bridge of opportunity

Ready to Work

Job readiness services

Housing support

Access to mental & physical health care

Case management for immediate needs

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Bridge House Supporter:

What a year?! In 2012, Bridge House underwent a major surge of growth. We brought optimism and a fresh perspective to looking at the issues surrounding homelessness and, as a result, are able to see clear opportunities to have great impact in moving people off the streets.

True to our belief that homelessness need not be permanent, we are strategically investing in tangible solutions to address the root causes of homelessness. We are looking beyond managing the challenges of our clients and investing in their futures.

Through the data we now collect at our Resource Center, we have a better understanding of who our clients are, what they need to be successful, who is most vulnerable, and, most importantly, who is actively seeking help to improve their circumstance. In 2012, the services we provided such as employment, sobriety support, and access to stabilizing resources like medication, benefits, and healthcare, were more available than ever before. Our services have become more organized into clear pathways leading to higher-levels of self-sufficiency. We have learned that for many clients to be successful and to have lasting outcomes, our interventions must be more comprehensive.

Building on the highlights of 2012, in 2013 we will invest in more solution-oriented programs like our Ready to Work employment program and our new Resource Center. 2013 is sure to be another year of innovation as we have broken ground on our very own commercial kitchen which will allow us to grow our culinary arts training program, create jobs, and improve the nutrition and quality of the meals we serve. We are also deepening our case management services for the most chronically homeless.

In 2013, Bridge House will remain optimistic and opportunistic. It is not acceptable that the citizens of Boulder feel impotent with the growing numbers of people on our street corners and poverty statistics growing across the County. Our community is too caring and too innovative to accept this status quo. The spirit of Bridge House will remain one of action, intention and innovation. We take our responsibility seriously to lead the community toward a more comprehensive and effective system of homeless services grounded in what works, what is dignified for those we serve, and what is possible. And, after all, everything is possible in Boulder if we put our minds to it.

Thank you for your support of our work. We look forward to your continued partnership to ensure a brighter future for the homeless men and women of Boulder.

Warm wishes,

Isabel McDevitt



core beliefs

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Bridge House believes in the potential of every human being. We strive to create opportunities for all members of our community to progress, no matter their circumstance.



working poor in Boulder.

Our experienced and dedicated team
of staff and volunteers allows **Bridge**

program for the homeless and

Bridge House is a consistent source

of support for our clients because we

are the only year-round, day services

of staff and volunteers allows **Bridge House** to have a great impact in a cost-effective manner.

Beginning with basic needs, culminating with structured employment, and providing many services in between, Bridge House's continuum of services is able to not only guide clients on their path to stability and independence, but to provide tangible resources to match their needs. We call this continuum the **Bridge of Opportunity**.

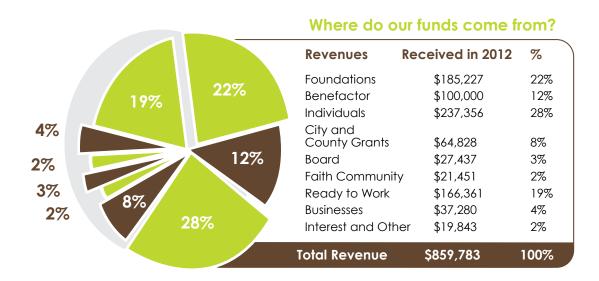
Our on-the-ground knowledge of the challenges homeless men and women face gives us the unique opportunity to collaborate with other agencies to improve service delivery, in turn, informing resource allocation and policy.

With our perspective on the diversity of homeless men and women in our community, **Bridge House** advises the community at large about who homeless people are – not only their needs but their hopes, their dreams, and their potential.



With our reputation as a welcoming and open community, **Bridge House** sees the hardest to serve and is able to engage them in ways no other agencies can.

BRIDGE HOUSE | FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2012



"I am grateful for Bridge House and the people who selflessly work there to help the poor without discrimination." John

Total Expenses

"I am grateful for Bridge

House and all the wonderful

people found within its

walls." Kevin

low are program funds spent?			14.7%
Expenses	Spent in 201	2 %	
Client Programs & Services	\$592,925	74.6%	
Administrative	\$85,265	10.7%	74.6%
Fundraising	\$116,965	14.7%	

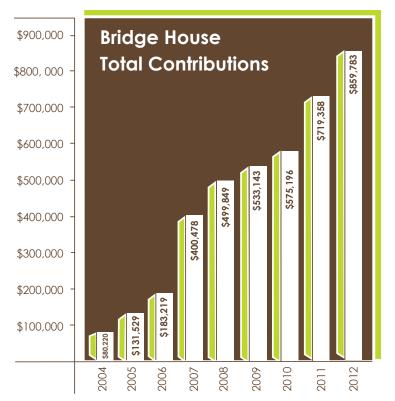
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84 clients employed

"Without Bridge House, a lot of people would not get the second chance that they needed to move out of homelessness." Tim

\$795,155

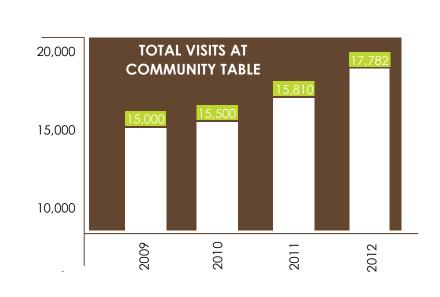
"I feel safe at Bridge House and I am grateful for the family I have created here." Jennifer 80 clients housed



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Prescriptions filled

"Each day I go to Bridge House for a hot lunch. One day I met Heather and she helped me get Aid for the Disabled and Needy." Sara

26,074 TOTAL VISITS AT CARRIAGE HOUSE LOCATION



Bridge House Case Management Activities			
Activities	2012 Total		
Housing	226		
Employment	347		
Benefits	442		
Medical	304		
Substance Abuse	570		
Mental Health	386		
Transportation	562		
Pregnancy	2		
Domestic Violence	9		
ID	204		
Legal Assistance	72		
Total	2286		

"I went to my first Narcotics Anonymous meeting at Bridge House and I have been clean and sober for one year." Willow

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"Bridge House does so much for the people that goes unseen or even unknown. I appreciate everyone at Bridge House." Linda

READY WORK

28 people have enrolled

11 have found employment

9 have found permanent housing with their income from RTW or mainstream job

10 are still working for us

3 graduated and returned to family in other states

4 left the program without employment due to health or other personal reasons

The average length of homelessness for trainees is $\bf 36$ months

The average length of unemployment prior to RTW is $14\,$ months

Total earned revenue for Ready to Work \$46,529

"Bridge House connects you
with other services found in
the community where there are
more people who can help."
Andrew

"I was looking for a job for 2 years before I found out about Ready to Work. Now I have a job and a home." Dennis



"I am grateful for Bridge House and the people who selflessly work there to help the poor without discrimination." Jessie

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At Bridge House, we rely on the generosity of people like you to help us serve the thousands of people who come through our doors. Please consider **Making a Gift, Donating your Time, or Sharing Your Stuff** with Bridge House.

MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT

You can make a big difference in the life of a homeless man or woman by providing financial assistance to our programs. A little goes a long way at Bridge House.

A gift of \$1000 - for a Case Manager for one month at the Resource Center.

A gift of \$500 - for 2 months of bus passes so Ready to Work trainees are able to get to work on time.

A gift of \$200 - for food for one day's meals for 100 people.

A gift of \$100 - Sponsors our afternoon women's hours.

DONATE YOUR TIME

We have a volunteer opportunity for nearly every schedule and skill level. Some examples of volunteer jobs include:

- To help with meal preparation, serving and clean up
- To sit with our clients and listen to their stories
- To assist with administrative tasks
- To help organize our outreach events
- To take videos and photos at special events

READY TO WORK

- Hire a graduate of the program
- Hire the Crew for an exterior clean-up or landscaping job

SHARE YOUR STUFF

Our clients need things that many of us take for granted.

Here's a list of supplies that we can immediately put to good use:

- Hats, gloves, underwear, boots and socks
- Food: Peanut butter, jelly and coffee
- Supplies: Towels, bowls for serving, laundry detergent, sewing kits, office supplies, day planners, notepads, pens, paper
- First Aid: Multi-vitamins, first aid supplies
- Outdoor supplies: tents, tarps, sleeping bags, back packs and camping pads

