

Annual Report

Mission

Posada's mission is to provide housing and supportive services that empower homeless individuals and families in Pueblo County to become self-supporting members of the community.



Posada Supportive Services Center
225 Colorado Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004

Welcome to Posada

In most cities, it is easy to see that homelessness is a problem. Lines of desperate-looking people circle soup kitchens waiting for a meal. Homeless people beg for money at street corners, or fill public spaces such as parks or libraries.

It is not like that in Pueblo County. For many of us, it is easy to live here for years without knowingly encountering a homeless person. And yet, we have people without homes in Pueblo.

Posada is a community based nonprofit organization that provides shelter, services and housing to homeless families and single individuals in Pueblo County.

Our staff is committed to

providing a continuum of care for the homeless that includes emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, and a wide range of services. Posada constantly looks for ways to support low-income individuals and families as they work toward self-sufficiency.

Our values and beliefs:

- Posada recognizes and works to enhance the inherent dignity and value of each human being.
- Posada believes that each human being has a right to decent shelter, food and clothing.
- Posada believes that homelessness can be reduced only if underlying causes are addressed, including the lack of affordable housing and the need for a con-

tinuum of services to help clients reach the stability needed for independent living.

- Posada's priority is to secure the services and housing that its clients need, whether provided by Posada or through the network of agencies available in Pueblo and the surrounding area.
- Posada builds and rehabilitates housing for those in the lowest income brackets, housing that does not overlap with what private builders usually supply.
- Posada also has trained case managers to assist homeless clients applying for Social Security benefits. It is critical that a case manager assist the client with the initial application process.

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Youth Program for Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth

Posada's Youth Program uses the Positive Youth Development (PYD) framework to deliver services focusing on a strength-based approach that identifies and builds upon the abilities of youth. The Moving-Up Center is the primary location to administer services to at-risk youth. The Moving-Up Center provides a myriad of services to meet the needs of Pueblo's youth.

These services include not only food, clothing and a safe

environment, but also much needed crisis intervention, individual, family and group counseling, as well as referral to medical, dental and mental health care. All youth receive life skills education, educational preparation and counseling, and youth age 14 and older also learn job preparation skills. Substance abuse prevention, counseling and referrals are available.



Posada's Moving-Up Center

2016 Calendar Year Program Results

- Posada served 7,829 unduplicated homeless individuals at our Supportive Services Center
- Posada moved 93 households off the streets and into housing
- 8 families were provided transitional housing and 12 families were provided permanent housing through our programs
- 43 families and their dependents were provided tenant based rental assistance
- 30 families were aided with rent, security deposits, utility deposits and moving costs through the Emergency Solutions Grant
- 350 individuals and families with their dependents were provided emergency shelter
- Supportive services as well as extensive case management were provided to these families
- Posada provided case management and supportive services to 460 homeless youth within Pueblo County
- Over 6,088 nights of emergency shelter were provided to homeless youth and homeless families and their dependents
- 1,117 individuals were provided advocacy and benefits acquisition
- 1,513 of Posada's clients received outreach assistance
- 874 clients received employment and transportation assistance
- 55 homeless clients received mental health services.
- 129 individuals received health care services
- 185 individuals received education assistance
- 3,309 meals were provided at the youth Moving-Up Center
- 4,513 showers were provided to individuals, families and youth at Posada



Posada's fundraiser - Juleps and Jodhpurs, a celebration of the Kentucky Derby

- Shelter 120 unduplicated families in our emergency shelter program.
- House 7 families in Posada's Rapid Rehousing Program
- House 6 families with disabilities through the Permanent Supportive Housing Project
- Provide rental assistance for 45 families and youth through the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program
- Provide rental assistance to 8 households through homeless prevention, and 8 households with deposit fees and rental assistance
- Maintain 16 site based VASH Vouchers for homeless veterans at the Monterey Apartments
- Maintain 16 units at Hudson Home for Heroes for low-income individuals with a preference given to veterans
- Maintain 4 low-income units the Myscowski Apartments.
- Serve 2,700 unduplicated individuals with supportive services
- Provide up to ten families shelter nightly at the Elko Family Shelter
- Maintain 40 units of low-income permanent housing in Posada's Rio Sacramento apartments and 2 additional low-income homes dedicated for low-income individuals
- Serve 300 unaccompanied youth in Pueblo County by providing case management, outreach and supportive services
- Maintain a youth Moving-Up Center to provide supportive services, health care, mental health counseling, employment and education assistance, substance abuse counseling and referrals, food and clothing for youth up to and including age 25
- Provide referrals, coordinated case management and housing opportunities for 8 homeless youth through the Family Unification Program
- Establish transitional housing for homeless youth at 2105 Norman Lane
- Provide medical respite care and emergency shelter and referrals for the newly homeless 24-7 in cooperation with the Pueblo Police and Sheriff's Department
- Coordinate Pueblo's Continuum of Care monthly group.
- To organize and sponsor Pueblo's Petra McCulley Memorial and Take Care Fair (1,500 people served) Homeless Veterans' Stand Down (40 Homeless Veterans)

Goals and Objectives for 2017

Featured Events

Posada combined the annual Homeless Memorial and Community Picnic this year to form the inaugural **Petra McCulley Memorial and Take Care Fair**. The picnic has grown to serve over 1,500 youth, veterans, men, women and children who are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness. Health care and personal care service agencies are on hand to sign-up people in need of assistance, plenty of activities, treats for children and a free lunch are available for all

in attendance during this fun day.

For the past 26 years, Chuck and Gerda Chavez from the **Sunset Inn** has been providing Christmas gifts for the children in Posada's housing programs. They provided gifts for 175 children in 2016.

Board members are collectively working with staff on Posada's annual fundraising event – **Juleps and Jodhpurs** a celebration of the Kentucky Derby. The event was held on the spacious

grounds of the historic Orman Mansion. The lawn party featured a hat competition, lawn croquet, mint juleps, New Orleans jazz music by Summit Hot Seven, a taste of the derby including a 5 ft. fountain filled with more than 100# of fresh shrimp, and of course the live airing of the Run for the Roses.

The goal of the event is to garner and increase business sponsorships to support Posada's gaps in administrative and program funding.

"In life I have a hard time receiving help because I'm usually the giver, but Posada was there for me when I needed help the most."

**- Mark
Client**

Supportive Services Center
225 Colorado Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004
(719) 545-8776

Hours of Operation
Monday through Friday
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Youth Drop-in Center
225 Colorado Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004
(719)-369-2753

Hours of Operation
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Elko Family Shelter
1207 Elko Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004

Hours of Operation
24 hours

**Health Solutions
PATH Outreach Clinicians**
(719) 583-2207

Hours of Operation
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Rocky Mountain Human
PATH Outreach Clinicians**
(719) 583-2207

Hours of Operation
Monday through Wednesday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday by appointment

VA Services
Representatives available by
appointment
(719) 220-0358

Ways To Help

A list of our current needs is on our website at www.PosadaPueblo.org/Want-To-Help/

Donate—Like almost any non-profit organization, Posada is constantly working to raise the funds needed to continue its work. Tax-deductible unrestricted general funds give Posada's leadership the ability to direct the funds where they are most needed.

Posada received designation as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project in 2013. The benefit to

this status is that monetary donations above \$250.00 are eligible to claim Colorado State income tax credits of 25% of their donation. In-kind donations valued at \$250.00 or higher annually are eligible to receive a 12.5% income tax credit.

Volunteer—Posada is always looking for people who can donate time and materials that match our needs. Skills related to real estate and building construction are welcomed. Other ways to help include gathering school supplies for homeless

students, cooking a meal in the Youth Drop-in Center for homeless youth, coordinating a celebration for children in our shelter programs, being part of our homeless outreach team and always speaking up about the needs of the poor and homeless in our Pueblo community and the ever present need for affordable housing.

Programs

From its beginnings, Posada has sought to be more than a shelter. Its purpose is to provide for the immediate needs of the homeless while enabling them to overcome the problems that have led to their condition of homelessness. This approach has resulted in a uniquely flexible and comprehensive response to the problem of homelessness.

Supported by a thorough and aggressive case management plan, Posada's program includes:

Supportive Services

- Temporary Emergency Shelter for families with children
- Temporary medical shelter
- Information and referrals
- Benefits acquisition
- Advocacy
- Personal care items
- Phone and message services
- Onsite shower facilities

Rapid Rehousing Program

- 2-year program for families with children
- Rent is paid for 2 years while in program

- Assistance for education, transportation, etc.
- Extensive Case Management services including employment stability, budgeting, savings and debt counseling, and parenting skills

Permanent Housing

- Documented permanent disability
- Case Management
- Assistance for medical and transportation

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

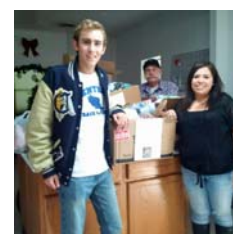
- Deposit and 1 year of rent paid
- Lease contract strictly between tenant and landlord
- Case management

Emergency Solutions Grant

- Deposit, rent and utility assistance

Youth Outreach/Drop-in Center

- Builds trusting relationships
- Provides supportive services necessary for homeless youth to become self-supporting
- Access to a shower, food and clothing



Don Conder and Josette Garcia accepting a wonderful donation for Posada's Youth Program from the Central Cats and Jack Kochenberger

**Posada's Youth
Drop-in Center
provides a
supportive
network to offer
advice and
encouragement
and access to
resources
needed for long-
term success.**

Posada's History

Timeline

1987

Posada incorporated in February 1987 to address homelessness in Pueblo County, Colorado. By April, began providing emergency services in area churches and temporary location; by October, opened a shelter at 112 W. D Street.

1992

Reflecting shifts in the homeless population, Posada's board made the decision in October, 1992 to phase out services to single men and concentrate resources on homeless families with children.

1993

D St. facility closed; central office for intake and outreach opened. Additional motel rooms for temporary housing secured. Property at 731 E. 4th St. purchased and rehabilitated into transitional housing for families and children..

1995

Purchased property at 1008 N. Grand Ave. to provide supportive services and house administrative offices.

1997

Complete new construction of 10 affordable homes (less than \$70,000) around Pueblo.

1998

On-site medical treatment facility operated by Pueblo Community Health Center opened at 1008 N. Grand; rehabbed a home for less than \$50,000 and sold it to a family with two disabled members.

1999

Converted transitional housing on 4th St. to Single Room Occupancy to provide permanent housing to homeless individuals who are employed or in school.

2001

Constructed a four-plex for low-income permanent housing on 5th St.

2008

Housing families and individuals in apartments and homes in a TBRA program. Purchased Monterey Apartments—a 16-unit apartment complex to transition families out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

2010

Distributed more than \$1,000,000 of stimulus dollars back into the community through rental and utility assistance.

2011

First annual Art Off the Street fundraiser. 500 individuals and families with dependents were beneficiaries of rental assistance or temporary and permanent housing.

2012

Posada purchased a new Supportive Services Center at 225 Colorado Avenue. In June, 16 newly renovated Hudson housing units were presented to the community.

2013

Posada opened a Youth Drop-in Center at its Supportive Services Center. The center establishes trusting relationships with homeless youth, maintains continuous outreach, and work towards creating a comfortable place for youth to receive services and shelter.

2014

The Monterey Apartments were renovated. New heating and cooling systems, windows, doors, insulation, landscaping, balconies, electrical and plumbing upgrades in addition to a connecting walkway were included in the extensive remodel.

2015

Posada purchased a new property at 2105 Norman Lane. The property will be used as transitional housing for homeless youth in Pueblo.



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Lowe's employees and Skills USA Pueblo County volunteering at Elko installing new doors, lights, and painting!



For all the latest events and news, please visit <http://www.PosadaPueblo.org>

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