OUR IMPACT

Almost HOME Inc.
Shelter and Housing Assistance

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OUR MISSION:

“To promote self-sufficiency and provide housing assistance for the homeless and those in need.”

OUR SERVICES

We are one of only three Family Emergency Shelters in Adams County, and the only homeless shelter in Brighton. We have room in our shelter to allow for six families to stay at a time. Safety from the streets or living in cars is our priority.

Almost Home Inc. provides Rental Assistance to families in need. Some come to us with eviction notices in hand. These funds provide stability for families on the brink of homelessness.

Additionally we provide Utilities Assistance for those who find themselves behind or with a shut-off notice. Keeping the light and heat on for a family provides stability and security for everyone.

Almost Home is a huge advocate for Affordable Housing. We are proud to say that in 2003, we built Hughes Station, a 120 unit affordable housing complex.
According to the 2015 Point in Time study of homeless populations that was conducted by the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, there were more than 6,100 homeless persons in the Denver Metro area, 572 were Adams County respondents. Of the 572 Adams County respondents, 357 were families with children.

49% of homeless individuals in Adams County are females.

62% of those homeless in Adams County are families with children.

The average age of a homeless individual in Adams County is 39 years old.

Adams County has the third highest number of children living in poverty in the Denver Metro area.

Did you know that loss of a job, family death, divorce and illness are the most common causes of homelessness?

5,168 Nights of shelter were provided in 2016

1,613 Individuals received our services in 2016

904 Children received our services in 2016

242 Families received utility assistance in 2016

162 Families received rental assistance in 2016
Dear Almost Home Friends & Family,

We have wrapped up our FY2016 as our 23rd year as a human services needs provider for Adams and Southern Weld Counties. As such, it has been a busy year and the needs of our clients constantly exceeds the resources we have available to provide assistance.

Colorado’s affordable housing crisis is pushing many Coloradans to the brink of homelessness, forcing them to skimp on food and other necessities and we have seen the effects first-hand. Rental rates have once again increased with the average rental cost of $1,800+/month for a 3-bedrooms unit in the Adams County area. This means that for a family to live there “affordably,” they need a family income of $64,800 a year. We have seen rental vacancies decreased and unemployment has decreased from 4.5% to 3.8% but without any meaningful increase in salary or wages. Due to limited education or job skills, many of the families we serve, work within the service industries which historically pay the lowest wages and with limited benefits. Due in part to the affordable housing crisis, our Emergency Family Shelter, has continued to remain full and we have provided 5,136 nights of shelter in 2016.

This is where YOU come in, during these financially trying times for our clients, our community has stepped up to the plate and demonstrated that we are filled with people like YOU! People who not only care but care enough to take action, YOU have bridged a need with an action of assistance.

With your help, we remain committed to keeping families together and housed, safely and securely. We keep their utilities on in winter and summer and we are always here to lend a helping hand to all families.

Thank you for giving generously and compassionately, therefore allowing us to do the same with our services for our clients that need it most.

With Kind Regards & Gratitude,

Terry M. Moore
Executive Director

Kay Collins
Board President
Financial data is based upon FY2016 audit completed by Feis, & Co.
Single mother of two daughter’s ages 11 and 4 entered Almost Home’s emergency shelter because she and her partner had separated. Soon after entering our shelter program, the mom secured a new job working part-time. After securing a job, she was awarded rapid re-housing funds to assist with first month’s rent and deposit and qualified for housing assistance which will allow her to pay 30% of her income towards rent. She obtained housing at River Walk Apartments here in Brighton and this will be her first time living on her own since her separation. “I will continue to support this family and provide them with case management until December 2016. Michelle Smith, Shelter/Case Manager
Grants provide Almost Home with 60% of our annual income. Almost Home is truly grateful to the government, foundation & community grant makers that believe in our cause and have invested in our mission to provide safety, security and stability to the hundreds of families that we served each year.

Thank You!

**GOVERNMENT**

- Adams County: Commissioners
- Department of Human Services
- Housing Authority
- Office of Community Development
- City of Brighton
- FEMA
- State of Colorado - DOLA

**FOUNDATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS**

- Brighton Legacy Foundation
- Community First Foundation
- The Denver Foundation
- Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC)
- Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation
- Quality Community Foundation
- United Way of Weld County
- Wells Fargo Foundation

**DONORS & IN-KIND DONATIONS**

We want to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the many individuals, organizations and businesses that supported Almost Home in 2016. Your generous financial support and in-kind donations help us to continue to do the work we do for those in need in our community. Thank you to our event sponsors, collection drive organizers (Thanksgiving Program, Coat Drive, household items for our shelter, etc.) and even a limo to take our kids to visit Santa in style.
The Board of Directors and staff of Almost Home thank you for your donations, volunteer time, and efforts raising awareness for those in need. YOU help us provide Safety, Security and Stability for families.

Almost Home Staff
Pictured left to right:

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Office/Case Manager

Karleen Reed
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Terry M. Moore
Executive Director

Rachel Monroe
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Michelle Smith
Shelter/Case Manager

Not Pictured: Helen Macias
Accountant

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