



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2024

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Dear Friends of Almost Home,

As we reflect on fiscal year 2024, we are filled with gratitude and pride for the remarkable progress Almost Home has made in strengthening our mission and deepening our impact in the communities we serve. FY24 has been one of growth, innovation, and collaboration! We are excited to share some of the milestones and successes that have shaped our journey.

Looking back, FY24 has also been a transformative year for Almost Home programs. We have shifted from being primarily crisis responders to focusing on long-term sustainability, ensuring that the services and programs we offer are not only impactful but also enduring. We have worked tirelessly to enhance and expand our programs, build new collaborations, and refine our approach to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.

In FY24, we expanded our domestic violence respite sheltering program, thanks to the support of Adams County ARPA funds. This expansion allowed us to serve even more families in need. We also took a leadership role in the development of a Family Justice Center in the 17th Judicial District, ensuring that families facing crisis have access to the comprehensive services they need. Our family programs became more embedded in local schools, and we expanded our sheltering options, providing safe housing to 35 families in our family shelter and 36 more through hotel shelters. Through our Housing Navigation Center, we were able to connect 1,017 individuals with vital resources, and 465 households received the support necessary to remain in their homes through our Housing Stability Program.

We had the privilege of serving 3,207 individuals across 11 diverse programs in FY24, all while continually refining our services based on feedback from clients and program evaluations. The impact we've made would not be possible without the dedication of our staff, partners, and supporters.

Our fundraising efforts and special events were especially successful in FY24. We were thrilled to host our first Appreciation Awards Breakfast, where we honored the exceptional individuals and organizations whose dedication and support continue to drive our mission forward. Their commitment is truly inspiring, and it's through their efforts that we can make such a profound impact on the lives of those we serve.

We relocated our annual Spring Out of Homelessness Benefit to the Waymire Dome at Riverdale Regional Park to accommodate the growing number of attendees.

This event, "Lights, Camera, Auction," surpassed expectations and became our most successful annual fundraiser ever. The enthusiasm at this event was palpable. We are deeply grateful for everyone who participated and made it such a resounding success.

To foster deeper connections with the community, we introduced Coffee & Conversation which allowed our leadership team to engage directly with community members. These informal gatherings provided an opportunity to share our work, listen to feedback, and cultivate new partnerships.

Our budget has increased to support our expanding programs and initiatives. We've worked diligently to streamline our practices and ensure compliance through the addition of new controls and structures. These changes will help us continue to grow and adapt in the years to come.

We are deeply thankful for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and partners. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of individuals and families on their journey toward stability. As we move into the next chapter, we look forward to the continued opportunity to serve and empower those who need us most.

With gratitude,

Almost Home Leadership Team



Dr. Jessica Fiedler

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Executive Director



Delaney Coe

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Deputy Director



Amber Wright

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Finance Director



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"We must remember that one determined person can make a significant difference, and that a small group of determined people can change the course of history." ~Sonia Johnson



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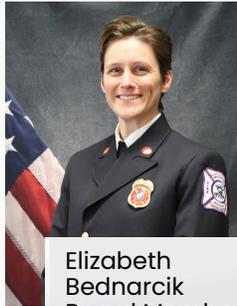
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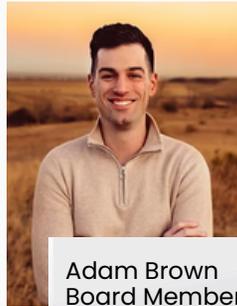
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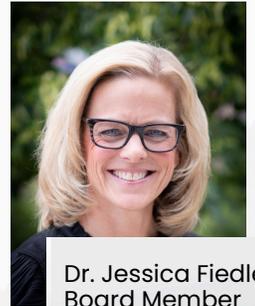
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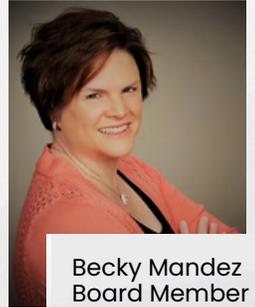
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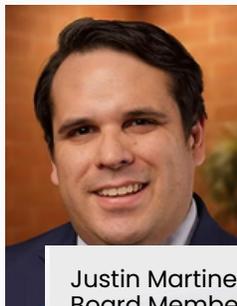
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Elizabeth Sustaita, Housing Services Programs Manager
Nicole Criner, SWAP Coordinator
Cesar Aldaco, SWAP Coordinator
Pacquin Appiah, SWAP Navigator
Diana Harris, Housing Navigator
Toby Smith, Housing Navigator
Scott Bright, Housing Navigator

Rapid Re-Housing Programs

Breann Riley, Rapid Re-Housing Programs Manager
Sabrina Scott, Rapid Re-Housing Coordinator
Christian Quezada, Rapid Re-Housing Coordinator
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Veronica Rodriguez, Housing Liaison

Family Programs

Starr Trujillo, Family Programs Manager
Alejandra Ruiz, Next Step Coordinator
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Housing Stability Programs

Jeanette Martinez, Housing Stability Programs Manager
Nancy Contizano, Housing Case Manager
Courtney O'Callaghan, Housing Stability Program Navigator
Laura Franco, Housing Navigation Center Coordinator
Merle Chavez, Program Navigator

VISION, MISSION, & VALUES

OUR VISION:

The vision of Almost Home, Inc. is a community in which all people have equitable access to safe and sustainable housing.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of Almost Home, Inc. is to empower self-sustainability by providing resource navigation, assistance, and guidance to those experiencing housing instability.

OUR VALUES:



At Almost Home, we **empower** others to grow and evolve by providing them the necessary tools, training, and resources to foster a sense of belonging, self-sufficiency, and value.



At Almost Home, we **elevate** others to reach their full potential with encouragement, support and inviting them to be part of the conversation where their voice can be heard and valued.



At Almost Home, we demonstrate **compassion** towards the program participants we serve, showing empathy, respect, and dignity for the challenges they are facing.



At Almost Home, we encourage **collaboration** with individuals, partner organizations, and communities to maximize our impact. We recognize and embrace the idea that we can achieve much more when we unite our efforts.



At Almost Home, we prioritize treating those we serve with **respect**. We recognize their abilities and worth, value their feelings and perspectives, and embrace them as equals. We strive to extend to them the same consideration we would wish for ourselves.

PROGRAM & SERVICES



Housing Stability

Our Housing Stability Program offers emergency support and short-term case management for households facing the threat of eviction, foreclosure, or utility disconnection.



Emergency Family Shelter

Our Emergency Family Shelter offers support to families experiencing homelessness. During their stay, families focus on achieving self-sufficiency and finding permanent housing solutions.



Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP)

Our Severe Weather Activation Program offers essential motel vouchers to individuals facing unsheltered homelessness during severe weather conditions.



Street Outreach

Our Street Outreach Program offers engagement and case management services aimed at linking individuals facing unsheltered homelessness to housing, shelter, and essential support services.



Rapid Re-Housing

Our Rapid Re-Housing Programs offer rental assistance along with continuous supportive, home-based case management services aimed at helping clients attain housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.



Respite Housing

Our Respite Housing Program offers immediate diversion services for those experiencing situational homelessness. This includes motel vouchers for a two-week stay, with flexibility for longer durations for households escaping domestic violence.



Housing Navigation Center (HNC)

Our Housing Navigation Center offers support to walk-in participants facing housing instability. We provide on-site resource navigation, referrals to our programs and partner organizations, and essential resources such as access to computers, printing services, mail assistance, as well as food and hygiene kits.

Meet David | A Journey to Transforming Lives

I was 56 years old and my sister was 54 when I received the first email from Kailey from Almost Home (it's important to know that she found me and I'm still not sure why or how). We had been not just homeless but literally outside for over 4 years. We had also been gifted 2 puppies which we loved but we knew that it wouldn't last because nothing in that world is fit for that level of commitment and love. We were homeless for all of the reasons one might expect but that's not at all important.

I didn't think it was true or even possible that anyone would want to help us, I was so wrong. Kailey got us into a terrific 2 bedroom apartment in Greeley and I mean she made it happen like NOW too. It was Friday September 29, 2023 when she sent a pet friendly Lyft to pick us up from our illegal camping spot in Fort Collins. This was something of a shock because we didn't think we'd be leaving on a Friday at the end of the month but as Kailey tells me now "I wanted you guys housed ASAP!".

We went through some significant growing pains learning to be responsible citizens and respected in our community. Almost Home stuck with us. I know it took me longer than what the initial plans called for but they adjusted with us giving us time to heal and learn at the pace we needed. We left our meth in the ruined tent that we called home for all those years and came to Greeley and got not just better, we got great!

Today we are in a way graduating once again, but today we are ready to graduate; today we are in the best possible position to take control of our own lives and destiny.

We love Greeley and we honestly never want to and won't ever leave Greeley. We have two sayings "it's not always bad things that happen" and what we call "Greeley/God/Universe". These are still very new and almost suspect notions but we say it's as real as the air you are currently breathing. Almost Home showed us that that we are worth something and believed in us and we in turn are thriving and living an almost surreal life.



David & Sabrina (case manager)

I'm excited to pay my own way and retire in a couple of years. My sister aspires to be a local advocate for better enforcement of leash laws and plans to set up a means to donate leashes, collars and harnesses to those pet owners in our community that need this help. Two years ago, neither one of us thought we'd still be alive no less championing for a safer community, you did that for us Almost Home. Thank You!

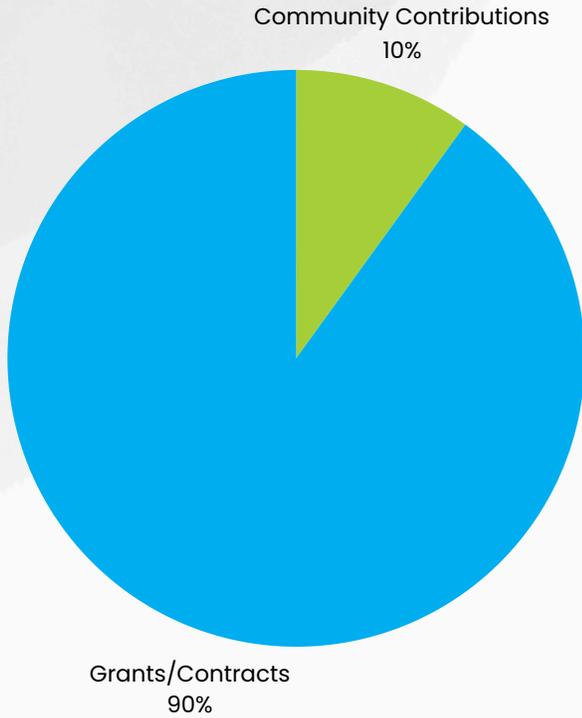
Much appreciation, David, Debbie, Bailey and Flower Lamb

FINANCIALS

FY2024 (July 2023 - June 2024)

Visit www.almosthomeonline.org/financial-reports to download our most recent audit and 990 form.

FY2024 Revenue - \$4,802,694

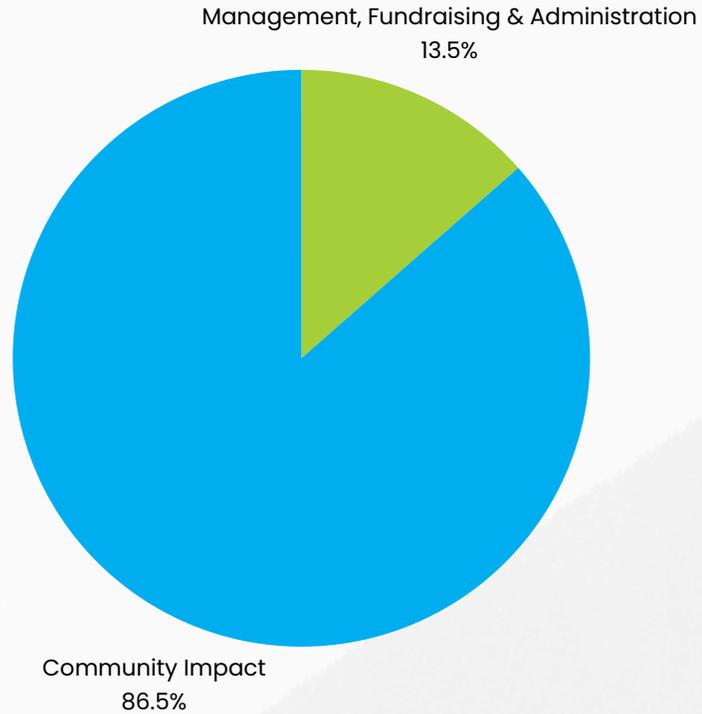


● Grants/Contracts - \$4,323,822

● Community Contributions - \$478,872

FY2024 Expenses - \$4,927,801

Ending Net Assets = -\$125,107



● Community Impact - \$4,261,169

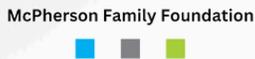
● Management, Fundraising & Administration - \$666,632



GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS

Grants provide Almost Home a significant portion of our annual revenue. Almost Home is truly grateful to the government, foundation and community grant makers that believe in our cause and have invested in our mission.

Sponsorships fill the gaps that grants do not meet and are a vital component in our fundraising efforts. Our generous sponsors provide foundational support for Almost Home's work and provides us the means to continue to meet our mission and assist our most vulnerable community members.



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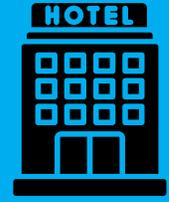
Housing Stability Programs

- Rental Assistance \$1,032,350
- Utility Assistance \$5,685
- 1,447 individuals served
- 7,323 hours of case management



1,043

**children served
in FY24**



Housing Services Programs

- Move In costs \$118,232
- Rental Assistance \$135,995
- Hotel Vouchers \$994,464
- 1,240 individuals served
- 7,677 hours of case management

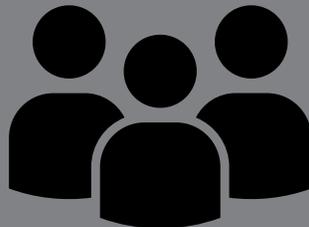


Almost Home Staff



Family Programs

- Move In Costs \$18,118
- Rental Assistance \$101,295
- Hotel Vouchers \$60,835
- 319 individuals served
- 4,466 hours of case management



3,207

**individuals served
in FY24**



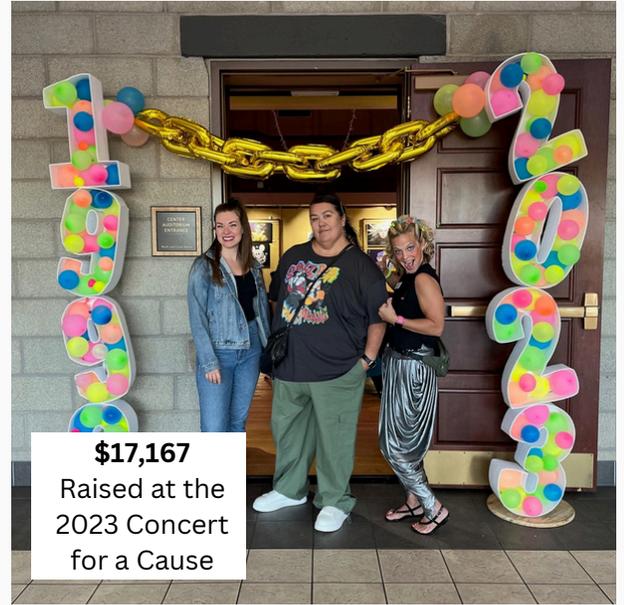
Rapid Re-Housing Programs

- Move In Costs \$37,919
- Rental and Utility Assistance \$264,884
- 93 individuals served
- 4,600 hours of case management

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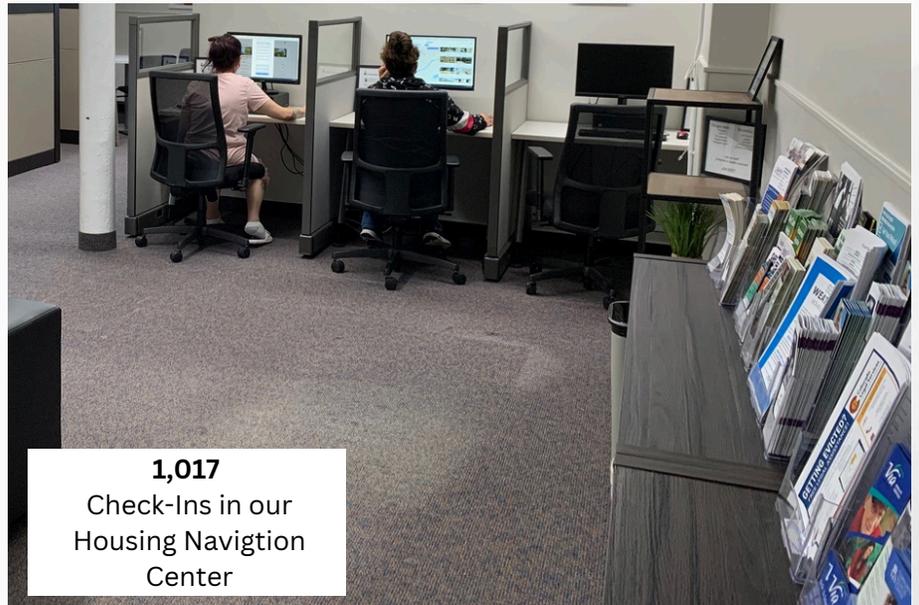
400
Thanksgiving meal baskets distributed



\$17,167
Raised at the 2023 Concert for a Cause



79
Children served in our Family Shelter



1,017
Check-Ins in our Housing Navigation Center



\$126,561
Raised at the 2024 Spring Out of Homelessness Banquet



205
holiday gifts distributed

Appreciation Awards

The individuals listed below were chosen for their exceptional dedication to supporting our organization and advancing our mission. Together, we possess a strength far greater than what we could achieve individually.



Joe Gomez Award / Eric and Holly Lovelady

Since they began supporting Almost Home in 2020, Eric and Holly have exemplified unwavering commitment. Their generosity has surpassed even some of our government grants, making a significant impact. They are always eager to meet with our leadership to discuss our needs and explore how they can further contribute. Their active involvement includes attending numerous fundraising events. Last year, they joined us for our Holiday Giving Tree party, where they experienced firsthand the positive effect of their support. Additionally, they play a crucial role in the success of our annual Spring Out of Homelessness Benefit. Eric and Holly, we are deeply grateful for your remarkable contributions and the opportunity to work with such generous individuals.

Outstanding Volunteer Award / Jim Braun

As a dedicated volunteer with the Knights of Columbus, Jim has devoted countless hours to organizing our annual Thanksgiving Meal Basket Program. He plays a key role in picking up food donations and participates in the Church of Latter-Day Saints' food collection drive to gather essential items for the meal baskets. Jim meticulously organizes and inventories all donated items to assess what additional contributions are needed. Additionally, he generously volunteers his time to assist donors during drop-off days. His invaluable efforts are crucial to the success of this annual event, and we deeply appreciate his hard work and commitment.



Legacy Award / Big Choice Brewing

Owners Andrea and Nathaniel Miller have been unwavering supporters of our cause since before they relocated their business to Brighton in 2016. They have consistently and graciously honored our requests for beer donations for special events and have also contributed product and gift cards for our auctions. Additionally, they host an annual dine-to-donate event at their brewery, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Almost Home. Big Choice Brewing is a vital partner, and we deeply appreciate their steadfast and generous support.

Community Outreach



Coffee & Conversation



Brighton Chamber Nonprofit Spotlight Luncheon



Concert for a Cause



Brighton Fire Rescue District Resource Fair



Almost Home Annual Staff Planning Retreat



Almost Home Appreciation Awards Breakfast



City of Brighton Annual BBQ



Spring Out of Homelessness Banquet

JOIN OUR CIRCLE!

Recurring giving is such an impactful way to support the fight against homelessness. By donating regularly, you provide essential, consistent funding that allows Almost Home to effectively plan and allocate resources.



Circle of *Hope*

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“We have been monthly donors with Almost Home for many years. Having a monthly budget helps us plan. You'd be amazed how even a small amount given monthly adds up by the end of the year!”
Kelly & Sue Corbett

Thank you Recurring Donors

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LEAVE A LEGACY

What will your legacy be?

Planned giving helps ensure the ongoing stability of our organization so that Almost Home, Inc. can be there for our community tomorrow, next year, and long into the future.

Please consider naming Almost Home in your will or estate plan, and create the gift of a lifetime! Whether it's cash or stock, life insurance, or property, your lasting legacy will help carry out our mission of ending homelessness in our community.

Planned Giving Options



BEQUESTS

Leave a gift through a will, trust, life insurance policy, or IRA.



DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Setting up a DAF is a smart and tax-efficient method to manage your charitable giving.



GIFTS OF STOCK

Receive tax benefits when you donate appreciated securities such as stocks.



ENDOWMENT

Almost Home, Inc. has an endowment through the Colorado Gives Foundation. A nonprofit endowment is a long-term fund invested for the future needs of an organization.

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