



2019 Eagle Award Nominees

People

Scott Gilbert has created home-ownership opportunities for teachers and Pitkin County employees in an area of the state where home prices are out of reach for low-income earners. Because reducing home prices is not enough, Scott is also leading his team to work with a range of outside partners to reduce the costs of mortgages by identifying low-cost mortgage providers, innovative down payment programs and grants.

George Ruther served as the town's Community Development Director from 2007 to 2018. He brought many initiatives to fruition including approval and implementation of the Lionshead Redevelopment Master Plan in 1998, which served as a catalyst for Vail's billion dollar-plus revitalization. Last year he was appointed Vail's Director of Housing, where he has been instrumental in implementing Vail's InDeed Deed Restriction Purchase Program.

Douglas Snyder has over 20 years of experience in the affordable housing industry. He held development positions at Lauth Property Group, Carmel Partners, The Finger Companies, Trammell Crow and Urban Renewal Partners before joining Volunteers of America as Senior Development Director in 2012. Doug has provided assistance and leadership in Colorado and expanded VOA's efforts in Colorado with his focus on enriching affordable housing for senior and homeless populations.

Programs

CAPABLE Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver and the Colorado Visiting Nurse Association recently partnered to launch CAPABLE (Community Aging in Place – Advancing Better Living for Elders) in Colorado. This program helps low-income adults who have functional limitations achieve self-reliance in their homes. CAPABLE's services include home visits with an occupational therapist, a registered nurse, and a handyman, who work with elderly individuals to identify and fix mobility and self-care issues.

Hope Communities Hope Communities tailors its programs and services to support the unique needs of low-income residents living in and around its Hidden Brook Apartments. Hidden Brook has 130 affordable rental units housing 330 residents, 70% of whom are refugees and immigrants. Resource navigators initially help clients access basic needs and essential services, and then provide life and career skills so that clients can attain higher paying jobs and successfully integrate into the community.

Kavod Senior Life Kavod Senior Life (Kavod) has added a unique suite of wraparound support services that improve the quality of life for its 400+ residents. Each year, Kavod invests approximately \$500,000 in 18 interrelated programs designed to promote senior independence; these include an on-site Health and Wellness Center, educational academy, free loan fund and more. The average resident stay is 8 years, indicating a successful aging in place model.

Metro Denver Impact Facility As an initiative of Urban Land Conservancy (ULC), MDIF supports the creation and preservation of permanent affordable housing, community facilities and affordable commercial space in transit-accessible locations throughout the region to improve the health and vitality of neighborhoods. MDIF finances property acquisitions with low-interest capital, allowing ULC to preserve the affordability of existing and future affordable housing and community-serving real estate.

Vail InDEED Deed Restriction Program is an innovative, non-regulatory approach to protecting and preserving existing homes in the Vail Valley for Vail residents. The first of its kind, this program was developed and innovated to be “Not Your Typical Deed-Restriction Program”. With no income limits, no price appreciation cap, and no family household size requirements, Vail InDEED is truly a unique approach to successfully addressing the #1 most critical issue facing the community – the lack of housing for year-round residents.

Projects

1 st Place on 2nd Street The 1st Place on 2nd Street is an 8-unit, micro-home community that provides affordable housing for youth turning 18 who are emancipating from foster care and transitioning to independence. The project is a scaled-up version of a previously completed single tiny home project completed under the Youth Supportive Housing Initiative in partnership with the Colorado Workforce Center.

Alto at Westminster is a public-private-nonprofit project that addresses essential housing needs in South Westminster -- a community facing displacement and gentrification. By providing an entrance and prominent gateway to the Federal Boulevard transit station, the project will spur additional connections to the TOD area and will shape development in the community for years to come. Alto provides 70 units of sustainable, transit-accessible, affordable housing.

Baker School Apartments is a sustainable development in Adams County of 142 units and a Clubhouse in 3- and 4- story buildings. The project has enhanced the surrounding community by building an aesthetically pleasing housing product and enhances the lives of its tenants by providing amenities such as car charging stations, playground equipment, clubhouse, computers for tenants use, package delivery concierge, fitness rooms, art rooms, TV rooms, etc.

Boulevard One Residences is a new 72-unit affordable family apartment development located on the redeveloped former Lowry Air Force Base in East Denver. This project includes 20 units set aside for families who have formerly experienced homelessness. VOA Colorado provides onsite management and service coordination so that residents have access to essential services and programs. Site amenities include a community room, indoor play area, outdoor playground, and a rooftop deck.

Collegiate Commons is a 48-unit affordable housing project in Chaffee County. As a result of a “land swap” between the Town of Buena Vista and the Buena Vista School District, this affordable housing project was built just two blocks from the elementary school and downtown. Each apartment has a balcony and in-unit washer and dryer. Amenities include a community room, fitness center, playground and business center on site.

Fifty Eight Hundred As an adaptive reuse project, Fifty Eight Hundred is a testament to innovation and community revitalization – providing housing, safety, and stability to Lakewood’s most vulnerable residents. The project provides 152 units of desperately-needed affordable housing in a transformed abandoned office tower. Fifty Eight Hundred also provides an on-site Resident Services Coordinator to connect residents to local resources and programming such as healthy living and financial fitness classes.

Village on Horsetooth is the first City Land Bank development in Fort Collins. Housing Catalyst acquired the site, which was formally purchased by the City of Fort Collins in 2016, and used an innovative combination of funding sources to develop 96 affordable apartments. Fort Collins desperately needs more affordable options, especially for families. The project is within walking distance to three public schools and near several large community parks.

Village on Shields Purchasing and revitalizing Village on Shield, Housing Catalyst preserved 285 units of affordable housing in dire need of repairs and upgrades, improving the lives of 600+ residents. Residents now have central air conditioning, beautified outdoor green spaces, new playgrounds and a dog park. The pool and community building, previously non-operational, now provide a fitness room, community room, and pool with expanded deck, grills and gathering spaces.

North Range Crossings was the first affordable development in Commerce City. The project was completed with no state or local soft funding -- allowing those resources to be used in other projects around the state. Designed as a workforce community, this

216-unit project has provided the residents of Commerce City with an affordable alternative to be able to live and work in the same neighborhood.

Palo Park Tucked into an existing neighborhood of single-family residences, Palo Park is a unique mixed-tenure community with 35 rental homes and 9 affordable homeownership Habitat for Humanity homes. The development process was driven by a robust community outreach process, resulting in 24 stacked apartments and 11 townhomes, and includes a community center, leasing office, playground, community gardens, and connections to nearby trails parks, soccer fields, and open space.

Renaissance Downtown Lofts is comprised of 100 affordable housing units with a parking garage, immediate access to public transportation, and close proximity to community services. The building features community space and group rooms that facilitate services. Case management offices are located on-site to provide immediate and consistent service delivery to residents. The apartments are spacious and boast energy efficient appliances, lighting and plumbing features.

Roaring Fork Apartments located in Basalt, CO opened in March 2018. The 56-unit affordable housing project is a single, four-story building featuring one- and two-bedroom units. The property is within 300 feet of a Roaring Fork Transportation Authority bus stop, and includes amenities such as a fitness room, dog wash station, ski lockers, and even a large deck overlooking the forest and river.

Roaring Fork Schools district used a GO Bond school funding issue to generate funds for the construction of affordable housing for its teachers, resulting in 61 additional units of affordable housing – at least 15 units to each community. With the goal of expanding the overall supply of housing instead of simply acquiring existing units, the District sent Requests for Information to each community regarding available land, potential production, pipelines, etc.

Second Chance Center was founded in 2012 by Hassan Latif who had been released from the Colorado Department of Corrections in 2006 after 18 years in prison. SCC has been in operation for seven years and is now the largest and most effective community re-entry program in Colorado with 15 staff members supporting more than 1,100 client visits every month. In Colorado, 49% of people released go back within three years. For SCC clients, the rate is under 10%.

Silver Lining House (357 Broadway) This project, housing in an historic building, maintained the character and details of a beautiful mansion while repurposing the structure to house homeless teens, provide for live in-staff and house the organization's offices. This \$1.1 million project will provide 12 more Denver youth with an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. Built without any state grants, this project defeated the odds and will provide a beautiful living environment for those whose odds are against them.

St. Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square provides permanent supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness. The project consists of a single six-story building with podium parking, a lobby/reception area, manager's office, security office, storage space, and ground-floor apartments. Amenities include space for work stations, interview rooms, a community kitchen and dining area, a large community and training room, case management offices, a meeting/break room, and a large outdoor terrace.

Village at Westerly Campus reflects 14 years of progress upgrading the functionally obsolete public housing complex, Buckingham Gardens. The \$50 million investment expanded the housing inventory, maximized the site's connectivity and created a safe and thriving community in the heart of Aurora. Over 194 units were updated/created, resulting in one of the largest redevelopments of public housing in the country without the use of HOPE VI Funding.

Village at Westerly Creek Phase 3 is the final redevelopment phase of Aurora Housing Authority's former public housing, Buckingham Gardens. It combines two- three- and four-bedroom townhomes and flats for families, with fully handicap-accessible, one-bedroom apartments for seniors for a total of 74 affordable units available to households earning between 30% and 60% of AMI.