

# ST. ANDREW'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Colorado Village Collaborative/St. Andrew's Episcopal Church *Tiny Home Village # 2*

#### **Executive Summary:**

Building upon the success of the Beloved Community Village, Colorado Village Collaborative (CVC) intends to launch a second, concurrent, tiny home village in partnership with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to begin operation in Spring 2018.



#### **Current Context:**

One night in January 2017, 5116 individuals were counted as homeless in the Denver metro area. Each year, the number of people experiencing homelessness soars into the tens of thousands. The current housing infrastructure fails to meet that need. Housing has turned into an all or nothing game where you make it in the middle class or you have no safe space to turn.

After cuts in the federal housing budget in the late 1970's and early 80's, the shelter system was designed to fill gaps in times of emergency, but housing cuts have continued and homelessness persists. More and more people are sent each night to seek shelter inside of emergency shelter facilities with limited bedding that does not offer a suitable, dignified, humane, option for people experiencing homelessness, especially not couples, people with pets, those with disabilities, people who work odd hours, the LGBTQ community, among others. Faced with mass and chronic homelessness, cities like Denver have turned towards harmful policy solutions like sit-lie ordinances and camping bans that criminalize people experiencing homelessness, making it illegal for people to attempt to survive outdoors, and driving people further from the services and community that sustain their lives.

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In light of our current context, the Colorado Village Collaborative launched the Beloved Community Village in July 2017, a resident-led tiny home village that features eleven tiny homes and offers people experiencing homelessness a safe, dignified space to live, with the support of a community.



Left: Resident building her home in the Beloved Community  
Right: Final tiny house, ready for move-in!

## **Next Steps:**

Eleven tiny homes will not end homelessness, but they do offer a fast, affordable, easy to build step towards providing safe space for people to survive regardless of their economic status. At this time, the Colorado Village Collaborative is prepared to develop its second resident-led village with the intent to open in Spring 2018.

The village will potentially be located to the north of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and will offer temporary housing for approximately 8 people who identify as female and are currently experiencing homelessness. It will utilize a self-governance model similar to that of the Beloved Community Village. A model that we believe promotes the creation of a community of power and peace for people coming out of homelessness.

We intend to follow the zoning and permitting precedent set by the Beloved Community Village and apply for a temporary unlisted use zoning permit for up to 180 days that will begin upon the receipt of occupancy permits. In partnership with the Colorado Village Collaborative, St. Andrew's plans to engage the members of surrounding RNO's and city council to seek support for this temporary project.

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