens. We must pay attention to them both.”

~ Donald R. Seawell, Chairman Emeritus of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts

The performing arts can be a powerful vehicle for social change. The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) enjoy a collaboration that resonates within both the homeless community and the patrons of the arts. The DCPA has effectively built a stage for the poetry of homeless people that has reached thousands in the community.

Each year CCH proudly hosts a fundraiser in collaboration with a DCPA performance. Pre-show receptions feature the poetry of homeless people and have included Madwoman of Chaillot, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and 3 Mo’ Divas. These poetry readings have become compelling artistic vehicles for conveying stories about homelessness.

What is Beauty?
A Poem by Randle Loeb, CCH Board Member and Advocate

In the nuptials of feeling consciousness, being alive and something that would be everything and in every place of homestead and hearth of brave spirits.

In the rev of engines and the exhaust, in the cost of unbridled things and ceilings that offer a wide view.

One feels the sense of being alive, at home, safe and at peace. There is in this version a place for every heart. And the divine presence in every one, however limited.

By the numbers

48,256:
The number of dollars raised in 2007 through arts related events

David Ivers as Hysterium and Kathleen M. Brady as Domina in the Denver Center Theatre Company production of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Photo by Terry Shapiro
The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless’ Stout Street Clinic has been delivering health care for the homeless in downtown Denver for 23 years. Located at the corner of Stout Street and Broadway, this freestanding, 20,000 square foot facility houses medical, mental health, substance treatment, pharmacy, eye care, dental care, case management, benefits acquisition and other services for individuals who are homeless. There is never a charge for this care.

In 2007, CCH provided health care services to 12,228 homeless people, vividly demonstrating the critical need for health care and other services. Common diagnoses include hypertension, diabetes and asthma. Most often, homeless patients suffer from compounded multiple diagnoses.

Overall, the average life expectancy for Americans is almost 80 years of age, yet, for those who experience homelessness, the probable lifespan is between 42 and 52 years. Young women (ages 18 to 34) are four times more likely to lose their lives than their housed counterparts. Staff at SSC work every day to better these devastating odds.

By the numbers in 2007

12,228
The number of homeless patients treated at Stout Street Clinic

102,800: The number of Prescriptions dispensed at Stout Street Clinic

1,106: The number of pairs of glasses distributed (without charge) at the Stout Street Eye Clinic
The mission of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively toward the prevention of homelessness and the creation of lasting solutions for homeless and at-risk families, children and individuals throughout Colorado. CCH advocates for and provides a continuum of housing and a variety of services to improve the health, well-being and stability of those it serves.

www.coloradocoalition.org

Many of the photos appearing in this annual report are the work of volunteer photojournalist, Dennis Schroeder. A two-time Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist, Dennis has extensively documented the human condition in Colorado over the past 25 years. “I have always loved the people of Colorado and their spirit of helping one another. Within each of us, lies the ability to make a difference.”

Cover Photography: Dennis Schroeder