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is a regional office of Mercy Housing, Inc., a leading national affordable housing nonprofit that serves tens of thousands of people with low incomes every day. Founded by eight communities of Catholic Sisters, and with operations in 41 states, MHI has 37 years' experience developing, preserving, managing, and financing affordable housing. MHI's subsidiaries further the organization's mission: Mercy Housing Management Group offers professional property management and Mercy Loan Fund finances nonprofit organizations.

Our mission is to create stable, vibrant, and healthy communities by developing, financing, and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors, and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality, safe housing opportunities.

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MOUNTAIN PLAINS



COMMITTED TO HELPING RESIDENTS

Dear Partner in Hope,

Our model of providing services to residents is based on collaboration and community involvement. Mercy Housing



Mountain Plains is proud of and grateful for the many partners and volunteers who help support our work. We truly could not offer impactful services and programs without the many organizations and individuals in our communities committed to helping residents achieve success.

In 2018, we participated in National Volunteer Week for the first time and hosted six volunteer events across Denver with over 30 volunteers participating. We introduced the Phoenix community to Lemon Grove Place, one of our properties acquired from Franciscan Ministries, through our More Than the Roof event. In spring, we held a Live in Hope event in Omaha where we honored the College of St. Mary for their longtime collaboration with Mercy Housing Midwest. Our 2018 Denver Live in Hope Breakfast had great attendance, and we were thrilled to honor volunteer Scott Shuler, Denver Metro Association of REALTORS Central District, Wish for Wheels, and Replumb Specialties, Inc. with Live in Hope awards for their partnership and support.

We are so grateful for our champions in 2018 and look forward to the many successes that will grow from these partnerships in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark purple ink that reads "Jane Graf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jane" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Graf".

Jane Graf
President & CEO, Mercy Housing

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018, Mercy Housing Mountain Plains:



1

Hosted two Live in Hope fundraising breakfasts in Denver and Omaha, raising over \$76,000 for Resident Services programs in Colorado and the Midwest.

2

Built a new community garden at Timbercreek Apartments in Omaha.



3

Helped refugee residents participate in citizenship classes at Grace Apartments with the support of the Spring Institute and Rose Community Foundation, both Mercy Housing partners.



4

Supported seniors in Colorado with A Matter of Balance, a program focused on education for at-risk populations to prevent falling and increase mobility.



5

Held a Hawaiian-themed senior prom enjoyed by residents and staff at Page Commons Apartments in Gilbert, AZ.

"Nothing Can Get Me Down"

Katherine grew up in a farming community near La Junta, Colorado. She was drawn to the big city and moved to Denver for work before joining the Air Force, serving from 1950 - 1951.

Only four months after returning home, Katherine was diagnosed with polio. The illness left her totally dependent on her family for care. Katherine was strong, but her recovery took almost two years. Polio had left her struggling to walk, but she learned something: "It taught me that nothing can get me down!"

Katherine moved to Portland, OR, where she became one of the first female corporate executives in the shipping industry. As vice president of TMX Shipping and president of the Women's Shipping Club, she ensured that women had a place in the corporate world. "I helped women understand their self-worth and fight the system," she says.



**IT'S A GREAT SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
THAT'S HELPFUL AND CONCERNED
ABOUT TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER"**

After the passing of her parents and sister, Katherine moved back to Colorado to be close to family. With much of her savings gone due to surgeries because of Crohn's disease, Katherine needed a home that would give her independence and security. With friendly staff, great neighbors, and social activities, Katherine feels safe and encouraged at Mercy Housing's Francis Heights in Denver, CO. "I've got everything I need. It's a great supportive community that is helpful and concerned about taking care of each other," she says proudly.

"I've always admired Katherine because of her strength," says Katie, the Resident Services Coordinator at Francis Heights. "She takes life as it comes every day, smiles, and laughs."

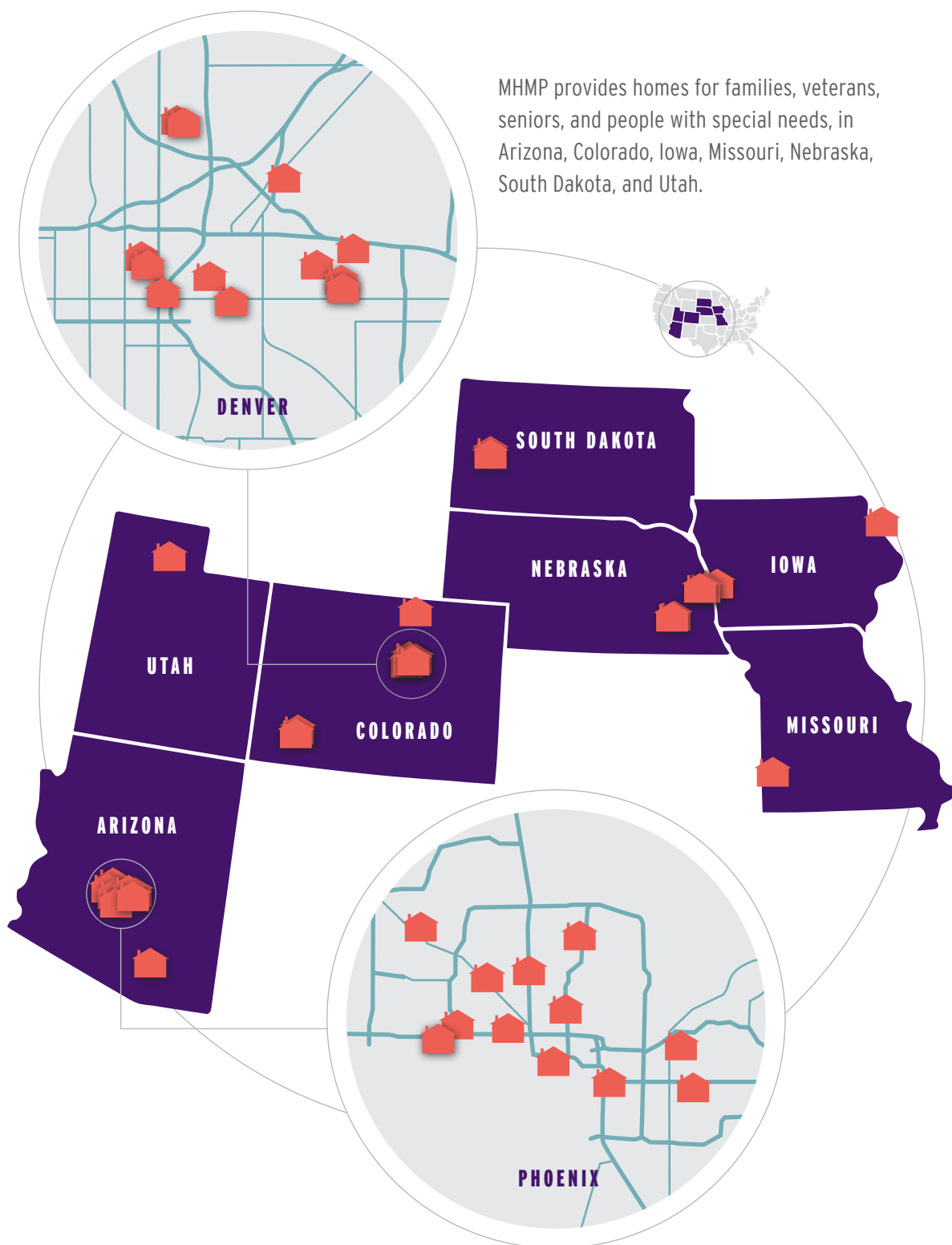


SAVING IN THE FUTURE

Colorado seniors can participate in "Ready, Set, Bank," a program that helps people use online banking tools, thanks to a grant from Capital One.

Our Reach

MHMP provides homes for families, veterans, seniors, and people with special needs, in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Utah.





AROMOR APARTMENTS

Mercy Housing negotiated a solar purchasing deal in partnership with Denver Housing Authority and Xcel Energy to subscribe Aromor Apartments to a community solar garden. The community has saved nearly \$4,200 on electricity bills, and the solar panels are generating more electricity than the property is using.

By the Numbers

MERCY HOUSING MOUNTAIN PLAINS

OWNS

40 PROPERTIES

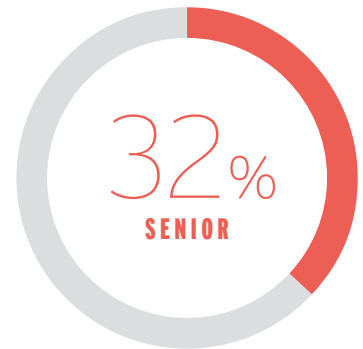
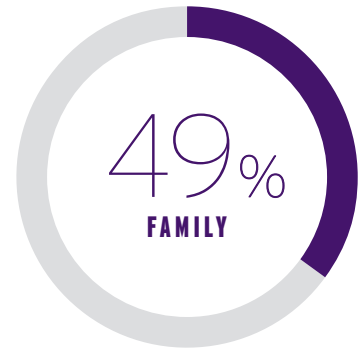
PROVIDES

3,009 AFFORDABLE HOMES

SERVES

6,016 RESIDENTS

Who calls MHMP home:



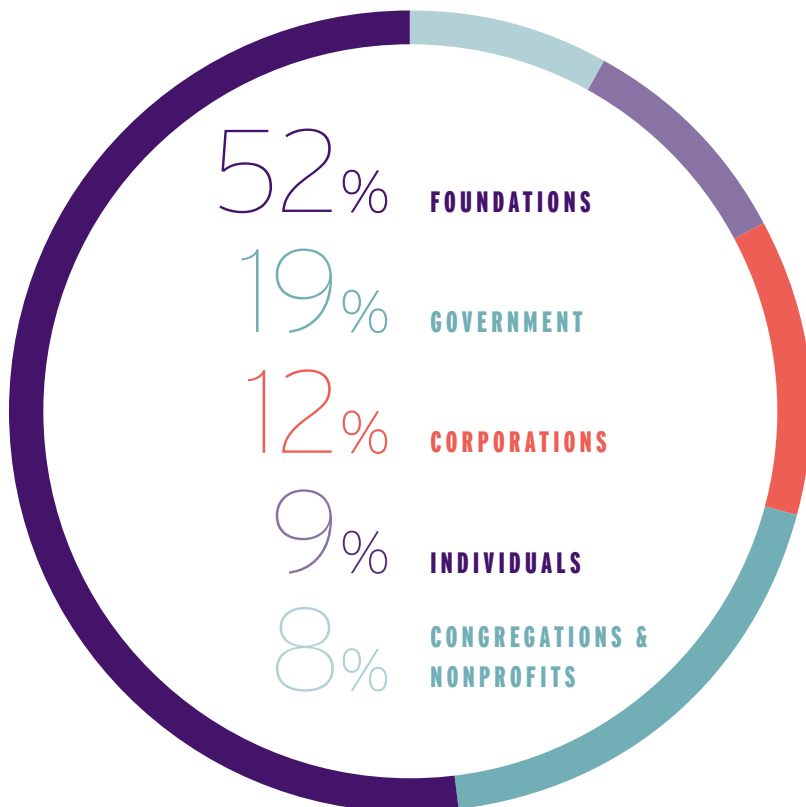
Top five Resident Services programs by type:



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$12,480

Fundraising revenue by source:



91%



Percentage of total expenses that goes directly toward Program Activities



Aquatic Altruism

From an early age, Leslie Bushong loved being in the water. Growing up in Ohio, she enjoyed hours swimming and became a lifeguard. She always wanted to help people, leading her to a doctorate in occupational therapy.



She combines her love of water and helping people through her private practice, Poseidon Therapy, an occupational approach to healing through aquatics. The therapy pool at Mercy Housing's Clare Gardens in Denver, CO has served as Leslie's office where she does one-on-one therapy sessions for needs such as autism spectrum disorder and cerebral

palsy. Residents of Mercy Housing's Francis Heights, Clare Gardens, and local community members participate. Leslie's goal is to "use water as a tool for exercise and to connect people through their relationship with it."

When Leslie is out of the pool, she continues to make an impact helping residents. Leslie lives near Clare Gardens and volunteered to build bikes for a Wish for Wheels bike donation event and hosted a movie night for families. Water safety classes for mothers at Clare Gardens is on the top of her list of programming that she'd like to add. Leslie believes getting women comfortable in the water is the first step in introducing lifesaving skills.

“**I USE WATER
AS A TOOL FOR
EXERCISE AND
TO CONNECT
PEOPLE”**

"It's important people have control over their relationship with water and not be afraid.

Recreating a positive relationship with the water and recognizing it can be a calming place rather than a scary experience, can have lifelong positive impacts for mothers and their children," she says.

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