

Homeless Gear 2015 Year-in-Review

Homeless Gear's mission is to empower individuals and families who face homelessness to survive, move forward and thrive. We operate six programs that provide a continuum of services: helping people meet their basic needs in the short-term, connect to resources in the interim, and escape homelessness in the long-term.

MOVE FORWARD SURVIVE

DISTRIBUTION

- Distributed \$1.2 million worth of supplies
- Distributed 50,000 non-perishable meals
- Recorded over 315 facility shipments to agencies in Colorado (these agencies redistribute to the people they serve)

CHILDREN IN NEED (CIN)

- Served 515 families via service events (we bring together multiple services—haircuts, eve exams and more—and distribute children's supplies)
- Collected nearly 10,000 meals-worth of food for students in the Thompson School District

STREET OUTREACH

- Recorded over 6.500 interactions with individuals on the streets of Fort Collins
- Participated in the development of a complementary, full-time-staffed. daytime outreach program: Outreach **Fort Collins**

DEDICATED NAVIGATOR

- Helped complete more than 460 benefits applications (e.g. Food Assistance and Medicaid)
- Launched datatracking system with Department of **Human Services (to** determine amounts received by participants)

HAND UP

- Helped secure **125** jobs
- Developed relationships with 14 new business partners
- Launched iob-retention tracking system with local Workforce Center

ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY

- Helped secure housing for 10 families: because of that, 28 children are no longer homeless
- Matched 13 villages (volunteer mentor teams) with families that were homeless to provide individualized support
- Partnered with eight agencies that refer families to the program









Additional 2015 Highlights

- Recorded more than 1,100 unduplicated volunteers and well over 11,100 volunteer hours...another way to put that: Volunteers contributed more hours in 2015 than there were hours in the year!
- Received the Outstanding Non-Profit of the Year Award from the 2015 Governor's Service Awards
- Received the Human Relations Award from the 2015 Fort Collins Human Relations Commission organization category

SISTER MARY ALICE MURPHY In 2015, we—alongside multiple community CENTER FOR partners— became the Managing Partner of the Murphy Center for Hope, a resource center in Larimer County for people who are homeless

or near-homeless. The Murphy Center for Hope is a container of services: one location in which people can go to access 15-plus agencies and service providers. Within the first month of operating under this new and collaborative model, the Murphy Center for Hope recorded over 2.500 interactions with more than 500 individuals.