

# Addressing Homelessness

WORKING TO MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF, AND NON-RECURRING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Homelessness is a growing community challenge that does not have a one-size-fits-all solution. According to Northern Colorado's 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness increased 44.4% between 2020 and 2022. While addressing this challenge requires the engagement of a broad spectrum of community partners, Housing Catalyst offers several evidence-based solutions to support individuals and families in moving out of homelessness. The success of these efforts can be seen in PIT data like a decrease in unsheltered veterans and a decrease in chronic unsheltered homelessness.

## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an innovative program that combines affordable housing with supportive services to address the needs of people experiencing chronic homelessness. PSH targets people who are experiencing homelessness, have one or more disabilities, and experience multiple barriers to housing. When PSH residents know they have a safe, long-term home, they can begin to address their mental and physical health, build independent living skills, and connect with their community.

Housing Catalyst manages two Permanent Supportive Housing communities in Fort Collins – Redtail Ponds and Mason Place.

## RESIDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



**219**

residents since 2015



**75**

veterans



**45**

women

**21.5%** age 62 or older

**67.6%** report a physical disability

**62.1%** report a chronic health condition

**70.3%** report a mental health condition

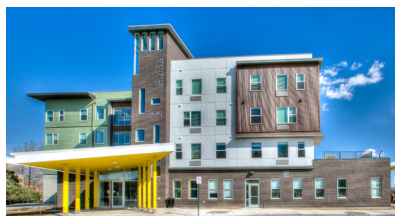
**40.2%** report a substance use disorder

**17.4%** report a developmental disability

**85.8%** report two or more disabilities

**24.7%** report history with domestic violence

**58.9%** experienced chronic homelessness



**60**

apartments at Redtail Ponds



**60**

apartments at Mason Place



**87.5%**

of residents engaged in a service plan



**86.4%**

of residents remain stably housed

# HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

As the Public Housing Authority (PHA) serving Fort Collins, Wellington, and Larimer County, Housing Catalyst administers hundreds of federal housing vouchers each year. Voucher assistance expands housing opportunities for residents, stabilizing and improving the lives and individuals and families in our community.



**1,580**

total vouchers administered in 2021

**405**

Mainstream  
Vouchers

for people under age 62  
who have a disability

**158**

VASH  
Vouchers

for veterans  
experiencing or  
at risk of homelessness

**25**

Emergency Housing  
Vouchers

for families experiencing  
homelessness or at high  
risk of housing instability

**342**

people moved out of homelessness with  
voucher assistance in 2021

# AFFORDABLE RENTAL COMMUNITIES



Housing Catalyst manages 15 affordable rental communities in Fort Collins and Wellington, plus a handful of duplexes and single family homes. Income restrictions vary by community, but on average residents earn 32.2% of the area median income and many previously experienced homelessness.



**1,000+**

homes in Housing Catalyst's  
affordable housing portfolio



**1,667**

residents living in  
Housing Catalyst's  
affordable communities



**34.1%**

of residents are  
under the age of 18

# SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY



**27**

homes provided  
through SRO

Housing Catalyst manages 27 units through the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program. The SRO program uses federal funding and rent assistance to provide rooms for people experiencing homelessness in Northern Colorado. Like Permanent Supportive Housing residents, Single Room Occupancy residents are referred to Housing Catalyst through agency partners.



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