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## **Fire at Almost Home Emergency Shelter**

**Brighton, CO** – Around 10:30 PM on Saturday January 4, 2020 the Brighton Fire and Police Department responded to a kitchen fire at Almost Home, Inc.'s Emergency Shelter in Brighton, Colorado. We are extremely grateful that all of our clients were able to exit safely and no one was hurt. We are also extremely grateful that our sprinkler system was able to effectively extinguish the fire and prevent further fire damage.

The building suffered significant water and fire damage and all six families residing in the shelter are temporarily displaced. Almost Home, Inc. worked with the American Red Cross to provide temporary shelter immediately after the fire and we are in the process of securing longer-term accommodations while we complete the restoration of the shelter.

We are currently one of only three emergency shelters in Adams County where homeless residents can seek emergency housing and supportive services to obtain permanent housing and we will not allow a disaster like this to impede our mission. Immediately following the disaster, we began fire remediation and restoration. Almost Home, Inc. is working to restore the building and move our clients back into the shelter as soon as possible.

Normally, we are an agency where the community comes when they need support with their housing and now we find ourselves in a position where we are asking the community for support. We will be incurring costs that we did not expect as we rebuild and we are asking for your support as we move forward to help with expenses not fully covered by insurance. We are extremely thankful for the insurance coverage that we have but want to ensure that our clients are living in a safe and comfortable environment while they find their path to self-sufficiency. As a resource in this community to prevent and end homelessness, we are asking for financial contributions that will help cover costs not fully covered by insurance. With our mission in mind, we are taking this incident as an opportunity to serve more families at our emergency shelter. We will be turning the upstairs kitchen into a bedroom, allowing us to serve seven families at a time instead of six. We will need to slightly renovate the main floor kitchen to better serve our clients, provide increased kitchen safety and create an environment suitable for seven families to prepare family meals.

We believe in the power of community and the power of collaboration. We know that with

your support, we can rebuild our emergency shelter and serve more families in the future. We saw firsthand how supportive and responsive the Brighton Police Department, Fire Department and the American Red Cross were to immediately address the situation and ensure the safety of our clients. We cannot thank them and you enough for the support to make our emergency shelter operational again.

**About Almost Home Inc.** Almost Home, Inc. is located in Brighton, Colorado. The mission of Almost Home is to promote self-sufficiency and provide assistance to those experiencing housing instability. Almost Home, Inc. provides emergency shelter to homeless families in the community as well as rental and utility assistance to prevent homelessness.

For more information on how to help or contribute, contact Ashley Dunn, Executive Director.

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