

Quotes from Supporters

<http://www.boulderhomelessyouth.com/project-supporters/>

For the past 50 years, Attention Homes has consistently met the needs of youth and families in crisis in Boulder. Having served over 8,500 youth between the ages of 12-24, we know that community-based interventions, stable housing, and age appropriate supports help youth transition to self-sufficiency. We believe this project will serve as a model for other youth-focused supportive housing developments nationwide and, ultimately, will be one that we can all be proud of.

— Claire Clurman | Executive Director, Attention Homes

The First United Methodist of Church is a founding partner in Attention Homes, going back to 1966. Fifty years ago, a carriage house on this property was the first housing for homeless youth in Boulder. This new development is an extension of what we already do and our congregation sees it as a huge asset to our community. It takes a group who are too often seen as superfluous and disposable and provides them with an opportunity to launch into independent, stable lives. By investing in these lives, we change lives, and we also change our community. As a Church, we strive to practice what we preach, and this development gives us a chance to do just that.

— Pat Bruns | Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church

Trinity has been following the details of what is happening with the project at First United Methodist's existing parking lot and we are very excited about it! Trinity is engaged in a similar project to building permanently affordable senior housing apartments on our existing parking lot, and we welcome other faith communities taking action to continue to provide services and resources for those on the margins of society, including homeless teens and young adults in Boulder. The downtown Boulder churches have historically, and continue, to take a lead on meeting community needs.

— Melanie Nehls Burrow | Coordinator of Congregational Life, Trinity Lutheran Church

Attention Homes does great work in our community. No child deserves to be homeless. They need this new building to accommodate their current and future needs.

— James Kreitman

Many years ago I was the principal of a Special Ed. High School for a residential rehab program in Chicago [Thresholds] for teens following psychiatric hospitalization. I am familiar with the fear and apprehension that developments like these meet from neighborhoods and would like to show support for your efforts.

— Robin Lowry

As a north Boulder resident I understand the trepidation expressed by neighbors regarding the proposed project for homeless youth at 1440 Pine St. The Housing First project at 1175 Lee Hill was met with similar concerns when first proposed several years ago. As you might recall the issue rather rocked the neighborhoods for quite a bit, many feeling that life, as we know it, would soon come to an end. Today, just over a year since opening, I can happily report that all is well. As a member of the 1175 Lee Hill Advisory Committee, I can say that it was quite a process. Neighborhoods can evolve and change and diversify without losing character and safety and while gaining interest and opportunity - opportunity for a vulnerable population and for the neighbors embracing them.

— Sherry Richards

Gardner Capital Development is honored to have the opportunity to contribute to a project team with such

committed and talented partners in a world-class city. As a family-owned company, we are committed to making a difference in the communities we serve and are humbled to be a part of this extremely important effort. Helping vulnerable populations is at the core of our mission and housing is a critical component to accomplishing that mission. Housing paired with supportive services for vulnerable populations is not only a proven method of transitioning youth to self-sufficiency...it saves lives. There could not be a more important cause. We look forward to collaborating with community leaders, local organizations, project neighbors, and city officials on this important endeavor.

— Michael Gardner | President, Gardner Capital Development

Through Worthy Cause funding, the Boulder County Commissioners have demonstrated support for Attention Homes' development of housing units for homeless and at-risk youth in Boulder. The proposal is consistent with the Boulder County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in that it adds new units of supportive housing and addresses an important subset of the homeless population that is all-to-often overlooked. We appreciate the work of Attention Homes in our community and their efforts to address this important challenge.

— Boulder County Commissioners

As a resident of Boulder and a downtown business owner, I can't express how proud I am that the City of Boulder is supporting this type of project. I'm fortunate to have two young adults at CU right now and can only imagine the emotional and physical struggles these homeless young people must face every day. I hope every Boulder resident who complains about the rising cost of housing and the increasing homeless population in our city will come out and support this fantastic project!

— Jeff Dawson | Principal, The Studio Architecture & Project Architect, Gardner/Attention Homes

I think your new proposal is fantastic. This age group is so underrepresented and really does need the help.

— Trish Kolbeck

I know this kind of project scares some people. Speaking from experience of someone who fought our neighborhood Housing First project in North Boulder [1175 Lee Hill], I would love to tell people how well it has fit into our neighborhood. I am now very proud of our Housing First apartment community and I hope the neighbors near this project will trust that this will work. One of the ways to make this a success is to be involved with how the building will relate to the rest of the neighborhood. We were given the opportunity to be involved in the design phase of 1175 Lee Hill. Instead of the building look like an institution, it looks like an iconic structure with lovely grounds and public art and with a welcoming entrance that makes us feel that we are connected, not cut off from one another. If ever anyone wants to speak with me, I am available by phone, 303-709-9102.

— Amy Helen Tremper

I live close to CU and am a retired attorney. This facility/service is SO needed. I would like to be on your email list and track progress. I am completely behind this important effort. Keep up the great work!

— Barbara Andrews

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