

HomeAid Colorado and KB Home Dedicate new Townhomes for the Colorado Homeless Families

On December 15, HomeAid Colorado together with homebuilder KB Home celebrated the dedication of seven new townhomes for Colorado Homeless Families in Arvada. The project provides 42 new beds in brand new homes to local Colorado families who have recently become homeless. Colorado Homeless Families (CHF) will give these families the support and resources they need to get back on their feet.

"This project is especially meaningful, because it's one of our largest projects, and we've completed it in time for families to move in before the holidays," said Laura Brayman, executive director of HomeAid Colorado. "HomeAid has been instrumental in helping Colorado Homeless Families provide stable housing for dozens of families, and we're very proud of that."

CHF is a non-profit transitional housing program. They serve families with children who are either homeless for the first time or who earn low wages and cannot keep up with the rising cost of living. HomeAid Colorado began working with CHF in 2002 and along with metro-area builders, has played a key role in completing three duplexes, a community garden and now, seven new townhomes for the care provider. HomeAid has raised money and in-kind donations for each project for a grand total of nearly \$1 million.

There are nearly 18,000 homeless individuals in Colorado on any given night, most of who are identified as temporarily homeless. To give these people, many of who are children, a more stable housing situation, HomeAid Colorado, along with generous homebuilders such as KB Home and non-profit care providers such as CHF, tirelessly work together to aid the state's homeless population.

Since the majority of the builders' work is behind the scenes, events such as this dedication ceremony are a great chance to see first hand the impact they have on the Colorado community. KB Home Division President Rusty Crandall spoke at the event on December 15th, saying, "KB Home has a company-wide passion for helping the homeless and this project was a great opportunity for us to give back to the community in a big way. We are very excited to complete this worthwhile undertaking with HomeAid and Colorado Homeless Families." KB Home has been a long term sponsor of HomeAid Colorado and also provides donations of food and toys for the families of CHF.

Since its inception in 2000, HomeAid Colorado has built 34 homes or shelters in Colorado, providing 264 new beds for homeless care providers. HomeAid America, its parent organization, is one of the primary non-profit providers of housing for the homeless nationwide and has been in existence since 1989. For more information about HomeAid Colorado visit www.hacolo.org or call 303.691.0104.

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