



## 2025 Year in Review

**413+**

People escaped homelessness and secured permanent housing.

**89%**

Twelve-month housing retention rate among all those housed who accessed services at Homeward Alliance.

**2,512**

Adults and children (unduplicated) served at the Murphy Center for Hope.

**1,298**

Bilingual Resource Navigation appointments recorded at Family Resource Connect (our family-only site).

# Who We Are

Homeward Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit committed to ending homelessness in Northern Colorado. Guided by core values of best practices, collaboration, passion, vision and principles of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Homeward Alliance engages in four primary efforts:

1. Operates a continuum of Fort Collins and Loveland-based programs for individuals and families, designed to end homelessness for as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.
2. Oversees the Murphy Center, the resource center in Larimer County for people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.
3. Serves as the Collaborative Applicant and the Data Lead for the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care (NoCO CoC).
4. Leads and advocates for other data-driven, collaborative solutions to homelessness.



5,701

Loads of laundry washed, dried and folded by Mobile Laundry. Volunteers contributed 2,857 hours of service. Mobile Laundry provides free laundry services at outreach locations in Fort Collins and Loveland, ensuring adults and children have clean clothes for work and school.

## The Murphy Center for Hope



33,594

total Day Shelter check-ins, providing basic needs services including 7,571 showers, 1,678 loads of laundry, mail for 1,251 individuals, and lockers for 446 individuals.



854

individuals (unduplicated) served through the Gear Room, providing clothing and gear to meet basic human needs and provide protection from the elements.



1,478

health clinic check-ins, serving 428 unduplicated individuals at the SummitStone Clinic at the Murphy Center.

The Murphy Center, located in Fort Collins, hosts about 20 independent agencies and is the hub of services for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in Larimer County. Homeward Alliance also provides core human services (computer access, laundry, lockers, mail, etc.) operates Day Shelter 5 days/week, and hosts Inclement Weather day shelter. Resource Navigators stationed at the center provide HMIS-compliant intakes for all clients, thereby serving as the primary entry point (for Larimer County) into the NoCO CoC's Coordinated (housing) Entry System.



266

Adults and children served by Bike Repair. In 2025, the program hosted 18 clinics held across Larimer County, recorded 555 volunteer hours of service, and distributed 17 bikes to job seekers and students. Bike Repair fixes and maintains bicycles to ensure safe, reliable transportation.

## Homeward Alliance



54

people diverted from homelessness at intake or through family/friend reunification.



83

individuals on Parole at medium to high risk of recidivism enrolled in our Re-Entry case management program. 95% did not reoffend.



63

families prevented from entering homelessness and 80 families provided with move-in assistance to escape homelessness.



206

jobs obtained, 80 jobs retained and 375 Career Closet transactions recorded through our EARN employment program.



66

individuals served by our Housing First Initiative, case management for people living with a disability who have experienced chronic homelessness.



1,403

individuals served by our Housing Navigation program, including voucher support and landlord advocacy.

# Homeward Alliance Technical Services

Since 2019, Homeward Alliance has provided technical services that strengthen Northern Colorado's homelessness response system. These services support coordination, data integrity, strategic planning, and organizational capacity across the region—ensuring that when someone experiences homelessness, they can access help quickly through a coordinated, equitable system rather than navigating dozens of agencies alone. These technical services form the infrastructure that makes every other homelessness intervention more effective.

## Northern Colorado Continuum of Care: The Region's Planning Body for Homelessness Response

The Northern Colorado Continuum of Care (NoCO CoC) is the federally designated planning body coordinating homelessness response in Larimer and Weld Counties. The CoC brings together local governments, nonprofits, housing authorities, and stakeholders to align policy, funding, and system priorities—including oversight of the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System (CAHPS) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Partner organizations successfully petitioned HUD for independent CoC status in 2020, gaining local control over priorities and funding. Homeward Alliance has served as HMIS Lead since inception, ensuring compliance with federal data, privacy, and reporting standards. In 2025, Homeward Alliance assumed the Collaborative Applicant role, expanding responsibilities to include CoC administration, governance support, funding coordination, system planning, and coordinated entry administration.

## HMIS: Measuring What Works

HMIS is the shared data platform supporting coordinated service delivery, reporting, and analysis across the NoCO CoC. Used by participating providers, HMIS enables consistent documentation, data quality standards, and secure information sharing. This shared system allows agencies to track who needs help, what services they receive, and whether those interventions lead to housing stability—insights that shape funding decisions, program improvements, and system priorities.

As HMIS Lead, Homeward Alliance oversees system administration, compliance, and data governance—maintaining federal privacy and security standards, supporting agency onboarding and training, and ensuring accurate reporting to HUD and other funders. In 2025, Homeward Alliance maintained a secure and compliant environment that supported participating agencies' reporting requirements, while providing ongoing technical assistance to improve data quality and usability. It also used HMIS data to identify system gaps, including differences in housing problem-solving practices. These insights helped inform Greeley's pilot program to standardize early intervention approaches.

## Coordinated Entry Matters: One Door, Not Fifty

CAHPS serves as Northern Colorado's coordinated entry system, ensuring that people experiencing homelessness who are seeking housing assistance are assessed using consistent criteria and connected to housing resources based on vulnerability and need. Rather than navigating multiple agencies with different eligibility requirements, households access a unified system that prioritizes those most in need and matches them to appropriate housing resources.

In 2025, the CAHPS Improvement Task Force identified priority strategies to improve the system with implementation beginning in 2026. The Steering Committee added two new members through a competitive election process and the system updated its CoC program listings on FindHelp to improve accuracy and access. A new transitional-aged youth program was also launched. Coordinated entry helped to connect 29 households to StarRise PSH Apartments in Greeley.



## Regional Coordination: Seamless Support Across Communities

Homelessness doesn't respect city boundaries. A person who loses housing in Fort Collins might have family in Greeley or a job opportunity in Loveland. When communities work in silos, people fall through the cracks at jurisdictional borders.

Homeward Alliance leads development of the Regional Homelessness Strategy for Larimer County, convening representatives from the County, cities of Fort Collins, Loveland, and Estes Park, non-profits, community members and other stakeholders. The draft Strategic Plan, presented to regional officials in late 2025, identifies five focus areas: strengthen coordinated access, expand housing stability services, improve data and accountability, advance equity, and build sustainable partnerships and funding.

## Technical Services: Building Coordinated Pathways Home

When coordinated entry works, a person experiencing homelessness doesn't know about the CAHPS Steering Committee meetings or the prioritization algorithms. What they experience is someone who listened, assessed their needs, and connected them to help quickly. When HMIS works, a family doesn't know their success story became data that justified expanding a proven program. What they know is they got housed and stayed housed. When regional coordination works, someone doesn't realize that five agencies seamlessly shared information to prevent them from falling between jurisdictions. What they experience is a system that worked.

This infrastructure—coordinated entry, data systems, regional collaboration—is invisible when it works well. But without it, homelessness becomes longer, more traumatic, and harder to escape. Technical services transform what would otherwise be a fragmented crisis response into coordinated pathways home.

## 2026 Events

**Homeward Alliance's Annual Un-GALaxy: A Space-Themed Fundraiser**  
Saturday, May 9, 2026  
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Lory Student Center Ballroom



**Project Homeless Connect**  
Friday, October 9, 2026  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Northside Aztlan Community Center



**Murphy Center Partner Council's Homeless Persons' Memorial Day**  
December 2026, Day and Time TBD



## Podcast: From Here to Home

This year we introduced From Here to Home, our new podcast featuring authentic conversations about homelessness, housing, and the path between them.



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit [HomewardAlliance.org/from-here-to-home/](https://HomewardAlliance.org/from-here-to-home/)



# A Decade of Partnership: 10 Years at the Murphy Center



## Late 2015 – 2016

- Homeward Alliance (then called Homeless Gear) assumes operations of the Murphy Center, with operational and strategic oversight from the newly-formed Murphy Center Partner Council, comprised of: Homeward Alliance, SummitStone Health Partners, Neighbor to Neighbor and Catholic Charities
- Non-profit partners returned to building and new ones were added, totaling about 20 on-site organizations in all
- Streamlined operational costs
- Upgrades to and maintenance on fire-prevention, security, and HVAC systems, new paint, artwork and furniture
- Standardized intake, and combined with partners, increases number of individuals served by 20% within the first 6 months

- Adds day shelter hours and expands access to all basic needs services, including mail, lockers, laundry and showers
- Expands Murphy Center Community Garden, first under The Growing Project, and now under the leadership of Brigitte Schmidt, with support from Mulberry Community Gardens
- Launches a Murphy Center Endowment Fund
- Named 'Outstanding Nonprofit of the Year,' Governor's Service Award

With a stable foundation in place, the focus shifted from operations to outcomes. The work became about building the systems and practices that would help people move through the Murphy Center and into housing, not just through the door.

## 2017 – 2019

- Adjusts intake procedures to better align with the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System (CAHPS), a cross-county effort to identify the most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness and coordinate those individuals' placement into housing
- Incorporates Diversion activities into intake, a best practice homelessness-prevention technique to prevent precariously-housed people from becoming homeless
- Expands hours to accommodate Inclement Weather Days (extreme cold and heat)
- Develops new tools to collect and integrate 'client voice,' including monthly listening sessions

- Trains volunteer Health Coaches, a predecessor to our Health Clinic
- Adds community building activities such as Wellness Day and the annual Murphy Center Community Day
- Embeds new housing case management program (FUSE) to help people escape chronic homelessness
- Adopts robust centralized database for all programs as precursor to assuming HMIS Lead Agency role

No strategic plan anticipated what came next. But the relationships, data systems, and community trust built over these years made it possible to respond.



### In Memory of Kim

Kim Larsen, our first Murphy Center Director (2015-2018), built a foundation of collaborative, dignity-centered care. We lost Kim to cancer in 2018, but her spirit lives on in every partnership and every guest we serve.

### 2020 – 2022

- Pandemic Response. Homeward Alliance and SummitStone Health Partners continue in-person services at the MC throughout the pandemic with no closures. Modified services to ensure people experiencing homelessness could continue to access resources
- Dedicated Navigator program, founded in 2010 by Sister Mary Alice Murphy and Anne Wilberton, expands to accommodate pandemic-related needs, and is renamed Resource Navigation

- Prioritizes hiring of staff that better reflect the community we serve, including those who are bilingual/bicultural and/or have lived experience in homelessness
- Breaks ground for the on-site health clinic, funded by the Larimer County Commissioners with COVID relief funds

What the pandemic revealed above all else was the value of staying open, staying connected, and staying committed. The years that followed built on that resolve, and on a decade of hard-won knowledge about what it truly takes to help people achieve stable housing.

### 2023 – 2025 and beyond!

- Opens SummitStone Health Clinic at the Murphy Center, now serving 425+ unduplicated guests annually
- Completes Phase Two construction: doubled shower, laundry and restroom facilities
- Launches an expanded Murphy Center Partner Council, comprised of eight independent, non-profit organizations working collaboratively within and outside the walls of the Murphy Center for Hope, and in partnership with the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care. Partner agencies include Catholic Charities,

City of Fort Collins, Crossroads Safehouse, Family Housing Network, Fort Collins Rescue Mission, Homeward Alliance, The Matthews House, Outreach Fort Collins and SummitStone Health Partners

- Implements a Swipe Card system, which streamlines check-in for guests and allows for communication and better data collection across the region
- With almost a decade of data in our centralized database, conducts more regular program analyses (agency-wide) to inform service adjustments

### Partner Spotlight: The Street Dog Coalition

“Our mission at The Street Dog Coalition is to provide free veterinary care to pets of people experiencing homelessness via pop-up street clinics. Our first street clinic took place down the street from the Murphy Center in 2015 and we have hosted a weekly clinic at the Murphy Center nearly every Tuesday since then. Although we now have a presence in over sixty locations across the country, Fort Collins remains our headquarters and the Murphy Center remains ‘The Mothership’.

One of our core values is unbridled collaboration, and that is exactly what the Murphy Center provides— they facilitate collaboration with dozens of agencies (including Street Dog) so that people who face homelessness feel welcomed, safe and supported.”

- Katrina Weschler, Executive Director

For more information about this wonderful organization, please visit [www.thestreetdogcoalition.org](http://www.thestreetdogcoalition.org)

# Four Families, Four Paths to Housing

Behind every data point is a family working toward stability. These four case studies represent the diverse journeys of families we served in 2025—from a new mother securing safety for her infant to a caregiver managing complex needs; from a veteran navigating the criminal justice system to asylum seekers building new lives. Each family's path was unique, but all found their way home through persistent engagement, targeted interventions, and partnership across our community.

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Family Profile	A Mother Finds Her Way Home	A Family Weathers Every Storm
The Catalyst	Became pregnant while experiencing unsheltered homelessness	Long-term housing instability compounded by health crises and job loss
Housing Status Start/Now	Homeless to Stably Housed	Housing Instability to Stably Housed
Timeline	52 months to date	70 months to date
# of Service Contacts	93	110
Barriers	Pregnant and parenting a newborn while homeless Serious medical condition (parent) Missing documents needed for public benefits	Job loss Life-threatening disease (child) Disabling condition (parent) Landlord conflicts and voucher disputes
Strengths	Obtained housing voucher Actively engaged with service providers	Significant workforce experience Holds a housing voucher
Key Interventions	Basic needs support included formula and diapers MC Intake with VI-SPDAT led to housing voucher attainment Housing navigation and rental assistance Overnight shelter	Landlord mediation 20+ rental applications Employment support to increase earnings
Known Partners & Programs Engaged	MC, FS, SS, CC	HN, FS, EARN, HC

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Family Profile

**A Veteran Family Comes Home****A Family Reaches Safe Ground**

The Catalyst

Loss of housing due to landlord conflict

Family moved from war-affected region seeking stability

Housing Status Start/Now

Homeless to Stably Housed

Homeless to Stably Housed

Timeline

3 months to date

28 months to date

# of Service Contacts

41

80

Barriers

Criminal justice involvement  
Custody considerationsAsylum seekers  
Work authorization delays  
Temporary family separation

Strengths

Veteran with access to housing voucher and rent assistance

Significant workforce experience

Key Interventions

Intake at Murphy Center, basic needs assistance and connection to veterans services  
Housing Navigation with Competency Court  
Case Manager  
Peer Navigation  
Rent AssistanceBilingual Case Management  
Employment Services including career closet  
Food assistance  
Rent assistance

Known Partners &amp; Programs Engaged

MC, Comp., FS, VOA, VA, SSHP

FS, EARN, ISAAC

**Key:**

HWA – Homeward Alliance

MC – Murphy Center

Comp – HWA Competency Services

FS – HWA Family Services

VOA – Volunteers of America Veterans Program

SSHP – SummitStone Health Partners

EARN – HWA Employment Program

HN – HWA Housing Navigation

HC – Housing Catalyst

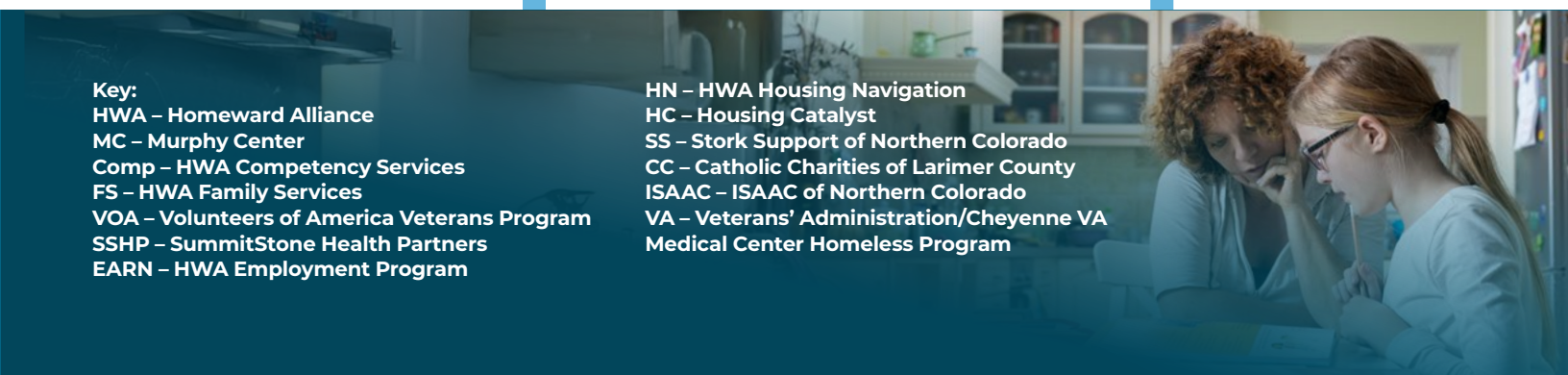
SS – Stork Support of Northern Colorado

CC – Catholic Charities of Larimer County

ISAAC – ISAAC of Northern Colorado

VA – Veterans' Administration/Cheyenne VA

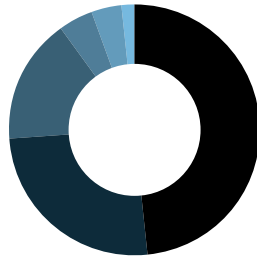
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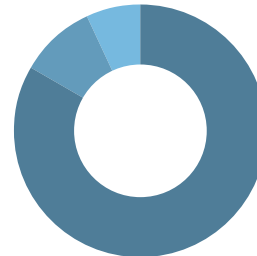


**Revenue: \$4,610,600**



- **Government Grants: \$2,239,100 | 48.5%**
- **Foundation Grants: \$1,181,000 | 25.6%**
- **Individual Contributions: \$773,400 | 16.8%**
- **Corporate/Organizational: \$198,600 | 4.3%**
- **Special Events: \$173,000 | 3.8%**
- **Investment/Other: \$45,500 | 1.0%**

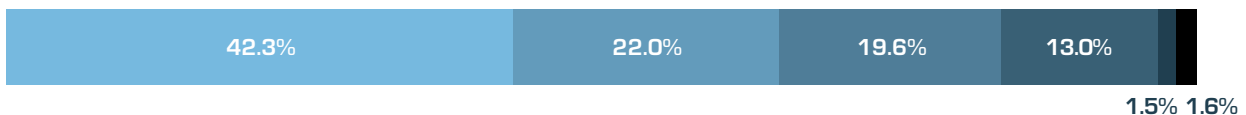
**Expenses: \$4,328,200**



- **Programs: \$3,606,250 | 83.3%**
- **Administrative: \$397,700 | 9.2%**
- **Fundraising: \$324,250 | 7.5%**

## End-of-Year Assets: \$3,069,850


Reserve/Endowment Funds: \$1,299,000   42.3%	Operating Funds: \$397,600   13.0%
Fixed Assets: \$674,000   22.0%	Product Inventory: \$45,250   1.5%
Grants/Gifts Receivable: \$603,700   19.6%	Other Assets: \$50,300   1.6%



Preliminary, unaudited results

## Ways to Help

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# Director's Letter

In 2025, we faced many challenges: federal funding uncertainty, local shelter closures, and a resulting demand for services that felt unprecedented.

We responded. We shifted our Resource Navigation team to ensure that people in Loveland continue to access services. We expanded day shelter hours at the Murphy Center. We helped more families escape or avoid homelessness than ever.

And as you will see from this report, we stepped into new leadership and strategic roles.

But you responded too. You donated your time and your funds. You advocated. You saw that the need was dire, and you rose to the challenge.

I saw you volunteering. I saw you at public meetings. I saw you out in the streets.

I have never been prouder to be a part of anything than I am to be part of this awesome alliance of staff, volunteers, donors, and others—and I hope you are proud also. You should be.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



David Rout  
Executive Director

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I can't even put into words the gratitude we have for all you do for those who are struggling, afraid, anxious, [and who] feel so very much alone with nowhere to turn. We are so thankful for everything you did to help us find housing and get moved during a time of so much stress! You and Homeward Alliance were incredible sources of comfort to me. The work you do truly makes a difference.

”

—Note to Housing Specialist from a newly housed family



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