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Boulder Housing Partners Honors Four Partner Awards

The Boulder Housing Partners (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 March 2016 award winners in the categories of Non-profit Partners, Business Partners and Volunteer Partners who make a difference are:

Nonprofit Partner: Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA)

EFAA has provided access to basic needs and case management to many BHP seniors and families over the years. BHP residents have benefited from financial support, access to the food bank and information and referrals to local resources. Additionally, we are very excited about EFAA's role in our Bringing School Home program. Together, we will help set young children on a path to high school graduation and success.

Non-Profit Partner: Engaged Latino Parents Advancing School Outcomes through The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County

ELPASO was developed by the Community Foundation Serving Boulder County as a grassroots movement that connects Latino parents to early childhood and family resources, such as preschools, Bright By Three and libraries. This year, 29 families in Boulder County have graduated from ELPASO, four of whom are BHP residents. These families have gained new perspectives and knowledge about early childhood education. EL PASO is an invaluable asset to the community and BHP looks forward to our continued partnership.

Volunteer Partner: Claudia Sanchez

As the Boulder School Readiness Coordinator for ELPASO, she conducts 1-on-1 interviews with Latino parents of 0-5 year-olds in Boulder and refers them to early childhood and parenting resources in their neighborhoods. While working with the residents, eight have completed and graduated from the EL PASO program and three have received employment opportunities. Her work with ELPASO helps to empower Latino parents and teaches them how to navigate the early childhood system.

Volunteer Partner: Luisa Silva De Murillo

Luisa Silva De Murillo is teaching GED classes to twenty students. Of those twenty students, three of them are BHP residents and they would like to honor her for her commitment and dedication. A few comments from her students:

"My teacher is a very patient person and always makes sure that everyone in the class understands what we are learning before going onto a different subject."

Even though she has been teaching for a short time she has made a positive impact on her students' lives and has been described as an inspiration for continuing education.

[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.