



# Sacred Heart BEAT

## SACRED HEART HOUSE OF DENVER *Winter 2014*

### *A Message from the Executive Director . . .*

The mission of Sacred Heart House of Denver is focused on providing services to homeless mothers with children and single women, to help them find stable housing and achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. The inside pages of this newsletter provide insight into their journeys through homelessness and the support that empowers them to leave it behind. But who ARE these women? What are their favorite memories? What do they love doing? What challenges have they overcome? What are their goals for the future? What are their successes? What are they proud of?

Following are responses to these questions posed to a small group of residents by a thoughtful case manager during a recent life skills class.

*"My name means 'gift from God.' I am the middle child of six children, four girls and two boys. All our names start with 'J' and have some biblical meaning behind them. I am my own worst critic and expect the most of myself and am really hard on myself sometimes. That's when I remind myself that I am a gift from God and not meant to be perfect. I love to write. I talk a lot now that I am older, but I used to be silent and still. When I started writing, I felt movement and life. I felt like I could breathe easier and speak louder with my weights and worries etched on the page instead of (carried) on my back. I am proud of my son, and he is my best memory, my guiding light, my reason for*

*everything. I want to make him proud and be his everything until he can, in turn, make me proud of the man he becomes."* JOHANNAH

*"I am from New York. Born in New York and moved to New Mexico. My favorite memory is having my two girls. I love to sing and have time with my boyfriend. I have faced the challenges of finding housing but have found many resources to help me and my family. My goals are to find a place and to have me and my family together. I have had great success in my job and working with great people. I am proud of the person I have become from the person that I was. I was never a bad person: I just need more wisdom and direction, which I believe will happen more in life."* SILVIJA

*"I am a 37 year-old homeless woman loving who I am. My favorite memory is my grandmother and grandfather's love. I love cooking, cleaning, singing. I am facing homelessness. My goals are to overcome this homelessness with a smile on my face. I will get my GED and get into college. The things I'm going through are going to make me stronger."* GEORGIA

*"I am the mother of two boys and two girls. . . all of them, I love so much. They are the reason I continue on. My goal is to be happy with myself. My successes are raising my children."* DANITA

*"I am a female survivor. I love travelling, writing, meeting new people, painting, cooking. I truly miss my life and what I used to have before my situation. I am overcoming my obstacles along with tragedy. I'm seeking out*

*the help I need to come back to myself and find my own place in this life again. I used to be a successful model throughout the USA and Europe, and I am an accomplished dancer of the arts. I am proud of taking this step in the right direction."* GWEN

As you can see, homelessness does not define these women: It is a challenge they face, an obstacle in their lives that they commit to overcome when they arrive at Sacred Heart House of Denver.

It is our job to guide them and give them the resources and encouragement, to paraphrase Gwen's thoughts, "to get back to themselves and find their own places in life again." We do this, with your support, by helping them find homes and providing education and Follow-Up services that enable them to eliminate homelessness from their futures. ♥ **Janet Morris**

### *We remember Essie Garrett. . .*

We dedicate this newsletter to the memory of our friend Essie Garrett, who passed away April 1, 2014. She was 67 years old. An ultramarathon runner and tireless fundraiser, Essie ran over 25,000 miles and raised over a million dollars for Colorado charities between 1981 and 2012. In addition to Sacred Heart House of Denver, beneficiaries include Children's Hospital Colorado, Colorado AIDS Project, Denver Rescue Mission, Emily Griffith Foundation, MaxFund Animal Adoption Center and Rainbow House.

For several years, beginning in 1991, Essie ran laps around the State Capitol Building for 48 hours at Thanksgiving to raise money and awareness for the homeless. In 1992, she was an inductee into the Sportswomen of Colorado Hall of Fame. She was an Olympic Torchbearer for the State of Colorado in 1996.

Essie's thoughtful musing in a 1998 interview for *Westword* resonates with both residents and staff of Sacred Heart House of Denver: She said, "People ask me, 'What if you couldn't run anymore?' I simply say, 'I will get me a wheelchair.' Because there is something about this mind and body in motion that works for me. It is amazing when you think about it," she says. "It's amazing. If you keep on going forward, the journeys you can make."

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## In our Transitional Housing Program. . .

Twenty-eight year-old **BARBARA**, mother of five year-old Russell and two year-old Brandon, received her undergraduate degree in Human Services from Metropolitan State University of Denver in May 2014. She has begun working on her Master's Degree, while she works at the local domestic violence shelter where she completed her internship. Upon leaving our program, Barbara and her sons moved to a market rate apartment.

**LA SHONDA**, 36, who has been struggling with life-changing health issues, made progress in understanding her condition and learning how to live functionally with a disability. She is preparing to complete our program and move to a subsidized apartment with her disability income. She is excited to see what life has in store for her; she has stated that "she feels prepared to live on her own again."

**MICKEY**, 56, a former registered nurse, continues creating a healthy life for her grandchildren, 17 year-old Nate, 13 year-old Josh, and Isabella, a medically fragile two year-old, since their mother passed away nearly two years ago. Mickey remains involved in her grandchildren's lives, despite ongoing custody issues. Nate is expected to graduate from high school in May 2015, and Josh maintains good grades in school. Mickey is adjusting

## Did You Know. . .

During our 2013/2014 fiscal year, 178 homeless individuals, 55 mothers with 93 children and 30 single women, had the opportunity to rebuild their lives with services of the In-House Stabilization Program at Sacred Heart House of Denver. Forty-six percent of these women attributed their homelessness directly to family/relationship problems: **53% of this number cited domestic violence/abuse as an issue in their past.**

Twenty-one percent of the women were evicted from their homes; 21% faced homelessness after they lost their jobs; an increase in rent resulted in homelessness for four percent; two percent were relocating from another city/state. A chronic transient lifestyle and "other causes" were among the reasons for homelessness for the remaining six percent.

to sharing custody of Isabella with Izzie's recently rehabilitated father and has seen her through several more health crises this year. Mickey's life is finally stable enough to allow her to consider her own future: She is planning to enroll in classes that will certify her to teach in the nursing field.

Forty-one year-old **DONELLE**, mother of 14 year-old Ariel, 12 year-old Doug and seven year-old Lamont, works full-time as a security officer at a local hospital. An exceptional student, Doug is receiving his education through the Challenge Foundation. After leaving a domestic violence situation, Donelle is focusing on developing good financial management and budgeting skills, so she can remain stable and help her children reach their educational goals.

**JANELLE**, 26, recently joined our Transitional Housing Program with her 18 month-old son, Nicholas. She is presently working at Walmart and taking classes at Metropolitan State University of Denver to earn a

Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. She may apply for Temporary Aid to Needy Families, so she can attend school full-time, while she increases her budgeting, household management and parenting skills over the next two years.

**ALONSO**, 43, and **MARTINE**, 39, and their sons, Peter, 16, and Zeke, 12, refugees from Rwanda via Benin, participate in our Transitional Housing Program through our partnership with MPB Parish Partners. Before they left Africa, Alonso obtained a Master's Degree in Hospitality Management, and Martine earned her Master's Degree in International Relations and Human Rights. Alonso, who is working in the hotel industry in Denver, hopes to eventually manage a hotel. Martine, who completed ESL classes during the past year, now teaches full time at an international language school. She plans to help other refugees trying to reestablish their lives in America.



Joe with Family Members

## WE CELEBRATE JOE VALENCIA: JOE CELEBRATES 80 YEARS!

*Joe Valencia began his volunteer service at Mountview Boys Home long before his retirement from a 37-year career doing auto body work at Luby Chevrolet and five other Denver shops. After meeting a counselor from Mountview at his church service, Joe discovered there were boys at the Home who needed someone to talk to.*

*As his daughter, Lynne, puts it, "The staff didn't closely monitor Joe, so he was able to start a ministry for the kids sentenced to Mountview." For 16 years, Joe would visit young men every Tuesday or Wednesday evening, inviting speakers to come with him once a month. Eventually, Mountview became an evaluation center, and all the boys moved to halfway homes.*

*After he retired at 62, Joe began working part time at Samaritan House as the Men's Coordinator. He heard about Sacred Heart House and found his way down the street to volunteer once a week under Sacred Heart's first director, Sue Kennedy, SCL. Eventually, Joe was hired as Night Manager on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from October to May. On Sunday mornings, Joe returns to cook a hot breakfast for residents.*

*In late spring, he leaves Denver with his wife of 57 years, Lydia, to spend time at the summer home he built in Chama, New Mexico, where he loves to fish.*

*On October 8, 2014, Joe celebrated his 80th birthday. A party on November 8th, included his four daughters--two who live in Denver, one who lives in Pennsylvania and another who lives in San Luis, Colorado, and many friends and relatives.*

*We celebrate Joe and his commitment to Sacred Heart House of Denver. We are honored to call him our friend!*

## 100 WOMEN WHO CARE CHOOSE SHHD!

Thanks to Carmen Mix, Sacred Heart House of Denver was designated as the October recipient of the quarterly contribution of 100 WOMEN WHO CARE DENVER! Inspired by a great idea that started in Jackson, Michigan, in 2006, with the help of other established chapters, the Denver chapter of 100 WOMEN WHO CARE was started in January 2013 by longtime friends Jennifer Konieczny and Rhondi Clark.

The organization is comprised of busy women

who find it challenging to make a meaningful impact in our community one at a time, but as a group they recognize their ability to contribute in ways they never thought possible. 100 WOMEN WHO CARE DENVER supports group philanthropy and chooses one charity to support each quarter. Sacred Heart House of Denver is truly honored to receive their support: They have made a meaningful impact on our ability to serve homeless women and children in Denver!



*These women are representative of those who stayed at Sacred Heart House of Denver this year. Armed with hope for a better life, they were able to find housing and move toward self-sufficiency with the support of the In-House Stabilization Program.*

### JONITA

After coping with an unexpected pregnancy, Jonita, 28, came to Sacred Heart House of Denver with her eight month-old son, Race, after she was laid off from her job and could no longer afford her apartment. After staying with friends and in overnight shelters, Jonita applied for assistance through the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Program through Denver's Department of Human Services and was determined to find stable housing, so she could provide a brighter future for her son. Despite facing the difficulties of being a single mother, Jonita brought with her a positive, kind attitude and bravely confronted the challenges of homelessness. Her motivation led her to a successful interview with Champa House, a structured program for mothers with children, where she moved upon leaving Sacred Heart House. She will resume working toward her employment goal in health care, which she began while attending a community college in Florida. In her Exit Interview, Jonita wrote, "The staff was extremely helpful and kind," and her stay at Sacred Heart House of Denver "couldn't have been any better."

### CHERYLN

When Cheryln's mother with whom she was living passed away, the 27 year-old mother found herself alone, grief-stricken and homeless with her three year-old son, Andrew. After staying in motels and with friends, she applied for TANF benefits and entered Sacred Heart House of Denver. Her determination to complete requirements to obtain her General Equivalency Degree (GED) and focus on taking the first steps toward becoming self-sufficient led Cheryln to enroll in the GED Program at The Gathering Place. Upon leaving Sacred Heart House of Denver, mother and son moved to Father Ed Judy House, a longer term program of Catholic Charities that helps women with children move toward stability. Cheryln continues to search for housing in a very competitive market with a voucher she secured through STRIDE, a two-year transitional housing program. Without the stress of being homeless, Cheryln can now focus on her education goals and parenting Andrew.

### KAREN

A single woman of 54, Karen was exhausted from moving from one overnight shelter to the next and came to Sacred Heart House of Denver desperate to find stable housing. Suffering from a physical disability that impaired physical movement, she was unable to find employment and could not afford housing on her disability income. Fearful that she would spend the winter without a roof over her head, Karen worked tirelessly to find a transitional housing program that would give her a chance to get back on her feet. She found that chance by connecting with Mental Health Corporation of Denver, which provided her with counseling and facilitated her move to Chayah House, a transitional living program that offers job readiness training.

### HILLARY

Hillary, a 42 year-old single woman, was homeless upon arriving in Colorado from Texas "to start a new life." She was attracted to the "great opportunities for school and employment" she felt existed in Denver during a previous visit to the city. After she was admitted to Sacred Heart House of Denver, she quickly found employment at McDonald's; her verifiable income enabled upon her to apply for transitional housing through The Crossing, Brandon Center and Irving Street. Upon leaving the shelter, she decided to move to a market rate apartment and share living expenses with a coworker. With a steady job and an apartment, Hillary enrolled at Emily Griffith Technical College to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

### DINA

Dina, 29, and her 12 year-old daughter, Demi, were left homeless by an apartment fire. Dina's job with a local photographer that takes school photos enabled the small family to quickly move to transitional housing through Family Homestead. Since she has moved, Dina has restarted classes at ITT Technical Institute, where she earned a scholarship to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Photography. Her ultimate goal is to work for the Disney organization as a photographer.

### MARISOL

Fleeing a domestic violence situation in Texas, Marisol, 36, brought her three children, nine year-old Rosa, seven year-old Diego and nine-month-old Carlos, to safety in Colorado. Marisol applied for housing in Pueblo on the way to stay with relatives in Denver. When their temporary housing situation ended, the

family became homeless and moved to Sacred Heart House of Denver. Income through the TANF Program enabled Marisol to apply for transitional housing through Warren Village and STRIDE. Rosa and her children moved to Father Ed Judy House, while they waited for their STRIDE housing to become available. In the meantime, Marisol was notified that she was approved for transitional housing in Pueblo. On December 5, 2014, a relieved and excited Marisol settled her family into a four-bedroom apartment in that city with household goods she received through Sacred Heart House of Denver's Follow-Up Program.



*Young residents pin the nose on the pumpkin on Halloween!*

## FIVE GIRL SCOUTS "GET MOVING" TO HELP SHHD RESIDENTS

Five fifth-grade Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 3505 from Saddle Ranch Elementary School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, found Sacred Heart House of Denver to be the perfect fit for their "Get Moving" journey project. Their project focused on personal energy, with each girl asking herself, "What do I put out into the world?" "How do I want to be useful?"

The girls found Sacred Heart House of Denver online and decided to assemble "Cleaning Kits" for women moving from the shelter into their own homes. They visited stores to decide on items to include in each kit and calculated its cost. To make a big impact in their community, they decided to set a goal to collect 20 kits.

The Girl Scouts set up booths outside stores and distributed flyers they created to educate shoppers about Sacred Heart House of Denver and asked them to pick up some of the cleaning items to donate, as they did their own shopping. Financial donations from individuals and from the stores themselves helped these five Girl Scouts reach their goal. Thanks to their "Get Moving" project, there are 20 former residents of Sacred Heart House of Denver with cleaner homes!

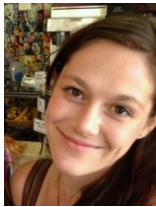
## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

*Sacred Heart House of Denver partners with the Graduate Schools of Social Work at the University of Denver and Metropolitan State University of Denver to provide case management for women in our In-House Stabilization and Transitional Housing Programs. Below are impressions gained by the graduate students who are learning while they are serving our residents during the first half of their respective internships.*

### Janet Washburn

*In-House Case Manager  
Concentration Year Intern,  
Metropolitan State University of Denver*

Interning at Sacred Heart House of Denver is difficult. It is wrought with challenges, and it stretches me on both a personal and professional level. Interning at Sacred Heart is hard, and yet it is one of the most amazing experiences I have had in my professional development. I look forward to each and every day, and I am profoundly touched by the staff I have the pleasure of working alongside and the individuals I serve. Sacred Heart House of Denver offers the comprehensive services that are so desperately needed



by homeless populations in the Denver area and does so in a way that is relevant, organized and truly meets the needs of homeless women and children. To have a part in the work that Sacred Heart House of Denver does is a privilege I am deeply thankful for.

As I move forward in my internship, I look forward to contributing to the phenomenal work we do and benefiting from the unique learning opportunities the agency provides.

### Maggie Lowery

*In-House Case Manager  
Foundation Year Intern,  
Metropolitan State University of Denver*

After I had been offered an internship at Sacred Heart House of Denver a year ago, I suffered an unexpected setback and had to defer my admittance to graduate school until this year. I felt very discouraged, but when Janet Morris reached out to me and asked if I would be interested in interning this year, I was thrilled.

I expected my internship to be challenging, but I had no idea how much I would learn! I have learned to input



data required by the State of Colorado through Colorado Homeless Management Information Systems and gained insight into the Temporary Aid to Needy Families Program through Denver Department of Human Services, in addition to learning from the on-site training and experience I receive at Sacred Heart.

My internship has also been extremely rewarding. It is exciting when our residents make significant steps toward reaching the goals they have set for themselves and to feel as though the resources, guidance and support we provide is really helping them. I have learned to work collaboratively as part of a team and understand the importance of documenting information. I expect to grow in my approach to serving the women who come to Sacred Heart House of Denver and increase my knowledge of resources available to them in the next several months.

### Michelle Powner

*Transitional Housing Case Manager  
Concentration Year Intern,  
Metropolitan State University of Denver*

I was excited to be accepted as an intern at Sacred Heart House of Denver, since I have always had a desire to work with the homeless population. This was my first choice for my internship, and it has proven to be very rewarding. I have enjoyed getting to know the women in the shelter and learning their personal stories. My work with the women in the Transitional Housing Program allows me the unique experience of visiting former residents of Sacred Heart House of Denver who are now living in the community.

We work as a team to help these women learn how to be self-sufficient and successful when they exit the program. This can be challenging, but it is also inspiring to see the women regain control of their lives and attempt to provide better futures for themselves and their children. I am excited to continue to grow and learn from these women and am thankful to have the support of Sacred Heart House staff throughout this process.



## SACRED HEART HOUSE OF DENVER WELCOMES KIRSTEN MORA

*Former Program Assistant Sally Cole returned to her home town of Madison, Wisconsin, where she continues her work with the homeless through Forward Service Corporation. She and Chas Karch were married August 30, 2014. We look forward to the visits she has promised!*

Hello! My name is Kirsten Mora, and I've recently joined the Sacred Heart House of Denver family from Northern Arizona. I have a strong history and interest in volunteering and sociology, so the position of Program Assistant is a perfect fit for me! I'm able to combine two of my passions, working with volunteers and helping people from diverse backgrounds.



When I first visited Sacred Heart House, I had this vision of what a homeless shelter would look and feel like: I imagined a sterile and impersonal environment. Boy, was I wrong! What I found was a warm, friendly atmosphere filled with color and life—a true home. Sacred Heart House of Denver is a place where hope is reignited, and people of all walks of life are brought together for the common purpose of improving themselves and others.

Providing services of the Follow-Up Program to former residents and daily interactions with our volunteers bring such joy to me; they demonstrate the strength and resilience of individuals, along with the capacity of the human heart to love and give. Throughout the past few months, I have consistently been shown what a wonderful and life-changing place Sacred Heart House of Denver is, and how it truly is a home to many women, families and volunteers.

I'm honored to be a part of this beautiful home and thankful that I am able to make a direct impact each day!

*“Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

*- Margaret Mead*



# SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

*We value the contributions of all those who donate goods, including clothing, furniture and household items and services.*



*Eagle Scout Mark Miller raised funds and built a storage shed for Sacred Heart House of Denver!*

- ♥ Parents and students of **GREENWOOD, LAURA INGALLS WILDER** and **ST. ANNE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, JIM WALSH** and his class from **REGIS UNIVERSITY**, our faithful **SUNDAY COOKS** and **ALL the INDIVIDUALS** and **FAMILIES** who bring dinners and share their time with our residents through the Family Dinner Program.
- ♥ **JOSEPH VALENCIA** for his monthly donation of Frito-Lay snack food.
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- ♥ **NICK LAUTER** and **THE OPUS GROUP** for their ongoing support.
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- ♥ The **ARCHBISHOP'S GUILD** and **ST. ANNE'S CIRCLE** for their respective Christmas contributions.
- ♥ The **COLORADO ACADEMY** for the **STUDENTS H.O.P.E. HOLIDAY PARTY**, which is given annually for families in special need, for including our residents in their celebration.
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- ♥ **DAVE MCKINLEY** for stuffed animals to welcome and comfort young residents and for keeping us in one-ply toilet paper.
- ♥ **TOMMYE BARNETT** and **LEE MONTOYA** for providing a Halloween party for residents.
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- ♥ . . . AND THANK YOU to **ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS**, who manage SACRED HEART HOUSE OF DENVER from 6 to 10 each evening and on Sunday mornings and afternoons, and those who provide child care and children's arts and crafts activities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, **JIM WALSH** and **STUDENTS** from **REGIS UNIVERSITY'S SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM** who entertain and teach our residents, **JOE VALENCIA** for cooking Sunday breakfast, **LEE MONTOYA** for planning holiday celebrations for residents and **CONNIE CURTIS** for staying overnight every Tuesday for SO MANY years.



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**Starting in 2012, the State of Colorado required agencies to collect each taxpayer's Social Security Number or the taxpayer's Colorado Tax ID Number. This year, only the last four digits of a donor's Social Security Number are required.** If Sacred Heart House of Denver does not submit these last four digits on its Enterprise Zone forms, the donation is tax deductible, but it is not eligible for the tax credit.

You will receive a "Certification of Qualified Enterprise Zone Contribution" from Sacred Heart House of Denver to attach to your 2014 Colorado Income Tax Form. Contributions must be received by December 31, 2014, to be eligible for the tax credit.

### ***ColoradoGives.org***

Donations may be made at any time through COLORADOGIVES.ORG, an online resource featuring Colorado charities made possible by Community First Foundation. Ninety-eight percent of your donation comes directly to Sacred Heart House of Denver. Each December, on Colorado Gives Day, the value of your donation is increased by the FirstBank Incentive Fund. Beginning in 2013, these donations became eligible for the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit.

### ***CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS***

Many employers match gifts made by their employees to non-profit organizations. If you are considering making a donation to Sacred Heart House of Denver, please contact the Human Resources Department of your company to see if it has a Matching Gift Program. If it does, you can obtain a matching gift form and follow its directions to initiate the match. Your contribution could be doubled!

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