



**Homes of  
Living Hope**



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### **Support the work of Homes of Living Hope on Colorado Gives Day**

**Louisville, CO (December 1, 2014)** – [Homes of Living Hope](#) invites Coloradans to support our efforts to connect communities through service by donating to them on Colorado Gives Day, December 9, 2014.

Homes of Living Hope is a non-profit that partners with entities such as organizations, schools, churches and corporations and provides the framework for converting used shipping containers into functioning facilities like classrooms, medical/dental clinics, libraries for underserved areas here and abroad.

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. For the fifth consecutive year, Community First Foundation and FirstBank are partnering to present Colorado Gives Day. Donations are accepted through [ColoradoGives.org](#).

As a participating nonprofit on ColoradoGives.org, Homes of Living Hope will benefit from this initiative in many ways.

“The donations we receive on Colorado Gives Day help us do more to connect communities through serving others,” says Bart Wear, cofounder and director, Homes of Living Hope. “Our goal is to raise \$25,000 this year, which is a big part of our annual operating budget. We plan to partner with organizations to convert another 10 containers in 2015.”

#### \$1 Million Incentive Fund

Thanks to Community First Foundation and First Bank, Colorado Gives Day 2014, features a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country. Every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the incentive fund, which increases the value of every dollar donated. For example, if Homes of Living Hope receives 10 percent of the total donations made on Colorado Gives Day, Homes of Living Hope also receives 10 percent of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund.

“Thanks to generous Coloradans and hardworking nonprofits, we’ve seen the impact of Colorado Gives Day build dramatically over the last four years in every way,” said Marla J. Williams, president and CEO of Community First Foundation. “Not only the dollars raised, but the number of nonprofits and donors contributing to the success of the day has also grown tremendously. We look forward to continuing the momentum this year.”

For more information about Homes of Living Hope, please visit [www.homesoflivinghope.org](#).

For more information about Colorado Gives Day, please visit [ColoradoGivesDay.org](http://ColoradoGivesDay.org).

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### **About Homes of Living Hope**

Founded in 2006, Homes of Living Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides the framework for converting used shipping containers into functioning facilities to be used internationally as clinics, schools and housing for under-resourced communities. The organization partners with volunteer groups throughout the U.S. who locally retrofit used shipping containers before transporting completed facilities to partnering aid groups in communities around the globe.

The mission of Homes of Living Hope is to connect communities through service. Their projects enable large numbers of volunteers to help as little, or as much, as they are able. Each converted container can connect up to 1,000 people throughout a community, offering volunteer opportunities in the areas of construction, logistics, power/energy generation, administration, international relations, fundraising and solicitation of supplies. Homes of Living Hope strives to strengthen communities by building relationships through the teamwork necessary to support a worthy cause. For more information, visit [www.homesoflivinghope.org](http://www.homesoflivinghope.org).

### **About Community First Foundation**

For nearly 40 years, Community First Foundation has been bringing donors and nonprofit organizations together. We offer financial support and educational opportunities to strengthen nonprofits. We also fund community programs, inspire philanthropy and assist individuals and businesses with charitable giving. ColoradoGives.org, our year-round, online giving website, has raised more than \$81 million for Colorado nonprofits since 2007. We are the proud recipient of the 2013 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado *Outstanding Foundation* award. For more information, visit [CommunityFirstFoundation.org](http://CommunityFirstFoundation.org).

### **About FirstBank**

FirstBank operates more than 115 locations in Colorado, Arizona and California. FirstBank is the largest locally owned banking organization in Colorado, serving more than 650,000 customers. Since 2000, FirstBank has contributed more than \$45 million and thousands of volunteer hours to charitable organizations. FirstBank is unique in that a majority of its stock is owned by management and employees. For more information, visit [efirstbank.com](http://efirstbank.com).

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