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Almost Home, Inc. COVID-19 Update

Brighton, CO – March 16, 2020, COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continues to be an evolving situation in Colorado. Almost Home, Inc. is taking recommended precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and clients. The impact of COVID-19 extends beyond physical health, there are significant financial implications being felt by many households and the community.

Almost Home, Inc. will continue to be available for Emergency Assistance as our community feels the impact of this pandemic. To best serve our community in this time of need, Almost Home, Inc. is adjusting operations based off the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Almost Home, Inc. operations will change as follows:

- Almost Home, Inc. will be closed for walk-ins until April 1, 2020. Any household in need of Emergency Assistance in the form of rental, mortgage, utility or water assistance can call the office for a phone intake and a scheduled in person case management appointment.
- We will conduct case management meetings in person but if any person is displaying signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or other flu related symptoms, we will not meet in person and will arrange alternate accommodations.
- If someone is in need of Emergency Assistance but is symptomatic, our Bilingual Intake Assistant is available by phone to make accommodations for assistance.
- Almost Home, Inc. is identifying additional capacity to virtually meet with households. We will continue to update our website and Facebook page on any new process and procedure moving forward.
- Almost Home, Inc. staff will not be attending any external meetings and will participate virtually until April 1, 2020.
- Non-essential Almost Home, Inc. staff will be practicing social distancing and working remotely when possible. Almost Home, Inc. is making a conscious effort to reduce contact between people and do our part to reduce the spread of the virus. This will help to ensure that essential staff are available to provide Emergency Assistance support to our clients.
- The Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP) will continue to operate and activate during periods of inclement weather. Each activation email will contain specific information regarding the location of SWAP intakes, as the county offices remain closed.

Almost Home, Inc.'s Emergency Shelter will continue to operate as usual and we are taking increased precautions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents. If anyone is looking for ways to help our clientele, Almost Home, Inc. is in need of the following items:

- Antibacterial cleaning supplies and sprays
- Personal hygiene products to include: soap, hand sanitizer and toilet paper
- Paper towels

Please call to set up an appointment to deliver any donations to confirm that staff are available. We urge the community to support one another in this challenging time and want to ensure the public that Almost Home, Inc. will be available to help alleviate the impact as much as we can through our Emergency Assistance programs and services.

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.

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