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## **Boulder Housing Partners Honors Four Partner Awards**

The BHP Partnership Awards program recognizes the efforts of individuals, businesses, corporate partners, and non-profit and governmental agencies for their support of BHP and its mission. The June award winners include:

### **Non-profit Partner: Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)**

CIRC has worked with BHP and its residents to improve the lives of immigrants and to create a more welcoming, immigrant-friendly state. CIRC sponsored BHP resident Mercedes Garcia to attend a national conference in Washington DC with other women who have experienced the deportation of a loved one.

### **Resident Partner: Mercedes Garcia**

Mercedes is a natural helper, leader and her presence in BHP housing enhances the quality of life for many. When her husband was deported to Mexico several years ago, she became a single mom and has worked tirelessly to support her family and other families so they do not have to suffer from the deportation of a loved one. She has participated in meetings to help define CIRC's priorities as an organization.

### **Partnership Success Award: Christine Bettel**

Christine has attained great success throughout the five years that she participated in the Family Self Sufficiency Program and lived at our Woodlands property. Her hard work and determination helped her to achieve her education and career goals and become a role model for her family and the community.

### **Volunteer Business Partners: Steven Lane from Kephart Architects and JV DeSousa**

We greatly appreciate Steven Lane and JV DeSousa's volunteer leadership of the Valmont Redevelopment Design Charrette. They brought great compassion, expertise and creativity to this event designed to generate ideas for the future development of BHP's property near the Valmont Rd. and Folsom St. intersection.

About Boulder Housing Partners: [Boulder Housing Partners](http://www.boulderhousing.org) is the housing authority serving the City of Boulder since 1966. BHP builds, owns, and manages quality affordable housing for low and moderate-income Boulder residents, and helps those residents pursue successful, productive, and dignified lives. BHP is one of only 35 public housing authorities in the United States participating in the prestigious [Moving to Work](#) program, which encourages innovation by providing flexibility in the use of federal funds. Its Red Oak Park community recently won state, national and international awards for sustainability and affordable housing development.

