

The Annual Report 2010

of the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, thanking you for changing the lives of homeless men and women.



You are at the heart of the Boulder Shelter, making it possible...

In 2010, hundreds of men and women made their way to the Boulder Shelter because they had nowhere else to go.

If you were a Shelter volunteer, you saw the relief on the faces — a resident returning from a hard day's work, or someone who had been left behind because of the economic downturn, or someone battling an addiction — when they finally stepped inside the Shelter for the night. On that night, it was the only place they had.

If you were a Shelter donor, your generosity kept our door open and made our warmth possible.

At the Shelter, many simply found survival; some found hope and courage. Others successfully made

use of the Shelter as a bridge to moving on, reconnecting with family, getting jobs, and planning for the future.

In 2010, because of your support, the Shelter's expansive scale of service united the efforts of sheltering, housing, and supportive services.

As an investor in the mission of the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, we want to thank you and update you on what your valued and pronounced association with the Shelter in 2010 accomplished.



In 2010, over 1,000 different men and women turned to the Shelter for help and each had a unique story.

Thank You

The Boulder Shelter for the Homeless ended its 2010 fiscal year on September 30th, 2010. In keeping with the Shelter's core value of Practicing Responsible Stewardship, this Annual Report contains a summary of the organization's 2010 operations.

I view anyone who donates to the Shelter as an investor. And as with any other investment, investors should expect results for their outlay. For those of you who volunteer at the Shelter, you understand the unique fulfillment that comes from serving a hot meal to a hungry resident, or offering a blanket to someone who is literally living on the streets. For those who look for more quantitative results, however, please read further in this report to review the highlights of the Shelter's FY2010 accomplishments.

Above all, I want to thank you for your indispensable support. It is my hope that you will continue to entrust the Shelter with your gifts of time, treasure and talent as we strive together to save and change lives.



Greg Harms
Executive Director

In 2010, Shelter volunteers (over 1,400 of them!) played a crucial role in delivering services to up to 160 homeless residents per night.

In 2010...

Because of your ongoing support, 160 people a night received safe shelter and hot meals seven days a week during the winter months. And, up to 60 people a night received these services during the summer as well. There were also individuals and families working their way out of homelessness by working with a case manager and living in one of the Shelter's 12 transitional housing units. And, there were 25 formerly chronically homeless people who lived in a permanent housing situation in the successful program to end homelessness called Housing First. Additionally, your assistance provided life-sustaining supplies that helped keep homeless people who were on the street alive at night.

But that is not all! Your generosity allowed homeless people to receive services that many of us easily take for granted. Things like hot showers, free laundry, phone, and mail services. Residents at the Shelter also were able to access mental health counseling, dental services, and basic medical care. And, case managers were available to assist people with their plans to get more stable and move away from homelessness.

Yes, with your help, last year people were able to access the Shelter 365 days a year for a place to sleep, receive hot meals... and much more.



The Boulder Shelter is not run by the City or County of Boulder but is a private nonprofit corporation, and still relies on the support of those in our community who refuse to stand idly by while others suffer through bitterly cold nights for lack of housing.



Join your friends and neighbors in providing a night of safety, warmth and nourishment for someone in need. Visit www.bouldershelter.org/donate.night.html

With the 2010 merger with Boulder Advocates for Transitional Housing (BCATH), the Shelter now owns and operates 12 units of Transitional Housing. These units housed 20 clients and their families, including seven children.



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2010 Accomplishments

Because you were so generous...

...during the Shelter's 2010 fiscal year (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010):

- The Shelter provided 36,987 bed-nights of temporary Winter Shelter to 990 men and women without housing.
- 2,997 case management contacts were made, and the mental health worker met with 101 different people to discuss their mental health situation.
- An average of 35 people/day were enrolled in the Shelter's sober-only, year-round, in-house Transition Program. This program graduated 53 men and women into stable housing in FY2010.
- Boulder County Cares made 4,642 contacts with people in need on the streets.
- 27 formerly chronically homeless individuals had housing through the Housing First program.

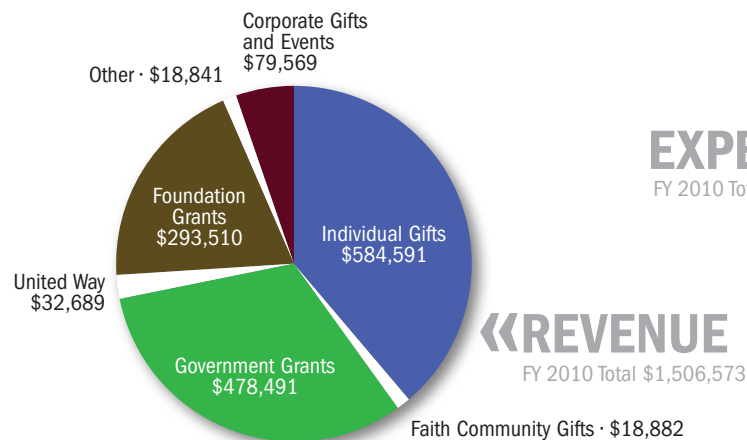
Your investment in the Shelter

in 2010 made a truly meaningful difference in the lives of real people, people like **Patrick, David, and Betty**. Your support...

Empowered Patrick, through the support he found at the Shelter, to leave behind a life mired in gangs, alcohol and homelessness and move into his own apartment as a client of the Shelter's Transitional Housing program.

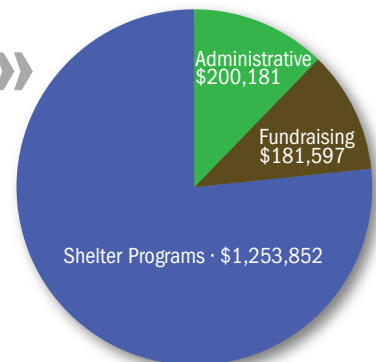
Provided the opportunity for David, chronically homeless for 20 years, to secure permanent supportive housing through the Shelter's Housing First program.

Made it possible for Betty to sober up and remain so, move into housing, and begin volunteering at the Shelter as a way to give back.



EXPENSES

FY 2010 Total \$1,635,630



Shelter operating expenses exceeded revenues in fiscal year 2010. This deficit was due to the Shelter's decision to maintain service levels to clients even though cash donations were down. These shortfalls were anticipated by the Board of Directors and covered by operating reserves that were set aside in previous years for this purpose. The decline in revenue was attributed mainly to the economic recession and the corresponding decrease in individual and foundation gifts.



With the help of Community Food Share and donated food from local restaurants, farms, supermarkets and individuals, the Shelter served 83,519 hot meals in 2010. The average cost of a meal served at the Shelter was less than a dime.

The mission of the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless is to provide safe shelter, food, support services, and an avenue to self-sufficiency for homeless adults in our community.

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Over \$100,000 worth of in-kind donations, including food, blankets, towels, toiletries and other supplies, was generously donated to the Shelter by the community in 2010.

In 2010, the Shelter was an active leader in the development of the Boulder County Human Services Master Plan, which aims to broaden cooperation among area agencies and to minimize any overlaps in services provided.

Thank you for remembering the Boulder Shelter in your will.



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