

**Organization Name** Partners in Housing (PIH) - The Colorado House – updated 4/20/2024



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**Who is served:** Homeless Families. If you want to support an organization that has a great track record for bringing families out of homelessness, Partners in Housing is a great choice. Partners in Housing (PIH) provides one year of transitional housing and supportive services to families experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless with the goal of achieving self-sufficiency. In 2022-2023, PIH served 139 families with 143 adults and 301 children. 93% of the families were headed by single mothers. The remaining families were headed by fathers, grandparents and 2-parent families.

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, families served by PIH achieved 92% stable long-term housing and 100% improved overall self-sufficiency. These outstanding numbers have been consistently high in the past and suggest that they will continue to be high in the future.

St. Michael's snack and supplemental food program focuses on ensuring that the families have access to healthy food, and the donations to the Flat Tire Fund support families getting to appointments and other services. Grants from The Outreach Committee support the transitional programs at The Colorado House Resource Center.

**Funds used to** support the needs of The Colorado House, such as, the Child Enrichment Center, the Food Pantry, and the self-sufficiency programs delivered through the Resource Center at The Colorado House.

**Mission of Organization** The mission of Partners in Housing is to guide families in housing crisis from insecurity to stability, self-reliance, and prosperity.

**How St. Michael's Can Volunteer** Parishioners can join the snack/supplemental food ministry to purchase and deliver nutritious snacks to the children served by the Child Enrichment Center (CEC), or they can send a check to cover the cost of those snacks. Children attend the CEC while their parents take self-sufficiency classes, attend appointments, or search for jobs. Parishioners can also donate food, school supplies, hats and mittens, cleaning and hygiene supplies, and toys through St. Michael's various drives. There are also many volunteer opportunities available at PIH, such as, receiving and sorting donations, teaching life skills, teaching employment readiness, budget and credit counseling, helping in the Child Enrichment Center, maintenance and landscaping of property, etc. See opportunities at <https://partnersinhousing.org/volunteer>.

**How St. Michael's has Engaged in the past:** Supported with grant funds over many years. 44 people volunteer for snack ministry at the Colorado House. Collect donations in various drives: 40-days of Giving, Backpack and School Supplies, Hats & Mittens, Thanksgiving, and Light Festival.