

2018 Year in Review



A Year of Impact

David Rout, Executive Director

It was a year of change and growth: we changed our name from Homeless Gear to Homeward Alliance in June, refined and expanded programs and initiatives, broadened our data-collection capabilities and assumed a greater leadership role in our community's ongoing efforts to make homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring.

But most importantly, we helped more people... and we helped them more profoundly than ever. At least 185 program participants escaped homelessness in 2018 (50% more than 2017), and we helped individuals secure more jobs—228, including 78 in the fourth quarter—than ever before.

Thank you to you all: to the thousands of individuals who volunteer, donate, advocate, or otherwise support Homeward Alliance. You are the engine that keeps us running—and that gives us hope that we can solve this problem, once and for all.

Real People, Real Change

From 1996 through 2017, Cliff was homeless for a combined 14 years—consecutively for nine. But with the help of the Murphy Center, the Housing First Initiative and countless other agencies, Cliff secured housing in early 2018. Here is Cliff, pictured on the day he moved into housing and one year later in his apartment.



Before Housing One Year Housed

The Murphy Center

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Homeward Alliance operates the Murphy Center, Larimer County's hub of services for people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

The Murphy Center hosts 20 independent nonprofits that, collectively, provide 40 unique services to about 3,000 individuals each year. Those services range from employment and housing assistance to mental-health counseling, veterans support and more.

The Murphy Center also provides core human services (see data below), operates a day shelter and—most recently—launched a winter evening warming center (see highlights below).

43,731
interactions with
3,170 unduplicated
individuals

8,349
showers and
1,873
loads of laundry

1,239
received mail
696
accessed lockers

Murphy Center Highlights

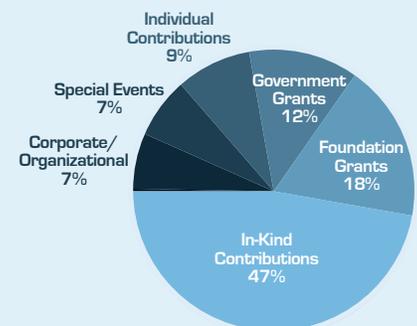
- **EXPANDED HOURS:** Thanks to funding from the City of Fort Collins, the Murphy Center launched new hours: 5pm to 10pm, Monday through Friday, November through April. The expansion fills a dangerous community gap—the lack of a warm place to simply exist on weekday evenings during the most-brutal months of the year—but also holds the promise of reaching new populations and helping more people escape homelessness.
- **HEALTH INITIATIVE:** The Murphy Center launched a health initiative in 2018, highlighted by monthly, on-site health clinics that provided hundreds of individuals—including many frequent utilizers of emergency healthcare systems—with health screenings, vaccinations, medication consultation and more to forming new partnerships with healthcare and emergency-service providers.

Board of Directors

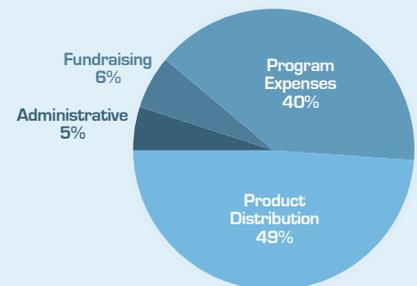
Board Chair: **Cole Herk**, Vice-Chair: **Mary Alice McComb**, Treasurer: **Teresa Butler**, **Anne Fisher**, **Ken Pilot**, **Chris Banks**, **Paula Stearns**, **Dave Rizzotto**, **Justie Nicol, Esq.**, **Meg Jacobson**, Board Member Emeritus: **Ken John**

2018 Financial Highlights

Revenue*: \$2,595,000

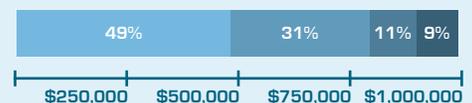


Expenses: \$2,460,000



End-of-Year Assets: \$955,300

Operating Funds: 49% Product Inventory: 11%
Reserve/Endowment Funds: 31% Other Assets: 9%



*These financials have not been audited or approved by the Board of Directors. They are therefore subject to change.

Homeward Alliance Programs

Homeward Alliance empowers individuals and families who face homelessness to survive, move forward and thrive. We operate a family of ten programs and initiatives (including the Murphy Center) that, collectively, provide crucial services to thousands of people each year.

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Volunteers: YOU Make this Happen!

In 2018, over 1,000 volunteers contributed more than 17,000 hours to Homeward Alliance (including the Murphy Center). That amounts to about eight full-time employees, or roughly \$440,000 in time.

Volunteers: we could not do it without you!



Housing First Initiative: Helped more than **50 individuals** escape homelessness and collected City-level (Fort Collins) data on individuals experiencing long-term homelessness; submitted reports and recommendations to City stakeholders.

One Village One Family: Helped **10 families, including 26 children**, escape homelessness; maintained 100% one-year housing-retention rate.

Hand Up: Helped secure **228 jobs** for program participants and maintained **64% retention rate** at six-months post-hire; recorded **339 transactions** in Career Closet and helped participants acquire **67 IDs and birth certificates**.

Re-Entry: Provided case management to **109 individuals** on parole; maintained **4% recidivism rate**, helped secure **57 jobs** and helped **37 participants** escape homelessness. Re-Entry is funded through a statewide initiative known as the Work and Gain Employment and Education Skills (WAGEES) program.

Dedicated Navigator: Completed **321 applications** and helped individuals obtain **more than \$900,000 in potential annual benefits:** food assistance, Medicaid, Old Age Pension, Aid for the Needy and Disabled and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Street Outreach: Recorded over **2,000 interactions** with approximately **850 individuals** on streets of Fort Collins.

Children in Need: Served **500 families (362 unduplicated)** at quarterly resource fairs. Distributed clothing, gear and hygiene items and hosted other agencies that provided health screenings, haircuts, resource referrals and more.

Distribution: Distributed **\$1.2 million** worth of items—outdoor gear, hygiene products, food—that helped thousands of individuals survive and meet their basic needs.

Bike Program: Repaired **442 bikes** at Murphy Center and in low-income neighborhoods; taught bike-repair skills to clients.