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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

It Has Been A Whole Year! The COC has been at our "new" location for One Year! It is hard to believe time has gone this quickly... And, it is amazing to realize that the Lord has Blessed us with so much! We made it through many "Firsts!"

Our first cold winter helping people stay warm and fed, our first downtown flood that slowed us down (but we continued to be open to help people), our first Website and Newsletter, our first Summer Festival and our first time helping 54 individuals and families, in one 3 hour working-window of time! Whew!

We are so Grateful for all of the warm clothing (coats, gloves, warm shoes and hats) and blankets that we received from our Donors. We are so Grateful for the financial donations to help keep families warm (helping with a portion of utility bills) and for keeping our own lights on at the COC! We are Grateful for our Partnership with the Weld Food Bank and for the individual Families that bring us bags of food to share with our clients...Thank You!

As we look to this coming year, we ask for your prayers for being timely in "tough times of need," for having discernment to use our resources to the best of our ability, to build up our community of Volunteers, and to continue to show empathy and compassion for our clients! Thank You!

In Appreciation for Your Support, Pam



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NEIGHBORLY

The COC was Generations Church's Neighborly organization for the month of September. Volunteers were present before and after services to share information about the COC and our clients. We are grateful that 48 people signed up for our newsletter (Hi!), 125 bags of items were donated, and 2 new volunteers signed up to help out.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10



CLIENT STORY

"Dora" has been coming to the COC for help for several years. She came to Greeley to search for her son. Although she found him, he passed 2 months after they were reunited. Because Dora didn't have a place to live in Greeley, she lived on the streets after her son's death. She was grieving and distraught and yet, she had hope.

At one point, she took a fall hitting the back of her head. This caused her to lose her vision temporarily. Following a partial recovery, she had surgery on one eye and then the other, all of this while she was still homeless.

Eventually, the city housing program helped her find an apartment. At about the same time, she received her first disability check (warranted because of her vision issues). Within a week after her first check, she stopped by the COC to give a donation. She said, "I had to pay it forward from my first check for all you have done for me."

All this time, "Dora" was able to find strength because she had faith in the Lord. Many times, over the years, we prayed together and shared words of encouragement. What a pleasure it is to be an encouragement to struggling believers who enter the doors of the COC. We listen so we can help with physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

3RD QUARTER STATS

- 1,346 visits (up 299 visits from Q2) representing 4,955 individuals (up 1,813 visits from Q2)
- Gave away 854 bags of food (down 156 from Q2)
- Gave out 69 bags of ready-to-eat food for clients experiencing homelessness (down 42 from Q2).
- Gave 44 gift cards to help with gas costs (up 7 from Q2)
- Served 6 identified Veterans
- Served 132 people experiencing homelessness.



A JOB FOR EVERY VOLUNTEER

The COC is run completely on Donations, Grants and Volunteers! We are so grateful for all the donations we receive at Generations Church. There are two baskets at the Church, designated for the COC donations! Thank you to Generations Church for allowing us to continue to receive donations to give away free to clients that need them, to help improve their lives!

But how do we get the donations to the COC from the Church? Volunteers Brian and Nancy Halla do most of the retrieval of those donations, using the back of their little blue truck! They pack it all up and bring the boxes, bags and "treasures" to the COC. We are so grateful for their time and effort. Those donations stock our shelves and racks with needed items for a happy home, to keep people warm in the winter, and to help parents clothe their children for school.

Along with donation transportation, Brian also helps with the lawn and cares for the beautiful planters in the front of building. Nancy recycles "slightly used" dolls. She dresses them with clean clothes and blankets. She sure makes some lucky little ones leave with a smile and their new dolls! Thank you Nancy and Brian! We appreciate You Both!



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Open Hours: Monday: 1-3:30pm Tuesday: 2-4:30pm Friday: 8:30-11am