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To: Fort Collins Mayor Troxel and City Council

From: Holly LeMasurier, Homeward 2020 Director

Re: Launch of online dashboard & *Homeless Gear Housing First Initiative* 2018 Quarter 1 Report

The Homeless Gear Housing First Initiative (HFI) is a partnership project with Homeward 2020. HFI obtains and shares data and learning experiences with city leadership, service providers, stakeholders and the community-at-large. The initiative includes four, explicit data deliverables:

- Quarterly reports;
- Real-time data, available by request;
- A comprehensive, annual report; and
- An accessible dashboard, updated monthly.

“Addressing Long-Term Homelessness in Fort Collins” Data Dashboard Launch

The community dashboard monitoring long-term homelessness in Fort Collins, and our progress housing those experiencing long-term homelessness, is now available and will be updated monthly. The dashboard pulls aggregate and anonymous data from the Housing First Initiative database. The dashboard encourages users to interact and explore the data.

www.homeward2020.org/data-dashboard

Housing First Initiative 2018 Quarter 1 Report

HFI quarterly reports feature data depicted on the online dashboard, and also provide deeper narrative and analysis. The reports depict our specific community context behind the data – client stories, local agencies and collaborations working to house people experiencing homelessness, recurring themes, gaps and strengths. This quarter’s report features the inextricable connection between housing and health.

HFI Data and Reporting Highlights

- 339 people are experiencing long-term homelessness in Fort Collins today.
- 22 new people entered long-term homelessness this quarter.
- 16 HFI participants were housed this quarter.
- The data is helping the community better identify unique support needs of our local population and target effective interventions through collaboration among providers.
- Significant resources are needed to effectively and efficiently address the existing 339 population, most of whom have multiple vulnerabilities and require individualized case management and coordinated resources.

Looking Ahead

The next HFI quarterly report for April – June 2018 will be shared in July. The HFI Annual Report will be published in early September. The data dashboard is updated monthly.

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