



THE  
EMPOWERMENT  
PROGRAM

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# Golfers Raise \$75,000 for The Empowerment Program

**(DENVER)** – Colorado Housing and Finance Authority’s (CHFA) annual David W. Herlinger Golf Tournament raised \$75,000 for The Empowerment Program (Empowerment) on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Empowerment is a behavioral health organization that empowers women to overcome issues of substance abuse, trauma, mental health, homelessness, poverty, unemployment, and involvement in the criminal justice system.

“We are grateful to CHFA and all of the golf tournament participants for investing in the lives of the individuals we provide services to at Empowerment. The funds raised will specifically help us sustain and strengthen our education, housing, and other supportive services to empower cis and transgender women in cultivating personal health and independence,” said Julie Kiehl, Empowerment Executive Director.

Since 1986, Empowerment’s programs have helped decrease the number of women living in poverty by addressing barriers to self-sufficiency. Empowerment provides on-site education, employment training, counseling, and supportive services to decrease rates of recidivism and help women build sustainable lives. Additionally, Empowerment owns and operates five apartment communities that provide transitional and permanent housing for homeless women living with chronic mental and/or



*Pictured left to right: Casey Biegelsen, Empowerment board member and George K. Baum senior vice president; Julie Kiehl, Empowerment executive director; and Cris White, CHFA executive director and CEO.*

physical disabilities.

“CHFA is honored to support such an outstanding organization. The ways in which Empowerment helps women in need are essential in Colorado’s communities. Everyone deserves opportunities to live stably and build their futures, therefore, we thank Empowerment for providing those paths to the women they serve,” said Cris White, executive director and CEO of CHFA.

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year CHFA has held a golf tournament with proceeds benefitting a local nonprofit whose work coincides with CHFA’s mission of affordable housing and community development. The 2019 tournament was held at The Fossil Trace Golf Course in Golden, Colorado. The event is named in memory of CHFA’s former Executive Director David W. Herlinger, who passed away in 2012. It serves as a reminder of his passion for the game of golf, and for helping local nonprofit organizations whose work supports affordable housing in Colorado.

Past beneficiaries of CHFA’s golf tournament include:

- 2018: Arrupe Jesuit High School;
- 2017: Saint Francis Center;
- 2016: Volunteers of America Colorado Branch;
- 2015: Mercy Housing Colorado;
- 2014: Habitat for Humanity of Colorado;
- 2013: Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver;
- 2012: HomeAid Colorado;
- 2011: Rebuilding Together Metro Denver and Rebuilding Together Colorado Springs;
- 2010: The Gathering Place;
- 2009: Porter-Billups Leadership Academy;
- 2008: Warren Village;
- 2007: Urban Peak and Energy Outreach Colorado;
- 2006: Senior Housing Options;
- 2005: Food Bank of the Rockies; and
- 2004: Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

#### **About CHFA**

CHFA strengthens Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development. Created in 1973, CHFA invests in loans to low- and moderate-income homebuyers through our network of participating lenders, and makes loans to affordable multifamily rental housing developers and small and medium sized businesses. CHFA also provides education and technical assistance about affordable housing and economic development. CHFA is a self-sustaining public enterprise. CHFA issued debt is not the obligation of the state. For more information about CHFA please visit [chfainfo.com](http://chfainfo.com), call its Denver office at 1.800.877.chfa (2432), or its Western Slope office at 1.800.877.8450.

#### **About Empowerment**

Empowerment is a community-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that opened in 1986 in response to a growing number of homeless women, women living in poverty, and women involved in the criminal justice system in the Denver metro area. One of Empowerment’s primary goals is help people obtain and maintain stable, safe housing by providing individualized care management, long-term supportive services, and resource coordination. Empowerment’s comprehensive services and holistic approach give disadvantaged women the support they need in all aspects of life to effectively assist them on their path to self-sufficiency.