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Boulder Housing Partners Honors Three 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 September 2019 award winners in the categories of non-profit, governmental agency and volunteer partners who make a difference are:

Non-profit Partner: Nancy Geyer and Rodney Tuenge, Boulder Rotary Club, presented by Claudia Perez-Rogelio

For the last few years, Boulder Rotary Club has been a strong literacy partner by increasing access to high-quality age-appropriate books to BHP's young children. The Boulder Rotary works with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program, a monthly book delivery service that promotes kindergarten readiness to children ages 2 to 5 years old. Rodney Tuenge, a Boulder Rotarian, has been a wonderful partner to our BHP Resident Services team through his thoughtful outreach, partner connections, and excitement about the program's benefits to many of our residents. To date, this partnership has supported 55 kids and counting. With access to high-quality books. We thank the Boulder Rotary Club, and Rodney for his enthusiasm and support with early literacy promotion in our BHP communities.

Non-profit Partner: Jordan Bailey, Jake Matlak, Katie Doyle Myers, Philanthropiece, presented by Paola Barron and Eva Beltran

Philanthropiece's approach and impact in our communities is in alignment with BHP's mission, vision and values. The Philanthropiece Foundation has partnered with Resident Services in the coordination of Cafecitos Financieros – a series of financial education sessions who meet once a month – for the last 8 months. Philanthropiece uses a participatory framework and establishes a tight support network with BHP participants to enhance individual and group power to promote Economic Justice. A community savings group was formed called Mujeres Emprendedoras. This is a community led group (of seven members) that collectively saves, builds community, and connects to other financial resources. The impact and rapport have been remarkable, and another Community Savings Group is in the beginning stages.

Non-profit Partner: Anne Tapp, Tsunemi Rooney, Erin Shannon, Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence (SPAN), presented by Karin Stayton.

SPAN is being nominated for being a strong and valued partner to BHP for many years. They provide individual support and advocacy to residents experiencing domestic violence and to our housing communities in times of crisis. SPAN's expert staff is knowledgeable, professional, and responsive. When BHP communities have experienced incidents of extreme domestic violence, SPAN staff extended their services and responded to resident phone calls and emails over the weekend and while out of town. Their team activated networks of support and helped staff determine how to best support the community and themselves, while creating safe



and supportive space for residents to process their emotions and learn more about the cycles of violence. Their continuous compassionate response and expertise helped everyone to come together and support each other during extremely difficult times.

About Boulder Housing Partners

Boulder Housing Partners strives to make living in Boulder welcoming and affordable for people from a diverse range of backgrounds, regardless of income. The housing authority for the City of Boulder for over 50 years, BHP builds, owns, and manages quality affordable homes for low and moderate-income Boulder residents, and helps those residents pursue successful 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 local 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, please visit www.boulderhousing.org.

