And we celebrate your support, and the power it had in 2015 to impact the people we served.

You allowed programs to continue, results to happen, lives to thrive, and stories to be told. Like these...
Ray

Ray was employed and housed, then fired from his job. The reasons are complicated. (He says he has made decisions he regrets.) He lost his house quickly thereafter and began camping. In September 2013, his campsite was washed away with the unrelenting rains and flooding. He was knee-deep in water, thinking he was going to die. He wandered around for four days with nothing to eat. Finally, someone came upon him and urged him to go to our sister agency, Bridge House, to find food and help. There he hooked up with their Ready to Work employment program and began to work again. Bridge House referred him to the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless where he was accepted into the Shelter’s Transition Program (www.bouldershelter.org/programs.transition.html). During his seven months in the Transition Program, he continued to work with Ready to Work until he found employment with Whole Foods. Today he is a full-time Whole Foods employee, about to receive his second promotion. Ray is now living in a Boulder County Housing Stability Plus home and independently paying his full monthly rent.

So, in 18 months Ray went from being destitute to being employed and independent, with the help of Bridge House, the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless and Boulder County. He spent more than seven of those months at the Shelter, benefitting from the stability and case management of the Transition Program. He says simply sleeping in the same bed every night kept him on track. Ray’s case manager at the Shelter says, “All we did was offer him opportunities. He took advantage of them.”

Bruce

An elderly man named Bruce who had been living on the streets for many, many years was accepted as part of the original group of individuals who moved into 1175 Lee Hill, a Housing First (www.bouldershelter.org/programs.first.html) facility, when it first opened in 2014.

According to his Shelter case managers he lived his life unapologetically—accepting their support most days, at times refusing to accept what they had to offer, but always with a smile and a joke. He was an important member of the community at Lee Hill, even more so within the homeless population at large within the city.

Bruce passed away in December shortly after having a stroke. The night before, during his case manager’s last visit, Bruce was improbably but thankfully at peace, and said that he was content and happy. He was grateful for the friendship and support of his case manager, and smiled and said, “I’ll see you later kid.”

After Bruce died quietly in his sleep, his case manager said, “When he was homeless he was broken and angry and would lash out. By the time he passed away, having lived his last year indoors in his own apartment, he felt like a person. Nobody can take that away from him again.”
We celebrate your support, and the power it had...

The Boulder Shelter ended its 2015 fiscal year on September 30th, 2015. In FY2015, because of your investment, the Shelter was able to provide over 40,000 bed-nights of shelter and over 93,000 hot meals to 1,300 men and women in need. These results would not have been possible without the 1,000+ volunteers who gave of their time and the more than 3,000 donors who gave from their bank accounts.

One of the highlights of the Shelter’s 2015 fiscal year was the opening of 1175 Lee Hill. In partnership with Boulder Housing Partners, 31 chronically homeless adults moved into this new facility over the course of five days just before Thanksgiving in 2014. This apartment building offers permanent housing, with on-site support, for those who have been chronically homeless, are highly vulnerable and have some form of disability. We are very excited to have 31 vulnerable people off the streets for good.

Last year, the Shelter also invested significant energy into working with our sister agencies, Bridge House and BOHO to better coordinate our services. The results of this work so far have been greater program integration and the merging of client lists. This work continues with the end goal of greater positive outcomes for our clients.

Again, none of this would be possible without the generous support from people like you. Your continued support helps to make all of these services for the less fortunate a reality. Thank you.

Greg Harms, Executive Director

The 2015 Financials

We celebrate you! You allow programs to continue, results to happen, lives to thrive, and stories to be told...

In 2015, here’s where our funding came from:

**Revenue**

- Individual Gifts • $800,730
- Government Grants • $737,698
- Foundation Grants • $273,366
- Corporate Gifts and Events • $102,136
- Other Private Sources • $65,556
- United Way • $32,277
- Faith Community Gifts • $13,136

In 2015, here’s how we spent our funding:

**Expenses**

- Shelter Programs • $1,548,768
- Administrative • $250,593
- Fundraising • $214,957

$107,184 worth of in-kind donations— including food, blankets, towels, toiletries, and other supplies—was generously donated by you in 2015.
In 2015, this is how you provided relief, safety and opportunity...

This is the story of who you are...

Money
- You contributed the funding to provide 40,215 bed nights of relief and safety for over 1,300 homeless adults
- You sponsored 90 nights of winter sheltering through the Shelter’s Adopt a Night program

Time
- 1,000 of you volunteered at the Shelter
- You donated 12,000 hours of your time to the Shelter

Kind Words & Smiles
- You dispensed countless kind words and smiles to Boulder’s homeless and poor

Service
- You handed a Shelter resident a blanket for the night 29,427 times
- You distributed 1,267 pairs of gloves to unsheltered homeless living on the street
- You afforded the connection of Shelter clients to onsite mental health care, four hours per night, five nights a week

Food
- You served 93,822 hot meals to Shelter residents, including 25,422 breakfast eggs

WE CELEBRATE YOU!
In 2015, you allowed results to happen...

...the Boulder Shelter’s Board of Directors completely reworked the Shelter’s 3-year strategic plan. It includes 5 goals and 20 objectives for enhancing and improving Shelter operations, and was developed in coordination with Boulder County’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

...the Boulder Shelter continued to engage in discussions with our sister agencies, Bridge House and BOHO, on how we could increase our effectiveness as the major providers of services to the adult homeless population in our community. The group, coined the Boulder Homeless Service Collaborative, intends to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its inter-related programs of emergency and transitional services to homeless adults. The first implementation of this work was the expansion of the Resource Center at the Boulder Shelter and the expansion of day shelter services under the management of BOHO in November of 2015. The group has also been periodically merging client data records to better understand clients in common.

...September 2015 marked the first anniversary of the opening of 1175 Lee Hill, a Housing First facility that is operated by Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) with case management services provided by the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless. We are pleased to share the following achievements as reported by BHP:

- After twelve months, 24 of the 32 original Lee Hill residents are still housed at Lee Hill.
- Of the 8 that moved out, 4 of them were positive transitions.
- Of the 8 who moved in after the original residents, 100% have stayed in the program.
- Of the 11 who came to us with zero income, one has increased their income to $20,000 annually.

We invite you to continue to impact the people we serve...

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