

# HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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ADAMS COUNTY  
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*For homelessness services, housing providers, and interested residents in Adams County.*

**4,563+**

people experiencing homelessness  
in Adams County

\*Curious why this number is higher than the Summer 2022 newsletter? We switched data sets to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).



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# HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

## COLORADO POVERTY LAW PROJECT WINS AN EAGLE AWARD

Did you know over 100,000 people live in mobile homes across the state of Colorado? With over 900 mobile home parks across the state, these parks provide the largest inventory of affordable housing in Colorado.

Colorado Poverty Law Project (CPLP) recently won an Eagle Award, which recognizes excellence in housing and support services, for their Mobile Home Initiative (MHI). The MHI focuses its efforts on protecting residents living in mobile homes by offering free legal advice and representation, know-your-rights training, referrals to community partners, and housing justice advocacy at the state and local level.



## TRANSFORMATIONAL HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE GRANT ROUND #1

The Transformational Homelessness Response Grant, created by Colorado HB22-1377, seeks to provide grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to make investments and improvements to their communities or regions of the state and to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Through this grant, Adams County received \$700,000 to spend on street outreach and \$50,000 for systems improvement including hiring a consultant to start a public-private partnership focused on homelessness reduction.

## PET RENT STABILIZATION

Governor Jared Polis signed a new house bill to stabilize pet rent in Colorado. HB 23-1068 was created to give renters with pets more rights which includes limits on security deposits and pet fees. The new law will go into effect on January 1, 2024.



# HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

## NEW RESOURCE GUIDES

Jess Swithers, Special Populations Equity Catalyst, has created new resource guides for community members in Adams County in the LGBTQIA+ community and people fleeing domestic violence (DV). Each resource guide provides a list of various organizations and services in the Denver Metro area, as well as QR codes that link to the Adams County referral platform and a list of Gender Affirming Care providers in Colorado.



## LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL FUND

The Adams County Long Distance Travel Fund is used to ensure a safe transition for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Adams County to doubled-up or housed situations in cities not accessible via RTD by providing participants with a \$200 gift card and a paid ticket to their new location.

Scan the QR code above to access the Long Distance Travel Fund Screening Form.

## NEW HIRE SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA KALKMANN

Adams County is happy to announce the addition of their newest Community Justice Navigator, Jessica Kalkmann. Jessica comes to Adams County with experience in dealing with vulnerable populations while she was a GED instructor. Jessica also has lived experience in justice involvement, poverty, and substance misuse. Jessica lives in Arvada with her partner in life and their five wonderful children ranging from two to 16 years old.



## HELP WANTED: HOUSING NAVIGATION CENTER

The Adams County Housing Navigation Center (HNC), held in the Human Services Center, is currently seeking municipal and nonprofit employees to staff at least one shift per month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The HNC provides walk-in services for individuals at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. Interested parties should contact Lindsey Earl at [LEarl@adcogov.org](mailto:LEarl@adcogov.org) for more information.

Scan the QR code to view the screening tool for the Up & Adams Employment Program.



## SEASONAL GRAFFITI POSITION

Starting in 2015, Adams County initiated a graffiti program to address code compliance issues related to graffiti in unincorporated Adams County. Initially, the program focused on providing free graffiti removal services to commercial and residential constituents without issuing code compliance violation notices to avoid re-victimizing residents and business owners. In 2021, Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) expanded the program by implementing a seasonal graffiti program, with the preference of hiring those with lived experience. CSWB launched this program to foster upward mobility and economic stability for a population that faces barriers to employment. The program provides an opportunity to develop new skills, serve the community, and earn a livable wage while bridging the gap. Please contact Gail Moon at [Gmoon@adcogov.org](mailto:Gmoon@adcogov.org) for more information.



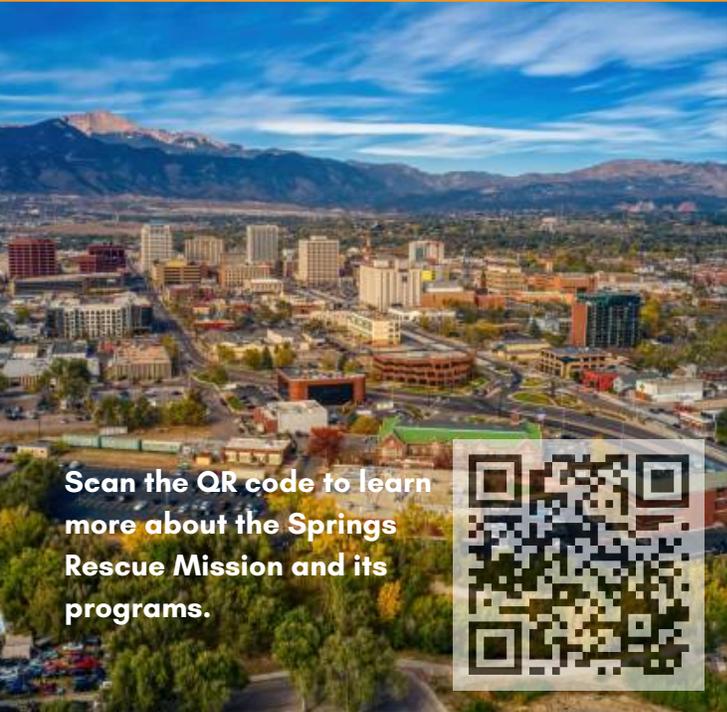
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## UP & ADAMS REFERRALS

Adams County is excited to announce its new employment program, Up & Adams. This program connects people experiencing homelessness with the Adams County Workforce & Business Center, placing them in paid internships with an employer. Participants will learn on-the-job skillsets and receive support with resume writing, practice interviews, and other employment-related support services.



# STRENGTHEN THE HOUSING CONTINUUM



Scan the QR code to learn more about the Springs Rescue Mission and its programs.



## COLORADO SPRINGS REDUCES HOMELESSNESS BY 50%

Research conducted by The Common Sense Institute found that homelessness in Colorado Springs has dropped and the homeless population on the streets has rapidly decreased. The Institute attributes this change to the \$18 million expansion for the Springs Rescue Mission which opened beds to more than 450 people. Colorado Springs' one-stop campus approach connects individuals to a multitude of services, resulting in fewer individuals on the streets experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

## ROADBLOCKS SURROUND FUNDING FROM PROPOSITION 123

Passed in November 2022, Proposition 123 allocated millions of dollars to affordable housing programs and homelessness services throughout Colorado. However, nonprofits and organizations could face roadblocks if they don't meet their local governments' growth targets. This would give local governments the decision-making power to allocate funds based on attainable requirements they've set for nonprofits in their counties and jurisdictions. Representative Julie McCluskie (D) of Dillon, introduced a bill in mid-April with clarifications and rules to ensure funds would go to the correct services and people. Funding should be available by July 2023, but there is the possibility of a setback if rules and regulations can't be agreed upon.



Scan the QR code to read the news article about Proposition 123.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DONORS HELP BROTHERS REDEVELOPMENT REPAIR AND MODIFY 13 HOMES



Thirteen low-income lives were changed over this last year thanks to donations from 9News Reporter Kyle Clark's "Word of Thanks" micro-giving campaign. Over 1,200 donors contributed \$42,500 with a \$10,000 match from Wells Fargo. Among the 13 recipients was 86-year-old Gloria Loggins, a widow who relies on a walker and cane for mobility. Brothers Redevelopment installed a ramp in Loggins' garage and new railings on her front steps for safety as well as an indoor chairlift and a sliding bath chair for her bathroom. Visit [brothersredevelopment.org/about-us/blog/](https://brothersredevelopment.org/about-us/blog/) to read more.

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT: NORTHGLENN

Northglenn's Crisis Response Unit (CRU) is proud to announce its success matching 10 housing vouchers in November and December of 2022. Northglenn is excited to report that all 10 recipients are successfully housed, which includes one household with two individuals, resulting in a total of 11 individuals having been housed in the past four and a half months. This is a very lengthy process that takes time, organization, strong communication skills, and access to transportation and finances. Having strong case management on a person's side can help tremendously throughout this process. Northglenn attributes their success, in part, to effective collaboration between Northglenn, Colorado Legal Services, Adams County, and the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative. This is a big win and the CRU is so happy for these folks as they move forward in their lives!

Curious to learn more about how CRU achieved this success? Email Jessica Hulse, the Crisis Response Unit Program Manager at [jhulse@northglenn.org](mailto:jhulse@northglenn.org).



Scan the QR code to view CRU's monthly reports.

For all questions, comments, or concerns, email [PovertyReduction@adcogov.org](mailto:PovertyReduction@adcogov.org).