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Boulder Housing Partners Honors Six Partners with 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 June 2017 award winners in the categories of Non-profit Partners, Business Partners and Volunteer Partners who make a difference are:

Volunteer Partner: Dr. Ron Cabrera

Dr. Ron Cabrera has been serving BHP's students through his many years of service within the Boulder Valley School District, most recently in the role of Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services & Equity. As a leader and partner in the Dream Big collective impact initiative, Ron increased his efforts to close the achievement and opportunity gaps for BVSD students. Ron is a system thinker and has been instrumental in bringing service providers together to work on this complex social problem knowing that no one organization can solve the problem on their own. Ron's tireless efforts have yielded improved services for students and a much stronger collaboration between BHP and BVSD. Ron is retiring this month and will be missed greatly for his leadership, wisdom and all around good nature.

Government Partner: City of Boulder Department of Transportation: Go Boulder Program (Receiving Award: Chris Hagelin, ml Robles, and Kurt Firnhaber)

Go Boulder has been a creative and generous partner in providing transit alternatives to low-income residents of Boulder. Chris Hagelin has championed providing deep subsidies for low-income NECO Pass neighborhoods, and ml provides technical assistance for the neighborhood coordinators and works as a liaison to RTD. Because of their work BHP residents at Broadway East and West, and various other sites have been able to get passes at a discounted rate, which allows them an alternative to driving.

Volunteer Partner: Ana Karina Casas

In November 2016, Ana wanted to give the community an opportunity to voice their concerns and fears about the election. Ana shared "Know Your Rights" information and encouraged our residents to take action and engage their democratic rights. Along with the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC), Ana prepared to share information about CIRC's "Protect Our Pueblo Plan." Ana hosted community meetings at Diagonal Court, Kalmia, Manhattan and Broadway East. Ana drew in over 50 residents from all BHP family sites, as well as many community members, leaders and local authorities to these meetings. In a time that could have been filled with fear and isolation, Ana brought out experts, allies and information that instilled security, knowledge and agency into many of our immigrant families.

Community Volunteer Partner: St. Paul's Methodist Church's "STEM Rev," (Receiving Award: Rebecca Glancy)

St. Paul's Methodist's STEM Rev has partnered with BHP to offer an after-school program focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to BHP residents. The program is directed towards 12-16 year olds and provides a much-needed extra-curricular program for our students. Students are given the opportunity to build hands-on projects and conduct experiments while learning the science and theories that support them. This partnership began in late January and has regular participation from 7-8 students with some weeks seeing 13-14 students attending. STEM Rev plans to continue their partnership with BHP next Fall expanding their efforts to neighborhoods in south Boulder.

Government Partner: Boulder County Housing and Human Services: Healthy Kids and Adults Eligibility Technicians (Receiving Award: Sarah Reynolds, Savannah Bingaman, Alberto Rodriguez)

Through the hard work of the Healthy Kids and Adults Eligibility Technicians, we have been able to provide on-site enrollment of Boulder County benefits. The technicians have visited many of our Resident Services sites and we are beginning Round 2! Resident Service Coordinators are encouraged to contact the technicians directly, which allows us to help people register in the moment. And the technicians are willing to come on-site to meet with residents where they are most comfortable. The dedication of these partners combined with their flexibility, mobility, and abilities to work with diverse populations has made a huge impact on our residents, and we look forward to seeing this partnership continue to grow.

Non-Profit Partner: Boulder Building Blocks Fund (Receiving Award: Molly Tayer and Kelly Burton)

Boulder Building Blocks Fund is a non-profit that provides a system for neighborhood coordinators of the NECO program to collect and deposit monies that help fund their neighborhood. Molly and Kelly were unexpected angels for the Neighborhood EcoPass program at Broadway East and West. A number of our residents can only pay for items with cash, and this was a potential barrier. Molly and Kelly both provided ideas and assistance for a seamless solution of having a drop box at the adjacent North Boulder Rec Center. It provided about 20 households the ability to contribute to the program that wouldn't otherwise have been able.

[Boulder Housing Partners](#) 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.

