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Partners In Housing is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide homeless families with children the hope and opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency through supportive services and transitional housing.

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A Graduate Reflects



"A family has grown out of adversity into the American Dream again.

Thank you for being there through the times all others were not. It's the hard times when we really need special people like you - who can understand life's trials, see the vision of hope - and continually try to share it with some who may have lost hope long ago.



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Thanks to the Empty Stocking Fund!

A graduate partner writes: "I came into PIH almost thinking I'd go back to my ex and live happily ever after. But something better happened. I had a place to be where I didn't have to rush and was able to take some time. I have gained such a greater sense of independence and confidence that I would not have otherwise gained from any other situation.

Even more importantly, my children have witnessed this and will gain from it too. My internal strength and spirit is in existence - I never had that before!

Though traumatic, I learned that what I came from was not normal or healthy; and in fact, was abusive and I had to face that. But, with that to face, I have learned about healthy relationships, what that looks like and how to avoid or even deal with what isn't healthy - and now I get to

hand that down to my children.

I have had so many experiences that I could write a book, but in the end, I look at it as I filled my bank of knowledge and will use that to help others as needed along the way of life.

I am so thankful to our community for the financial support they provide through Empty Stocking Fund to keep programs like Partners In Housing a valuable

support to families who need the services!



Volunteers Come In All Sizes!!

Larry Sportsman and his grandson, William, prove that volunteers for Partners In Housing come in all sizes! Larry has a big truck and has been picking up furniture and large item donations for us since August 2010. Larry worked in pipe line construction for 48 years, working in many states and foreign countries and is still called back to work - sometimes, for months at a time, but as soon as he is back in town, he and William are quick to respond to the needs of our families.

No matter where Larry has lived and worked he has volunteered in many ways, including Bible Study groups, softball leagues, World Extensive Skiing Competition, Junior Achievement, & Advocates for Victims of Violence.

In this time of great need, Larry and William's gift of time transforms the lives of homeless families in Colorado Springs working to achieve self-sufficiency. We are so fortunate that they have

chosen to be a part of our mission. Thank you for bringing help and hope to homeless families!





Join us for the Most Fun Non-Profit Event in Colorado Springs!!

Save The Date – April 28, 2012

Plans for Casino Night 2012 Have Started! We Need Your Help!

Be a sponsor!

Sponsorships range from "Presenting" at \$8,000 to being a "Flush" Sponsor at \$500. Help us plan the event, we need volunteers to help, Co-Chairs for the Event Committee Chairs:, Publicity, and Entertainment

For further information, please call Erin at 325-5835 or Donnis at 325-5830

Volunteer Spotlight



Karen Zietlow has been a faithful volunteer working in the Child Enrichment Center at Colorado House for the past 5 1/2 years! She chose to give her gift of time to Partners In Housing because she loves working with our children. She feels that they provide a constant reminder of where our priorities should be. From her own childhood, she has good memories of adults who really helped build her self-confidence simply by paying attention to her. She makes a positive contribution to our children and their growth in our program!

Karen supports PIH because she appreciates the accountability involving our families – we provide a hand up – not a hand out. Thank you Karen!

"Cooking Matters"

In 2011, Partners In Housing offered twelve weeks of cooking classes to families in our self-sufficiency program. Working alongside "Cooking Matters," a nationwide program, participants practice fundamental lessons, including knife skills, reading ingredient labels, cutting up a whole chicken, and making healthy meals for a family of four on a \$10 per day budget. Families take home a bag of groceries after each class so they can practice the recipes taught that day.

After completing the six week "Cooking Matters for Families" course in summer 2011, families reported increased teamwork in the kitchen and spending more quality time together.



Cooking Matters serves a diverse audience of low-income families to work towards ending childhood hunger. Most class participants are enrolled in food assistance programs, including food stamps and free or reduced-price school meals.



We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Thanks to volunteers who work for - Agilent, Fed Ex, HP, LSI, and The DIOCS! You help make our homes look like this!!



Small Businesses Support Partners In Housing. . .



Womb To Grow and Ivywild Costumes are both placing Collection Containers near their cash registers, with information about Partners In Housing for their customers to learn more about us!

Womb to Grow, 1001 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80906, 719 633-3984, is a wonderful consignment shop for children's clothing, toys, books, and some furniture. Dreama Ramirez, owner/operator, provides information to customers about Partners In Housing and (with her customer's permission) donates clothing that has gone through the consignment process to Partners In Housing

Ivywild Costumes, Linda Johnson, owner/operator, donates costumes for Partners In Housing's children for school projects. This provides an opportunity for our kids to be able to participate in classroom learning related to history days, Thanksgiving programs, holiday plays, and other costume-worthy celebrations and events.

