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Letter from the Executive Director – Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2019

Dear Supporter:

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to learn more about our ministry. We are very excited to be celebrating our 30th Anniversary this year. What began with a few extremely dedicated volunteers in 1988 has helped serve over 300 families both in the St Vrain and Estes Valley and outside the United States. Better still, our homeowners now make up a significant portion of our support to help serve additional families. These homeowners also share in the blessedness of giving and knowing that their mortgage commitments help to build more homes for families in need.

Included in this report are a summary of the audited financial results for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, our updated “Just the Facts” document, and our 30th Anniversary Report to the Community. All help to give you a better understanding of the results we have recently achieved. Among our 2019 accomplishments:

- **6 families moved into their homes and started paying an affordable mortgage to Habitat**
- **Another 10 homes were under construction as of year end**
- **We completed three Critical Home Repairs in Dacono**
- **16 homes were sponsored through our International Ministry program in Lesotho, Cambodia, Armenia, Ethiopia, and Paraguay**
- **Sent a Global Village team to build in Paraguay**
- **In January of 2017 we merged with Habitat for Humanity of the Estes Valley taking over operational and development opportunities to provide more housing in Estes Park**
- **Established a growing Neighborhood Coalition in The Glens neighborhood in Dacono**
- **Over 1400 volunteers contributed 20,639 hours of volunteer labor constructing houses**
- **We acquired or put under contract land that will support 13 homes**

As reported previously, each home dedication represents not just an exciting completion of the construction process but also another step in a multi-year relationship we’re building with our families. As many of you know, after a family moves into their home they pay a no-profit, affordable mortgage. The proceeds of that mortgage are recycled into building more homes. So, while our families build equity in their home, they also know they are helping someone else in need. In fact, oftentimes the person they help is a future neighbor on their street.

Of the now 97 homes constructed in the St Vrain Valley and Estes Park, 83 still retain the same homeowner and 16 homeowners have paid off their mortgage in full. In addition, we calculated some of the ways that our homeowners have contributed back to our community. One quantitative way is by paying property taxes. Since 1988, our homeowners have paid over \$992,575 in property taxes with \$131,843 of that coming in 2018.

Another exciting development in Fiscal Year 2018 was the major progress made in Lyons where we are close to completing the Town’s first ever permanently affordable homeownership project. Six flood impacted families from Lyons have been selected and by the end of the fiscal year all six homes were in some stage of construction. This project will not only make an immense difference in the lives of the six families initially selected, but it will be an asset for the Town to provide affordable housing to future families.

Building Strength, Stability and Self-Reliance Through Shelter

Through our construction projects alone, you have helped us permanently changed the lives of 369 individuals in the last 30 years in the St Vrain and Estes Park area. We know there is still so much to do in the communities we serve and we can only succeed with the help of our volunteers and donors. We will continue to use the funds we have been blessed with to efficiently serve new families by building simple, decent, affordable housing. We will build more effective families with programs like the Keys Community. We ask you to join us by contributing your time, talents and funds to the Habitat mission here in the St. Vrain Valley. If there are any questions about our financial statements, please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification.

Sincerely,



David C. Emerson
Executive Director

