

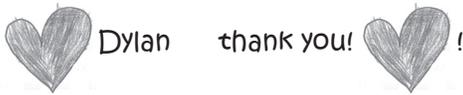
# Sacred Heart BEAT

## SACRED HEART HOUSE OF DENVER WINTER 2017

### Messages from the Associate & Executive Directors. . .

One afternoon while I was sitting at the dining room table discussing the day's events with a mother staying at the shelter, her seven year-old son Dylan asked me how to spell "Sacred." I helped him with the spelling and continued to talk with his mother, as he diligently wrote in his notebook. After a few minutes passed, Dylan handed me the notebook and asked me to read what he wrote.

"Dear Sacred heart house thank you for letting us stay here with you and the nice people that live and work here and thank you for the loving things you do. "



After wiping tears from my eyes, I told Dylan how thankful I was that he shared his note with me.

Sacred Heart House of Denver is not only "the nice people that live and work here." "The loving things YOU do" make this a special place for homeless mothers with children and single women to regroup and begin new lives.

This past year was filled with many opportunities to ask for help for our families. Each time we asked, our friends responded with overwhelming support.

Whether a family needed deposit assistance to move into a home, furniture to furnish a home or paint to restore a home, you responded.

When we needed bikes for the kids in our Transitional Housing Program, you again responded. With your support, we surprised twelve kids with bikes, helmets and locks!

A mother with debilitating medical issues was unable to work to pay rent, and when she asked for help as she and her son were being evicted, we asked and received overwhelming support from you. Although

we were not able to stop the eviction, we were able to move them into a safe place near her physical therapy, until they were able to join our Transitional Housing Program.

Dylan's note is my note to all of you who help make Sacred Heart House of Denver what it is. Without the support of our volunteers and donors, we would not have a place for Dylan to stay.

Thank you for answering our calls for help this year. Your generosity enabled Sacred Heart House of Denver to meet some very special needs. We are grateful.

♥ Garrett Singer

In spite of the many changes that have taken place in the homeless service provider community over the last few years, thanks to you---foundations, individuals, businesses and faith-based organizations---Sacred Heart House of Denver has been able to provide emergency services *with* the support and the means for homeless mothers and single women in Denver to secure stable housing and become self-sufficient.

Not only have we helped families like Dylan's reestablish homes, we have provided

ongoing support to prevent them from becoming homeless in the future. We are a small, single organization with proven programs that has served the most vulnerable segment of the homeless population, women and children, and the Denver community, for 37 years. With your support, we will continue to help them move to stable housing and meet their special needs!

♥ Janet Morris

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### PLEASE JOIN US! FIESTA FOR PHILANTHROPY

A Margarita & Salsa Tasting Event

Thursday, January 25, 2018  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

THE SUMMIT CHURCH in RINO  
3300 Larimer Street, Denver, CO 80205

Entrance tickets are \$30/person or \$50/couple and include:

1 Margarita & Salsa Tasting ticket per person  
and 1 free drink ticket per person.

Additional food and drinks will be available for purchase.

There will also be a "Wine Pull" to try your luck at picking a new and exciting bottle of wine.

All proceeds help Sacred Heart House of Denver provide services for homeless women and children.

**Purchase tickets at**

<https://fiestaforphilanthropy.eventbrite.com>

## **In August, Pam Goodson joined our staff as Transitional Housing Case Manager.**

*I have experienced some horrible things in my life, but somehow I have always known that I have value and a purpose in this world: I know I am meant to use my experiences to help others. For the last 22 years, I focused on being the mother of two daughters, wonderful young women who have left home to attend college and pursue their dreams. When my youngest daughter left this summer, I felt a deep loss and knew that "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others (Gandhi)."*

*I quit my corporate job and began looking for something that would allow me to help others and give me a new purpose. I believe I was lead to Sacred Heart House, and I am so happy to be working as the Transitional Housing Case Manager for this wonderful organization. I feel like I finally found the job I was meant to do.*

*I am constantly impressed by the strength and determination of the women I guide, as they work to improve their lives, and by the gratitude they show for the smallest things. They remind me of what really matters in life, and I am grateful to be a part of their lives.*

## **Below, Pam highlights her work with five women participating in our Transitional Housing Program.**

**Rena**, 38, has done exceptionally well in her second year in the program. Despite her ongoing struggle with serious health issues, she has reached nearly all her personal, family and financial goals. Rena's participation in home ownership classes has confirmed her aggressive approach to becoming debt free and building a nest egg for a down payment on a home. After previously completing the Legal Office Assistant Program at Emily Griffith Technical College, Rena has proven herself so valuable as a Legal Office Assistant at a local law firm that she earned the flexibility she needs to make doctors' appointments and support her daughter, Tami, in her activities. Tami is a 15 year-old freshman at Denver School of Science and Technology, where she makes straight A's and plays on the volleyball team.

**Stella** joined our Transitional Housing Program in March 2017. She is the 32 year-old mother of two girls, Reagan, 12, who attends Hill Campus of Arts & Science, and Mona, 5, a kindergartner at McMeen Elementary School. With only a sixth grade education, Stella has faced more trials in her life than most people can imagine, but despite this, she is a generous, caring person who always wants to help others. She shares resources she has found, including the Metro Caring Food Bank and Clothes to Kids, at case management meetings, so others can also get the food and clothing they need. With support through the 2Succeed and Center for Work, Education, and Employment (CWEE) programs, Stella hopes to pass one remaining test to obtain her GED: She is close to reaching this goal that used to seem impossible to her.

**Selena**, 32, exhausted her financial resources to bring her children back to Colorado from the country where her ex-husband had taken them, so the family came to Sacred Heart House. Selena had been supporting both her children and their father and quickly showed what a hard worker and devoted mother she is. We were happy to have her join our Transitional Housing Program. Selena works as a certified nursing assistant at a local retirement center and is enrolled in the Community College of Denver's Medical Assistant Program, while she is raising her four very polite children. James, 12, attends Hill Campus of Arts & Sciences, while Adrian, 10, Josh, 8, and Kaitlin, 5, attend McMeen Elementary School. They all participate in sports and clubs, and they work hard to be good students. Two of the children have recently received the Citizen of the Month award from school!

After the passing of her husband several years ago, **Samantha** stayed at Sacred Heart House of Denver and secured stable housing through Catholic Charities. A debilitating car accident requiring a knee replacement, a subsequent fall and several back surgeries left Samantha, now 48, unable to work and pay rent, and she and her son, Noah, 15, became homeless. In June 2017, Samantha became part of our Transitional Housing Program, where she has been working with an attorney to secure disability income. In addition to increasing her budgeting skills during case management meetings, Samantha has found resources for rental assistance and emergency food from Church of the Risen Christ to supplement the help she is receiving from Sacred Heart House. Noah, who attends Summit Academy High School, has, for the most part, been able to maintain good grades and excel in playing baseball. The homeless liaison and social worker at Noah's school have provided additional assistance to the family. When Samantha begins receiving disability income, she

and Noah will be in a position to secure permanent housing.

Twenty-eight year-old **Maci** returned to Denver in August after caring for her terminally ill mother in Florida. She and her two year-old daughter, Miley, came to Sacred Heart House after leaving an unhealthy living situation with Maci's former roommate. Although she was employed, Maci did not have enough income to make it on her own. Her determination to move forward in her life quickly led her to a place in our Transitional Housing Program. With a security deposit obtained through The Gathering Place and rental assistance from the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Most Precious Blood Church, Maci and Miley were able to move into their "new" home. Miley attends the Play & Learn Child Care Center, while Maci prepares to attend Community College of Denver in January to work toward an Associate's Degree in Business Management. She ultimately plans on pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management from Metropolitan State University of Denver. When she completes her education, the positive relationship Maci established with her former employer will potentially lead her to a management position in the Marriott Hotel organization.

## **This year two women "graduated" from our Transitional Housing Program:**

**Janelle**, 30, moved to Warren Village to finish classes for her Bachelor's Degree in Convergent Journalism, which she earned in May 2017.

**Louise**, 43, with a full-time job at Dependable Cleaners, moved to a market-rate apartment with her three children. Thanks to Louise's support, her two daughters are focused on achieving their individual education goals. Her three year-old son benefits from the Love and Logic skills Louise acquired.

**Eva**, 33, who successfully resolved health problems, learned to implement time and household management skills to provide structure in the lives of her four children. She works full-time in a cleaning business and will soon move to an apartment with a Section 8 Voucher through Adams County. As Eva moves from our housing, **Elizabeth**, 24, will be preparing to move in with her children Michael, 7, and Zoey, 3. Until that time, the family is living in temporary housing subsidized by a generous donor.

The following 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. This year, Sacred Heart House of Denver had the opportunity to help women access HUD funded housing through OneHome. Further information is available at [onehomeco.org](http://onehomeco.org).

Wanting to leave the cold weather of Minnesota and move her children closer to their father, **Talaina**, 35, mother of Joshua, 13, Justin, 10, Jonah, 7, and Jerome, 3, moved to Denver. A disabled Army veteran who had never experienced homelessness, Talaina was proactive in accessing resources through the Veterans Administration. With the help of Denver Public Schools' Homeless Liaison, Whitney Whitaker, she enrolled Joshua in Bruce Middle School and Justin and Jonah at University Prep. Fortunately, Margery Reed Day Care Center, near Sacred Heart House, had an opening for Jerome. After only three weeks, Talaina was accepted into the Volunteers of America Grant Per Diem Program. This 90-day transitional housing program allows Talaina to find an apartment and transfer her Section 8 Housing Voucher from Minnesota to Colorado.

Colorado native, **Sabra**, 43, had left an abusive husband after he put her out on the street for the fourth time. After a temporary stay at Arapahoe House, the agency referred her to Sacred Heart House of Denver. Happy to be in a safe place, where she could gain some stability, Sabra quickly found a full-time job detailing cars. After contacting referrals to the Delores Project, The Crossing and Archdiocesan Housing, Sabra reconciled with her mother, who takes care of her eldest daughter, Sadie, 12, and she moved in with them. Sabra plans

on saving money to move to her own place, divorce her husband and gain custody of her youngest daughter, Iris, 6.

Twenty-eight year-old **Maci** returned to Denver after caring for her terminally ill mother in Florida. She and her two year-old daughter, Miley, came to Sacred Heart House after leaving an unhealthy living situation with Maci's former roommate. Maci demonstrated a strong desire to ensure long-term self-sufficiency for herself and her daughter, quickly reaching out to Catholic Charities, Montessori Academy of Colorado and Margery Reed Day Care Center, where she was able to secure child care for her daughter. Following up on transitional housing referrals from case managers, Maci contacted Warren Village, Treasure House, Champa House, Mercy Housing and Family Homestead. Maci's determination and desire to return to school to earn a business degree enabled her to participate in Sacred Heart House of Denver's Transitional Housing Program.

**Kiara**, 21, became homeless when her grandparents moved to a senior care facility, and she could no longer live with them. When she came to Sacred Heart House, Kiara's activities were limited by the severe morning sickness that accompanied her pregnancy. After receiving treatment at Stout Street Clinic, she regained her energy and attended orientations for transitional housing programs at Warren Village and Treasure House. She also visited the Gabriel Project, which offers support to pregnant mothers. Kiara was eventually approved for benefits through the Bannock Youth and Family Center, a program of the Volunteers of America. Upon finding an apartment, Kiara will receive deposit and long-term financial assistance for housing, in addition to parenting and life skills classes, education and job training.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR...



Devin

In this Christmas season, I am reminded of how grateful I am for the amazing long-term relationships that allow Sacred Heart House of Denver to serve for so many years. We are blessed with volunteers

who manage the house evenings and weekends. We are blessed with long-time staff members like Janet, Garrett and Dolores, who have hired the staff, managed our finances, maintained the house and served others tirelessly for many, many years.

We are blessed to have board members like Sister Maureen and Mike, who has served on the board for decades: Both provide us with their wisdom and experience. Most importantly, I am grateful for the way God always provides the finances, the staff and the volunteers that allow us to serve the homeless women and children of Denver.

♥ Devin Harwell

## ...FROM VOLUNTEER LAUREN HERWEHE

I became involved with Sacred Heart House of Denver in 2015, thanks to my older sister, Meghan, who now heads the Fundraising Committee on our board of directors. Like many of us, I found that while I enjoyed my 9 to 5 job, I wanted to add more meaning to my life.

I help with social media, email newsletters, volunteer scheduling and fundraising events. I also volunteer as a House Manager at least once a month, which is my favorite role. I love meeting and interacting with the residents and staff. The strength and resilience of the residents and the selflessness of the staff really inspire me.



Lauren Herwehe

I enjoy helping with fundraising, because Sacred Heart House is a lean organization, and I've seen how far every dollar goes. I feel so grateful for the opportunity to be part of an organization that does so much good!

## TURKEY AT SALON UTOPIA "GOBBLES UP" DONATIONS

David Leon, owner of Salon Utopia Denver in Cherry Creek, is always helping somebody! In addition to being a spectacular stylist, he does haircut-a-thons for homeless people, collects toys and supplies for Sioux Native Americans at Standing Rock and school supplies for the African Community Center. As a dear friend of his notes, "The list of people he's helped is endless."

This fall, he added Sacred Heart House of Denver to this list. He kindly agreed to display a turkey to "gobble up" monetary donations to purchase food for our Thanksgiving Food Distribution for Follow-Up families. We count David, his generosity and that of his staff and clients among our blessings this holiday season!

Salon Utopia Denver is located at 300 Josephine Street, #110, Denver, CO 80206.



Case management at Sacred Heart House of Denver is provided in partnership with the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver. Interns in the Master's of Social Work (MSW) Program share first impressions of their work.

**MIA NORTON**  
Case Manager, In-House Stabilization Program Foundation Year Intern, University of Denver



Mia Norton

When I started at Sacred Heart House of Denver, I was overwhelmed by everything! At the end of each day, I was mentally and emotionally exhausted. However, with the training and guidance of my supervisors, I was able to learn quickly and find my place in the organization.

It's amazing to see the resilience and strength the women in our shelter have, and I try to remind them of that every chance I get. A lot of times the women get so down, because they are overwhelmed by what they need to get done to get back on their feet, and they forget about their own strengths.

I've learned so much in the short time I've been here, and while I still have more to learn, I feel more confident in my knowledge and abilities. Being at the University of Denver has been a blessing, and I appreciate having an internship as part of the program. Being able to apply the knowledge I learn in class in a hands-on setting has been very beneficial for my growth. I look forward to what else I will learn at Sacred Heart House.

**ANA LANDIS**  
Case Manager, In-House Stabilization Program Foundation Year Intern, University of Denver



Ana Landis

I have been at Sacred Heart House of Denver since October 2017, and in my short time here, I have learned so much about the variety of services offered to each woman in the In-House Stabilization Program. I enjoy working with these women by making referrals to resources within the community to help them work toward long-term self-sufficiency.

I am constantly amazed by the motivation and resilience these women have, despite the numerous barriers and challenges they face

every day. I look forward to continuing to learn and partner with the residents in to help them find stable housing and to empower them to stabilize their families after experiencing homelessness.

**MALIA REEDER**  
Case Manager, In-House Stabilization Program Concentration Year Intern, University of Denver



Malia Reeder

I am a concentration year graduate student at University of Denver, so this is my second internship. I can say with certainty that Sacred Heart House of Denver is one of the most amazing nonprofits I have ever been a part of.

I love being at Sacred Heart House, and I feel very grateful for the opportunity to share the same space with the residents and staff. I continue to learn something new every day, and I am constantly impressed with the professional yet warm atmosphere that Sacred Heart House brings. The residents are some of the most amazing, driven and intelligent women I have ever met, and I am lucky to be in their presence.

## GOOD-BYE FROM GINA. . .



Gina

After two great years, I am sad to say in August I left my position as Program Assistant at Sacred Heart House of Denver. I am originally from Connecticut and moved home to be closer to family.

It was an amazing experience working at such a unique nonprofit organization. I was able to see the positive impact Sacred Heart House has had on all the families who stay at the shelter, and who continue to stay connected through the Follow-Up Program. Sacred Heart House has stayed in touch with families and single women who have stayed there as many as 20-plus years ago or as little as a week ago! I had the opportunity to share in the successes, failures, laughter and tears of these families. Sacred Heart House is a constant support to them in a world that is often chaotic

and uncertain.

I was inspired daily by the families we served, who continued to have faith and resilience and grow in the face of tremendous adversity. I was equally inspired by our large group of passionate, dedicated and selfless volunteers and donors. Whenever our families were in need, whether it was bikes, Christmas gifts or general necessities, our donors and volunteers always answered our calls for help. It was truly a pleasure to give tours, eat dinner and chat with many of them.

I am currently working as a computer teacher at an elementary school, where the majority of my students are from low income families. My time at Sacred Heart House has helped me thrive in my position. Not only did I develop my computer skills, my experiences make me a more compassionate, understanding and an overall better teacher: I always keep in mind what my students' lives may be like outside school. Working at Sacred Heart House has motivated me to eventually go back to school for a Master's Degree in Public Policy or Social Work. ♥ Regina Wrenn



## OUR FIRST FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, marks the inaugural fundraising event for Sacred Heart House of Denver! The First Annual FUNdraising & Prize Drawing was held at the Black Shirt Brewing Company, located at 37th Avenue and Walnut Street. The event was organized by Sacred Heart's Board of Director's Fundraising Committee led by Meghan Herwehe.

Committee members Carol 'CJ' Johnson, Terri McClure, Britt Reiersgord, Lauren Herwehe and Julie Alcorn collected and organized 46 gifts for the prize drawing. Nearly 100 people attended the event, which raised almost \$10,000 in ticket sales and additional donations. Proceeds supported the Continuum of Services Sacred Heart House of Denver provides for homeless women and children.

## SUSIE TO THE RESCUE!



I started volunteering as a House Manager and child care helper at Sacred Heart House of Denver in the 1990's, before I became the Program Assistant a few years later. I really loved working with the dedicated volunteers and staff, as well as getting to know the women and children who made their homes with us. Over the years, I've stayed connected: My son Jack and his classmates occasionally brought dinners and helped with fundraising and child care. One year, my husband Tom played Santa for the kids at the House.

This fall, Janet asked if I could help out, while they searched for a new Program Assistant. The place hasn't changed very much! Janet, Garrett, and Delores are still creating a loving, supportive environment for the women and kids. It was great to be back talking to the people who come to volunteer their time playing with the kids, cooking meals and managing the House. I was reminded of how many really good people there are in our world. I also remembered that we can make this world a better place, when we show a little kindness or just listen. ♥ Susie Shanley

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

- ♥ Parents and students of **GREENWOOD, LAURA INGALLS WILDER** and **ST. ANNE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, JIM WALSH** and his class from **REGIS UNIVERSITY** and **ALL** the **INDIVIDUALS** and **FAMILIES** who bring dinners and share their time with our residents through the Family Dinner Program, and our faithful **SUNDAY COOKS. LYNNE VALENCIA** and **9NEWS** for arc and Goodwill gift certificates and **arc THRIFT STORES** for gift certificates.
- ♥ **NICK LAUTER** and **THE OPUS GROUP** for their ongoing support.
- ♥ **DOLORES RAEL-TAPIA** and the **LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** for King Soopers gift cards and handmade quilts, blankets, scarves and gloves and **TARRA TAMURA** for gas cards.
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ **CHARM** and **MIKE WOOD, TRACIE LAWRENCE, SARAH PONDA, PAULA DRISCOLL, JOY MUSGRAVE** and **SHRINE OF ST. ANNE'S LITTLE FLOWERS, MICHAEL CANGES** and **NINA IWASHKO** for items from our Needs List.
- ♥ **NEIL AND LANA WIESE** for meeting our ongoing needs for food, laundry and cleaning products (and any other requests we may have!) each month.
- ♥ **HELPING HANDS**, an online volunteer group, for hygiene kits and water.
- ♥ **SONJA ANTRILLO** and **LOOK SALON** for shampoo and conditioner.
- ♥ **OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH** for food boxes at Easter and Thanksgiving.
- ♥ **MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHAMPIONS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, CAROL JOHNSON** and **INDIAN CREEK COMMUNITY** and many **FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART HOUSE OF DENVER** for their contributions of food and funds for our Thanksgiving Food Distribution this year.
- ♥ **GAIL QUAN** and **FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART HOUSE** for donating bikes, locks and helmets for children in our Follow-Up and Transitional Housing Programs.
- ♥ **KROENKE SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT** for ticket donations to local sports and entertainment events.
- ♥ **SPIRIT OF CHRIST, ST. MARY'S LITTLETON** and **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHES, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY** of **ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, WILLOWS CHILD CENTER, PROTIVITI, SM ENERGY, KATIE RYAN** and **STRIVE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOLS, JESSICA MALONE** and **AMEC FOSTER WHEELER, KAISER PERMANENTE CLINICAL PHARMACY, PARKER, the GALLERIA TOWERS, KRISSY O'BRIEN** with **CURVES** and **CURVES** in **CENTENNIAL, SOMMER WALL** and **USDOJ, SALLY ROBERTS** and **TREASURELAND PRESCHOOL, MEGAN RYAN** and **COBIZ FINANCIAL EMPLOYEES** and **ALL** the **INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES** and **BUSINESSES** for supporting the shelter with items from our Needs List, contributing gifts for residents and adopting families in our Follow-Up Program during this holiday season. (This list includes all who have contacted us as of our printing deadline.)
- ♥ **KRISTEN FOSTER** and her children for Christmas bags.
- ♥ **FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #06174** for new kids' clothing and **WOMEN IN DESIGN - DENVER** for 40 T-Shirts.
- ♥ **ADDE'S CATERING KITCHEN** for providing many tasty dinners.
- ♥ **DAVE MCKINLEY** for stuffed animals to welcome and comfort young residents and for keeping us in one-ply toilet paper, coffee, garbage bags and paper towels.
- ♥ **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 191** for bringing dinner for our residents and for donations from our Needs List.
- ♥ **CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST** and the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** for rental and deposit assistance and **MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH** for its partnership in supporting our mission in so many ways.
- ♥ **DON** and **JANICE MCFALL** for their ongoing support.
- ♥ **TONY LOPEZ** and **LA POPULAR** for donating tamales and cookies each week.
- ♥ **ARAM HAROUTUNIAN** and the **GARDENS OF ST. ELIZABETH** for lovely dinners for residents and Charity Box donations.
- ♥ **KATE RICE** and **MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** for birthday bags, welcome bags and cleaning supplies.
- ♥ **KATHY CLENIN** and the **AMERICAN GI FORUM CHAPTER 5281** for backpacks, school supplies, goodie bags and Christmas gifts.
- ♥ **MPB CATHOLIC SCHOOL** for helping provide bunk beds for a mom with four children in our Transitional Housing Program.
- ♥ **ASSISANCE LEAGUE MEMBERS BONNIE BRIGGS** and her friends **VIRGINIA McCLELLAND, JOAN GOETTELMAN** and **CINDY CRANE** for planning a special shopping day at Target and for donating gift cards for a school clothes "shopping spree" for children in our Transitional Housing Program.
- ♥ **LYNN SINGER-SANTOMO** for working on our web site and Board Members **MEGHAN HERWEHE** and **JULIE ALCORN**, with volunteers **LAUREN HERWEHE** and **BRITT REIERSGORD, CAROL JOHNSON** and **TERRI McCLURE** for their fundraising efforts.
- ♥ **MARK** and **ANGIE HENDERSON** and **SUMMIT COMMUNITY CHURCH** for bringing dinners and recruiting volunteers.
- ♥ **GINNY BISHOP** for supporting our efforts to spread news of our work and our mission on Facebook.
- ♥ **JEFF STONE** and **PARIS TIRE SERVICE** for donating a car for a woman in our Follow-Up Program and for servicing the shelter's 1990 Chevy pick-up truck.
- ♥ The **MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY HILLS ROTARY CLUB** for donations of clothing and household supplies (and **WILLIAM COLLIER** for gathering and delivering them); **MARTHA SUNDBY** and **DAVE MCKINLEY** for including our transitional housing families at the **U-HILLS ROTARY** annual holiday party and for their Christmas Giving Tree.
- ♥ The **CONFLICT CENTER** and **COOKING MATTERS** for providing speakers for Life Skills classes during the year; **RACHELLE STARR, J.T. THOMAS** with **MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA COLORADO, CARLY RATEKIN** and **STUDENTS IN THE MED-ADVANCE COLORADO PROGRAM, STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE** and **METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER'S DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION, JANELLE SAAR** and **PHARMACY STUDENTS** from **REGIS UNIVERSITY'S SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM** for sharing their knowledge during our Life Skills workshops.
- ♥ . . . **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 and **CONNIE CURTIS** for staying overnight every Tuesday for SO MANY years.



*Transitional housing resident Mari gets acquainted with her bear, a donation from U Hills Rotarian Dave McKinley.*

*Martha Sundby, U Hills Rotary President (third from left), and Rotarians gathered to paint the entire interior of our Warren Square transitional housing unit last May!*



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You will receive a "Certification of Qualified Enterprise Zone Contribution" from Sacred Heart House of Denver to attach to your 2017 Colorado Income Tax Form. Contributions must be received by December 31, 2017, 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. These donations are 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 may be doubled!

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