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Housing Colorado Announces 2020 Eagle Awards Winners

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Denver – Housing Colorado is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Eagle Awards. Eagle Awards celebrates the extraordinary accomplishments and outstanding leadership in affordable housing and support services. Nominees include individuals, agencies, projects, and programs that soar to new heights in their work to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing for all Coloradans.

About the Eagle Awards: The Eagle Awards began in 1990 and represent one of the highest achievements within the Colorado housing community. Historically, this awards ceremony took place at Housing Colorado’s annual conference in October. This is the third year that Housing Colorado has hosted this event as a stand-alone ceremony.

This year’s virtual awards ceremony took place on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

The 2020 Eagle Award winners are:

Attention Homes Apartments utilizes a “Housing First” model and serves as a foundation to provide young adults with stable housing and supportive services. This 40-unit affordable housing complex in Boulder features on-site services, such as case management, job training and employment assistance, access to education, substance use and mental health support, and family coaching. This housing project helps young adults move towards stability and self-sufficiency, ultimately breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Jane Harrington has worked in the Colorado affordable housing industry since 1976, holding positions at the City of Arvada Housing Authority, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Summit Combined Housing Authority, and Mercy Housing. She is currently the Executive Director of the Colorado Community Land Trust (CCLT), which has developed lending



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infrastructure to ensure that homebuyers can access affordable safe loans. CCLT now has 214 units in three neighborhoods in Denver, with more homes in the pipeline in Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea. Jane will be retiring from her Executive Director position at CCLT in July 2020.

Indy Street Flats is a unique development in Lakewood's Eiber Neighborhood, blending the beloved 67-year-old Masonic Temple, portions of Belmont Manor—an existing affordable apartment community, and a new building that architecturally unites these disparate building styles. Occupying an entire city block, Indy Street Flats provides 115 units of affordable living to local residents. It was created by an innovative team whose desires were collectively brought together to help facilitate the building blocks for both the future of Colfax Ave and the Lakewood community.

Diane Leavesley has been the Executive Director of the Douglas County Housing Partnership since 2013. Diane was the portfolio manager of the Colorado Division of Housing (DOH) from 2010 to 2012. Prior to her work at DOH, she was president of Mercy Loan Fund (now Mercy Community Capital) for 12 years. Diane also has 14 years of commercial real estate experience, and she has taken on many leadership roles over the years, including serving as the first Board Chair of Housing Colorado. She is currently the Board Treasurer of the Mile-High Community Loan Fund.

Lincoln Park is a diverse representation of the local workforce of Breckenridge, providing 78 homes across a wide range of prices. Single family houses, duplexes, and townhomes are designed to be highly energy efficient, situated around shared greens with front porches and alley-loaded garages, and connected through an intricate system of recreational paths.

Second Chance Center is a community re-entry non-profit dedicated to assisting people to transition to lives of success after incarceration. Second Chance Center was founded by Hassan A. Latif in 2012 and has grown to become the pre-eminent reentry agency in Colorado. By providing education, counseling, mentoring, employment services, resources, and support to program participants, Second Chance Center's participants are maintaining a recidivism rate of less than 9%.

Vida at Sloan's Lake is a critical component of a \$300-million redevelopment plan of the former St. Anthony Hospital site in the Sloan's Lake neighborhood on Denver's west side. The project re-establishes critical primary medical care services in this low-income, medically underserved neighborhood, while also providing 175 units of affordable housing (at or below 30% of AMI) for many low-income seniors and disabled residents. Having medical services onsite will allow seniors and those with disabilities to age in place.



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About the People's Choice Award: The People's Choice Award was created in 1999 as an opportunity for the affordable housing community to cast their vote, from the list of Eagle Award nominees, to honor their peers for inspiring and innovative work.

The 2020 People's Choice Award winner is:

Fall River at Prairie Village is phase two of Longmont Housing Authority's Prairie Village development, a 100% affordable community for active seniors 62 and older. There are creative spaces to encourage healthy lifestyles, including exercise/yoga rooms and a green space with a pavilion. Amenities include a large common hall with a kitchenette, laundry services on each floor, a recreation room, and two exterior fourth floor decks overlooking the Rocky Mountains. Efficiencies include passive solar design, durable and sustainable materials, innovative stormwater management techniques, and native landscaping.

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