WORKING TOWARD THE DAY
WHEN EVERYONE HAS A HOME

2011 Annual Report
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With a singular purpose to end homelessness, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless opens the door to hope for 15,000 adults and children each year. Every person we see has a devastating story of job loss, family tragedy, childhood trauma, addiction or illness – the most common precursors to homelessness. But for every story of devastation, there is an opportunity for a new beginning.

2011 was a year of hope and recovery for the adults and children served by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. The Coalition marked its 27th year of moving Coloradans into safe homes, keeping families together, and providing critical health care and supportive services. In 2011 we helped more than 13,000 homeless men, women and children with medical and mental health care. We also housed more than 2,300 families and individuals each night.

Unemployment continued to dominate the headlines so we added yet another innovative solution to our mix of services. The expansion of our successful Renaissance Works vocational program led to the opening of Pizza Fusion, an organic, full-service restaurant owned and operated by the Coalition.

Pizza Fusion provides job training and employment, and has created 32 jobs for homeless and formerly homeless clients since opening in June 2011. This supportive environment builds skills and creates opportunities for those who were left behind by the turbulent job market.

As the housing crisis continued, the Coalition broke ground on 101 new apartment homes for homeless adults and children with a satellite health care center desperately needed on Denver’s west side. Renaissance West End Flats and West End Health Center will proudly open its doors in June 2012.

We perform this challenging and rewarding work with support from donors, funders and a strong community of collaborators and service providers. You are the reason these families and individuals are housed tonight.

This year, we are grateful to our clients for sharing their heart-wrenching stories to help us understand how it feels to be homeless, and what it takes to recover. With each person we move off the street, each home we build, each job we help our clients secure, each immunization we provide, and each child we teach, we are working toward the day when everyone has a home.

We are the lasting solution to homelessness.

Jay Brown
Chair, Board of Directors

John Parvensky
President and CEO
Jessica lost her three month old baby to SUDI (Sudden Unexplained Death of an Infant, formerly SIDS) just months after being laid off from her job. While still trying to care for her other children and fighting severe depression, Jessica received an eviction notice. She felt as if her world had turned upside down in a very short period of time.

Jessica moved temporarily into her mother’s small mobile home, but she was at risk of losing her children unless she found a more stable living environment. The anxiety became overwhelming.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless provided Jessica with a solution. The Coalition quickly enrolled her in the Family Unification Program and moved Jessica and her children into a suitable home so they could stay together.

Jessica meets regularly with her Coalition therapist to confront the trauma of losing a child. As she recovers from her depression, she plans to return to work in the medical field and continue building a better life for her children. “I want them to enjoy their childhood and not worry about where they are going to sleep,” says Jessica. Together, we’ve helped her take the first steps toward achieving her goals.

Children who are separated from their parents due to homelessness experience additional trauma with long-term effects. When the Coalition steps in, families stay together or reunite, and receive the housing and counseling they need.

“It takes courage, dedication, overcoming a feeling of shame, and asking for and receiving help to stabilize a family’s life.”

– Mark Miller, Director of Rental Assistance

The Family Unification Program helped 165 families, making a positive difference for 500 parents and children.
Larynda is a single mom with three children. She lost her job in 2008 as the economy began to decline, and her company-owned rental home went into foreclosure.

Without a job or any remaining savings, Larynda became homeless, and her children ended up staying with friends while she slept in her car. Larynda turned to the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless for help. One memorable day, she received a call stating that she had reached the top of the waiting list and a Coalition townhome was ready—her whole family could move in immediately.

Larynda was elated, but still in desperate need of a job to get back on her feet. She sought help from the Coalition’s Renaissance Works vocational program and successfully interviewed at Pizza Fusion, the Coalition’s transitional employment enterprise. Pizza Fusion helped Larynda re-build her confidence, her résumé and her references. She became the first employee to ‘graduate’ after accepting a new position as an office manager and remains grateful to the Coalition for helping her family through the most painful chapter of their lives.

Employment is a crucial component in the effort to end the cycle of homelessness. But without a fixed address, transportation, child care or clean clothes, it is nearly impossible to compete in today’s challenging job market. The Coalition’s Renaissance Works program provides résumé counseling and job training to Coalition clients, and places job-seekers in the restaurant industry, property maintenance, housekeeping, construction, parking lot management and office positions throughout the community.

Pizza Fusion provides formerly homeless men and women with a steady job and intensive training that extends well beyond the restaurant business. As a wholly owned enterprise of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, all profits are returned back to the job training program. The restaurant provides a steady source of new jobs as each trained staff member transitions to other positions in the community.

Pizza Fusion’s first year:

- Served more than 26,000 pizzas
- Employed 32 people
- Transitioned 7 graduates to new jobs

Pizza Fusion provides one pizza at a time. Creating jobs one pizza at a time.
Health care provided in 2011:
- Medical Care – 36,296 visits
- Pediatrics – 1,914 visits
- Mental Health – 25,287 visits
- Pharmacy – 127,206 prescriptions filled
- Dental Clinic – 5,464 visits
- Eye Clinic – 1,182 visits
8,143 patients required both medical and mental health treatment in 2011.

Phyllis became homeless in early 2011 after losing her job. She began staying with friends and family members, even in her car to “keep from becoming a burden.” In July, Phyllis began hearing voices and became suicidal. She was admitted to the hospital for acute psychosis and, because she was homeless, was referred to the Coalition’s Stout Street Clinic for longer-term care.

The Coalition’s integrated approach to health care has enabled Phyllis to make great strides and begin moving forward in all areas of her life. She receives counseling from a mental health provider, receives asthma and chronic pain treatment from a medical provider, and her impaired vision was corrected by a Coalition ophthalmologist.

Phyllis feels “like a better person” since she began working with the Coalition’s comprehensive health care team. Because of the medical and mental health treatment she receives, Phyllis says she can “think more clearly about my future.”

The Coalition’s Stout Street Clinic provides comprehensive, integrated care for men, women and children of all ages. Homelessness often leads to multiple health problems due to harsh living conditions, lack of access to care, poor nutrition and severe emotional trauma. The Stout Street Clinic is able to address co-occurring issues with an integrated team of medical, pediatric, mental health, dental, vision and substance treatment providers, while connecting with other supportive services as needed. Since co-pays may be a barrier to treatment, services are provided free of charge.

The Coalition’s Mobile Health Clinic visits seven locations each week to treat those who lack transportation or may be too ill to visit the Stout Street Clinic. The Coalition also staffs satellite clinics at 16 homeless provider sites in Denver and Boulder. These services reduce emergency room visits as well as the length of hospital stays, resulting in dramatically reduced costs for care.
Steve endured a difficult childhood before enlisting in the Army and spending five years in Bosnia and Iraq. Upon his return, Steve held down a full-time job, but eventually turned to alcohol to deal with the symptoms of his mental illness and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He became one of nearly 3,000 homeless veterans in Colorado, panhandling to survive.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless’ outreach team approached Steve numerous times, but he says, “I couldn’t get my head out of the hole.” His PTSD kept him from entering shelters and confined spaces and Steve ended up in jail or detox facilities on several occasions.

The Coalition’s Housing First program was created in 2004 to help people like Steve. By providing housing as the first step, the Coalition was able to engage him in other services. Once Steve became stable in housing, Coalition staff helped him tackle his alcohol problem. He also received mental health treatment and dental care from Coalition providers.

Steve now lives independently. He says he isn’t perfect, but pays his bills on time and hasn’t needed emergency services for nine years. Steve says the Coalition staff got him to this point: “without them I’d probably be dead.” He now thinks about the future and wants to give back by mentoring other veterans who are making the transition from homelessness.

Housing First is designed to help chronically homeless individuals move quickly off the streets. Housing First employs crisis intervention, rapid access to housing, follow-up case management and supportive services to prevent the recurrence of homelessness. Housing First models across the country have proved successful in ending homelessness and in reducing costs to taxpayers by reducing substance use, hospitalizations and emergency room visits.
“Silver” had been living in a truck camper in rural Colorado for seven years with no running water or heat. He had numerous health problems and was in dire need of a hip replacement. At the age of 61, Silver was referred to one of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless’ partner agencies for help. He was quickly assisted into a transitional apartment by Catholic Charities Western Slope, the Coalition’s partner in Glenwood Springs. They also helped Silver access an orthopedic surgeon in Denver to perform his complicated hip surgery. With his surgery complete, he is now healing in permanent housing. Silver recently gave away his camper shell believing he will never be homeless again.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has 25 partner agencies in small cities, rural communities and throughout Metro Denver. The Coalition’s statewide Rural Initiatives and Housing Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Programs provide technical assistance and administer grants on behalf of our non-profit partners. Sharing our expertise reduces costly overhead for smaller agencies so they can focus on client outreach and direct services.
Building of America Award – Gold Medal Feature was awarded to Renaissance Uptown Lofts as an innovative, unique and challenging new project that ‘gives back’ to its community. Presented by the Building of America Network.

Renaissance Uptown Lofts

Community Health Advocate Award was received by Public Policy Manager Meg Costello for excellence in advocacy and dedication to improving the health outcomes and community awareness of the needs of homeless populations. Presented by Colorado Community Health Network.

2011 Accomplishments:

- Grand Opening: Pizza Fusion job training and employment program
- Groundbreaking: West End Health Center and 101 new apartment homes at Renaissance West End Flats
- 231 children served at the Back to School Healthy Kids Fair
- The Street Outreach program moved 394 people off the street
- 13,055 patients served at the Stout Street Clinic
- 144 children enrolled at the Renaissance Children’s Center
- Electronic health records system implemented
- 2,300 families and individuals housed on any given night

The Children’s Champion Award was received by Renaissance Children’s Center founding Director Joyce Kinney for creating a new and innovative training opportunity for Early Childhood Education in Colorado, and for being a leader in creating a model program for supporting children and families at risk. Presented by the Triad Early Childhood Council of Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties.

Outstanding Achievement Award was received by Psychiatric Director Elizabeth Cookson, M.D., for her leadership and tireless work on behalf of the disenfranchised in our community. Dr. Cookson now serves as the President of the Colorado Psychiatric Society, which presented the award.

CH2M HILL’s dedicated volunteers were honored to contribute their time and efforts to the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless’ natural classroom project at the Renaissance Children’s Center. Our strong commitment to the community and sustaining our environment was reflected in each aspect of this unique learning center.

Lee McIntire, Chairman and CEO, CH2M HILL

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has worked 27 years to respect and defend every person’s fundamental human right of a job, housing and health care. They seek to overcome human suffering, to assure that fragile bodies are sheltered and healed, and that troubled minds are calmed. They truly do make a difference in peoples’ lives.

John Lozier, Executive Director National Health Care for the Homeless Council

FCI Constructors is fortunate to have worked with the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless for more than ten years on several projects that provide quality, affordable housing for low-income and formerly homeless individuals. Their dedication to improving peoples’ lives and our neighborhoods makes Colorado a better place to live.

Ed Forsman, President, FCI Constructors

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From Olympic contenders to Pac Man’s Ghost, more than 750 participants turned out for the 2011 Home for the Holidays 5K & Fun Run in Denver’s City Park.

Community Involvement
Annual Fundraising Events
Spring: Wine Tasting Benefit
Summer: Back to School Healthy Kids Fair
Fall: Home for the Holidays 5K & Fun Run
Home for the Holidays Dine Out
www.coloradoalitenation.org/events

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Philip

Ch2M Hill staff donated funds, designed a water feature and spent three weekends landscaping and building a natural classroom at the Renaissance Children’s Center. The space will be used by 200 children each year.

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Mark

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James & Joyce

James and Joyce's oldest child Julian suffers with a debilitating chronic disease. A bone marrow transplant saved his life, but the medical costs of this family's six-year journey into their home and stability. The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless helped them find a rental home they could afford without sacrificing Julian's vital health care. James and Joyce graduated high school this year while continuing to play the guitar with his brothers. James looks for every opportunity to advance his career and thanks the Coalition saying, "they help us reach our goals and become independent."
In Memory of Barbara

Longtime community employee Barbara Regan passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Barb and her family were one of the Coalition’s first transitional housing residents at Renaissance Loretto Heights Apartments 15 years ago. One year later, she graduated from the program and became the property manager. Barb was a strong leader who helped hundreds of families transition from homelessness into stable housing at Loretto Heights.

Barbara Regan

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**Revenues**
- Private Contributions: $3,492,950
- Federal, State & Municipal Grants: $26,373,647
- Programs: $4,968,335
- Development fees: $1,464,370
- Other: $9,992,243
- Interest: $884,699
- Total Revenues: $47,176,244

**Expenses**
- Program Services:
  - Health care: $20,552,299
  - Housing: $16,630,900
  - Property management: $1,904,266
  - Statewide Education & Advocacy: $294,610
- Supporting Services:
  - Management: $3,487,459
  - Fundraising: $677,968
- Total Programs: $39,382,075
- Total Support: $4,165,427
- Total Expenses: $43,547,502

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets: $3,628,742

Net assets December 2010: $19,181,151
Net assets December 2011: $22,809,893

*Increase in net assets includes the transfer of The Forum Apartments from a tax credit partnership to the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.
Support the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and help provide valuable health care, educational and housing services in urban and rural communities across Colorado. The Coalition, established in 1984, dedicates 89 percent of every dollar raised to client programs and services.

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