

**Thanks to Engle Homes and the Boulder County Homebuilders Association, Dirt is flying and the Triplex is going up!**

As we finish a wonderful spring show of color in this beautiful part of the Country EFAA's staff and Board is looking forward to this fall when we will begin providing more transitional housing to people in Boulder who need our help. As you read this newsletter construction is well underway on three additional units of transitional housing in north Boulder. Through the generosity of Engle Homes and the Boulder County Homebuilders Association's unique program called HomeAid the building community in Boulder County is rallying the residential construction industry and its suppliers to donate a large majority of the labor and material needed to build these three two bedroom units.

The Homebuilders have been joined by the City of Boulder, Boulder County the State of Colorado, St. Johns Foundation and individuals who made donations to this project at our annual fundraiser to provide 100% of the funding needed for this project.

EFAA's Transitional Housing Program has been a wonderful "Second Step" for homeless families who need support beyond what we can provide in our emergency shelter units. While our shelter units offer housing and supportive services for an average of seven weeks, the transitional program provides up to two years to families who need more time to regain financial stability or self sufficiency.

The stories of people who stay in EFAA's current inventory of 15 transitional units in Boulder and Lafayette let us know that this help makes incredible differences in the lives of people we serve. For example, last year "Patti", who was a single mom with two kids lost her job and was being evicted because she could not pay her rent. She was provided emergency shelter through our program in Boulder before entering our transitional program. While in the transitional program she worked closely with an EFAA caseworker to plan and stick to a budget and to further her education. She has graduated with a degree in Medical Assisting, found a full time job and moved her family into permanent affordable housing.

The units being built by Engle Homes and the Homebuilders in cooperation with other funders will allow EFAA to help more "Patti's" to help themselves.

With the completion of these three units EFAA will own/manage 43 units of emergency and transitional housing to serve residents of Boulder and Broomfield Counties. Future plans call for continuing expansion of EFAA's very successful transitional housing program. Stay tuned!!