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ALMOST HOME, INC. RECEIVES GRANT FROM DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO FOUNDATION FOR \$50,000

BRIGHTON, CO – Almost Home, Inc. is pleased to announce it has received a \$50,000 grant from Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation. These funds will support case management services, the cost of the shelter plumbing repairs, and financial assistance for households otherwise ineligible for other traditional assistance.

Almost Home, Inc. provides Emergency Shelter, homeless prevention, and case management services to a diverse population of low-income and vulnerable households in rural and urban Adams and Weld Counties. More than 72% of the households served by Almost Home earn less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). In FY19, Almost Home provided Emergency Assistance to 756 households through rental, mortgage, and utility assistance. In total, Almost Home, Inc. assisted 2,540 individuals and 1,322 children. This funding allows Almost Home to increase its reach into Adams and Weld Counties.

"Almost Home is extremely grateful for this funding; it will have a lasting impact on each family we serve in our Emergency Shelter as well as those that we provide with Emergency Assistance. This funding will help bridge service and funding gaps, and we couldn't be more thankful, especially during a time where our team is working countless hours to help prevent homelessness for our community during the COVID-19 pandemic." Ashley Dunn, Executive Director.

An increased number of households in Adams and Weld Counties are experiencing housing instability due to lost wages, decreased wages, or lost jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Office of Long Range Strategic Planning 125,000 of Adams County's 491,337 residents have less than \$500 combined in their checking and savings; these households are one financial crisis away from housing instability. Almost Home services are critical during this pandemic to prevent homelessness for impacted households.

There are limited resources in Adams and Southern Weld Counties. Preventing homeless aligns with Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation's desire to address the most critical needs of the communities they serve, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. Households seeking services from Almost Home are at or below the Federal Poverty Level and are typically under or unemployed. Many households

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experience significant barriers such as previous evictions, low income, low credit, and/or mental health or co-occurring diagnosis. A lack of housing has been shown to cause negative health impacts. Without resources like Almost Home, Inc., more households would be living in places not meant for human habitation. Almost Home, Inc.'s prevention and emergency shelter resources are critical. "Compared to the general housed population, people without homes have been and are now more severely impacted by Social Determinants of Health, leading to increased mortality, chronic health conditions, mental illness, substance use, and risky health behaviors. (6) They are more likely to face extreme poverty resulting in an inability to obtain and maintain housing, pay for health services, and afford basic daily necessities like food and clothing. (NHCHC, 2016). Funding provided by Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation is critical to ensure that Almost Home, Inc. has the resources and capacity to provide intervention services and prevent homelessness.

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation has an [active call for applications to provide \\$2 million in Responsive Community Relief Funding](#) for organizations providing wraparound services to community members most impacted by COVID-19. "Now more than ever, we value the importance of one's overall health," said Adeeb Khan, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility & Executive Director, Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation. "Coordinated, collaborative wraparound services with multiple options truly empower community members to access and navigate larger systems that impact their health. It's important to reinforce resources, especially now as so many organizations have stood-up to adapt and deliver new solutions for community members."

About Almost Home Inc.

Almost Home, Inc. is located in Brighton, Colorado, and serves all of Adams County and Southern Weld County. Almost Home, Inc.'s mission is to promote self-sufficiency and provide assistance to those experiencing housing instability. Almost Home, Inc. provides emergency shelter to homeless families in the community as well as rental and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. For more information on how to help or contribute, contact Ashley Dunn, Executive Director, or visit www.almosthomeonline.org/ or www.facebook.com/AlmostHomeColorado

About Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation believes every person can have a healthy mouth regardless of life circumstances. By partnering with communities, the Foundation works to re-imagine how all of our neighbors access, benefit from and value the importance of oral health care. As a 501(c)(3) organization funded by the nonprofit Delta Dental of Colorado, the Foundation intends to advance oral health equity throughout local communities across Colorado by implementing transformative programs and initiatives. To learn more about Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation, visit www.deltadentalcofoundation.org.

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