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Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Receives the Eagle Award from Housing Colorado for Innovative Affordable Housing Project: Renaissance Legacy Lofts

The Coalition is proud to announce that the Renaissance Legacy Lofts, has won the Eagle Award from Housing Colorado. Established in 1990, the Eagle Award represents one of the highest achievements for the Colorado affordable housing community. This prestigious award honors individuals, agencies, projects, and programs that "soar to new heights" in their work to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing for all Coloradans.

The Renaissance Legacy Lofts occupies floors 4-9 of a first-of-its kind development in Colorado of a mixed-use facility that serves the housing and healthcare needs of people experiencing homelessness. Located at 2175 California Street in the heart of the Arapahoe Square neighborhood of Denver, the Lofts provide permanent and affordable supportive housing and services for chronically homeless individuals, some of whom had been unhoused for decades. The 98 units at RLL are dedicated in part to house Coloradans who are "high utilizers" of emergency rooms and expensive hospital care as part of the Social Impact Partnership Pay for Results Act (SIPPRA) program through the U.S. Department of Treasury.

The Lofts feature 81 one-bedroom apartments and 17 studio apartments with full bathrooms and kitchens, a business center, onsite case management and counseling services, bike storage, laundry facilities, a community room with kitchen, and a fourth-floor terrace. Onsite case management is available for all residents.

The multi-million-dollar project was funded using an unprecedented variety of sources from the public and private sector and was designed and constructed to meet or exceed Enterprise Green Communities guidelines by Christopher Carvell Architects. Construction was completed by Milender White.

The Coalition held a grand opening event for the building in late 2022, and the Legacy Lofts began welcoming residents in November of last year. At the grand opening. Dominique Jackson, Regional Administrator for HUD Rocky Mountain West added "This project brings to life the spirit of HUD's mission by creating life-changing housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness while also providing social services—supportive services that can change lives"

The award-winning building is the 21st housing property owned and managed by the Colorado Coalition for the homeless. On any given night, the Coalition houses over 4500 individuals through permanent supportive housing

Photos are available <u>here</u> (Photo Credit Dennis Schroeder). More information on the project is available <u>here</u>.

About Colorado Coalition for the Homeless:

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 people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness throughout Colorado. The Coalition 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. Since its founding, the organization has earned state and national recognition for its integrated healthcare, housing and service programs. The Coalition's comprehensive approach addresses the causes of homelessness, as well as the consequences, offering critical assistance to over 22,000 individuals and families each year. Learn more at www.coloradocoalition.org.