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## **Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) Opens 16<sup>th</sup> Street Transitional Housing with 5 New Units to Stabilize Homeless Families with Children**

*Project made possible by the in-kind work of HomeAid Colorado and William Lyon Homes, and funding from individuals, the city and county of Boulder and the state of Colorado*

**April 20, 2018, BOULDER, CO** – Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) announced today it will open 16<sup>th</sup> Street Transitional Housing this spring, which adds five new affordable housing units in the City of Boulder. Like all of EFAA’s temporary housing, these units are slated specifically for families with children who are experiencing the trauma of homelessness. The ability to have a stable home for up to two years gives families a chance to get back on their feet and work toward a brighter future for their children.

“Stable housing is foundational to the long-term success of a family building back up after a crisis,” says Julie Van Domelen, EFAA’s Executive Director. “In an area that is quickly losing affordable housing options, these five homes will make a significant impact for generations to come.”

Since 1918, EFAA has been providing struggling families in with the resources they need to thrive. Starting in the late 1970s, EFAA began providing temporary housing to families in need and has continued to increase its housing stock as the need for affordable housing has risen. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street opening coincides with EFAA’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary serving Boulder County. 16<sup>th</sup> Street includes 2 three-bedroom units and 3 two-bedroom units and brings the number of housing units EFAA owns or manages in Boulder County to 57.

The debt-free project was made possible by donations from individuals, grant money from the City of Boulder, Boulder County Worthy Cause Fund, and the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs, and in-kind donations from HomeAid Colorado and William Lyon Homes.

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HomeAid Colorado, a nonprofit organization that works to build housing for homeless families through in-kind donations from subcontractors working through a central builder captain, was a pivotal partner to EFAA. They facilitated the relationship between professional builders and EFAA, culminating in more than \$400,000 of in-kind donations from subcontractors and suppliers. For example, *16<sup>th</sup> Street* builder captain, William Lyon Homes, donated 100% of their cost to the project and helped secure in-kind donations from the building trades and industry partners.

“We have so appreciated everyone’s generosity, flexibility and determination,” said Laura Brayman McKenna, Executive Director of HomeAid Colorado. “On this project in particular, there has been such a sense that we are all in this together and we all take pride in the fact that, in the end, families will have a place to call home and EFAA can use their hard earned dollars for other important programming. When we pull together, we know we can make a difference in people’s lives.”

#### ABOUT EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION

For 100 years EFAA has been dedicated to empowering families to thrive. Since 1918, EFAA has been Boulder County’s community safety net for families, seniors and people with disabilities to meet their basic needs. As Boulder’s official Family Resource Center, EFAA operates 57 emergency and transitional shelter units, provides food, rent assistance, utilities assistance, and supports clients’ efforts toward financial stability and self-sufficiency through long-term and short-term casework, education and advocacy. For more information please visit [www.efaa.org](http://www.efaa.org) or connect with EFAA Boulder on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

#### ABOUT HOMEAID

HomeAid Colorado is a nonprofit organization that works to build housing for homeless families through in-kind donations from subcontractors working through a central builder captain. For 18 years HomeAid has connected Colorado homebuilders with respected nonprofits like EFAA to help make sure every Coloradan has access to quality housing. Since its founding, HomeAid Colorado has garnered more than \$5 million to build housing for the homeless and has created assets for local nonprofits totaling more than \$14 million. They can be found online at [homeaidcolorado.org](http://homeaidcolorado.org).

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