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

Non-Profit Partner: Clinica – Homeless Outreach Team

For the past six months, Clinica has provided services at three BHP communities - Northport, Walnut Place, and Lee Hill. They have eased access to medical care for populations that may experience mobility challenges, limited transportation options, and a reluctance to engage with medical professionals. It was with great pleasure that residents received the reassurance of blood pressure checks and acute care with follow-up appointments at Clinica, among other things. We are thrilled to have been able to bring this compassionate and powerful team to BHP sites and look forward to seeing the impact they continue to have on the larger Boulder Community.

Non-Profit Partner: CU Environmental Center "FLOWS"

The FLOWS group has worked in partnership with BHP since the spring of 2016 demonstrating strong leadership helping BHP staff attain social and environmental goals. This programs' overall goal is to enhance water and energy sustainability efforts in low-income communities throughout the City and County of Boulder. To date, FLOWS participants have provided relevant, hands-on water/energy education and training to BHP residents across many of our housing sites; emphasized the importance of behavior change in water/energy conservation while building partnerships between students, staff, and BHP community members; provided leadership and community engagement opportunities for BHP residents to inform the City of Boulder's climate action plan.

Government Partner: Division of Housing – City of Boulder, Kurt Firnhaber, and Kristin Hyser

BHP recently purchased the Tantra Lake Apartments. This was a large complicated acquisition that required significant assistance from Kurt Firnhaber and Kristin Hyser at the City's Division of Housing. Kurt and Kristin worked with BHP as we solved for a mixed income financing plan for the property, solved a complicated subdivision issue with a Special Ordinance, and assisted in negotiating a reasonable plan for separating utility lines at the property. We appreciate the partnership that we enjoy with Kurt and Kristin and the entire team at the Division of Housing and look forward to more collaboration in the future.

Volunteer Partner Erica Meyer

Erica Meyer has been sharing physical and mental energy with a resident of Northport Community, helping unpack the resident's boxes from their moves with Project Renovate. She responded to a call for volunteerism, skilled and willing to work with a resident in a dire situation. She started volunteering in March of 2017, and what was posed as a month or two of work, has continued by supporting our resident each week over the course of the past 8 months. In late September, the resident reported a significant change in quality of life. Erika is an exceptional volunteer, who's commitment and care is truly honorable.

About Boulder Housing Partners

[Boulder Housing Partners](#) has been the housing authority for the City of Boulder for 51 years. 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 a select group of 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 communities have won national and international awards for sustainability and affordable housing development. For additional information on BHP, please visit www.boulderhousing.org

