

Rocky Mountain Communities is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to build brighter futures and inspire hope by providing affordable housing and resident-focused services.

Notes from RMC's CEO/President Mark Marshall

Since taking the role of CEO/President of RMC last October, I've had the opportunity to collaborate with affordable housing leaders from across the region and U.S. to help advance our work. In early June I attended the [Housing Partnership Network's](#) membership conference in Seattle to gain great insight into the challenges and opportunities from other nonprofit affordable housing leaders.



During the conference, I had a chance to meet and attend a presentation from researcher and author Gregg Colburn who recently wrote the book [Homelessness is a Housing Problem](#). During Colburn's presentation he provided key data to illustrate the main finding of his book: among the many factors that are examined for causing homelessness - what drives the prevalence of homelessness in a city or region are housing market conditions which includes the availability and cost of rental housing. The presentation brought home to me the message that our work at Rocky Mountain Communities is more critical than ever to support communities with resident-focused affordable housing solutions across Colorado. I encourage you to read Colburn's book to learn more. I also hope you can join us at our first ["What's on Deck at RMC?"](#) event on Thursday, July 11 to connect with our key staff and hear updates on our projects to provide affordable housing opportunities and resident services programs.

What's on Deck at Rocky Mountain Communities? – July 11, 5-7:30 p.m.

Join us on Thursday, July 11 from 5-7:30 p.m. on the 11th floor deck of our headquarters office building (225 E. 16th Ave., Denver 80203) overlooking the entire Front Range, to hear from RMC's CEO, Mark Marshall, who will share updates on our work to strengthen and expand affordable housing throughout the region; introduce you to new members of our executive leadership team; and, provide an overview of RMC's vision to advance resident-focused affordable housing across Colorado. Register today (space is limited) for this free networking event at [What's on Deck at RMC?](#)



RMC's Future Communities

Our website now has a page to provide updates about RMC's future affordable housing communities that are under development. You can view it at [Future Communities](#). The page currently provides a general overview of our new projects in Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. More updates coming soon. Make sure you are signed up to receive updates about all our communities by submitting our [newsletter sign-up form](#).



RMC's Pillar Property Services Named Property Manager for Jefferson Center for Mental Health's Solid Ground Apartments

RMC's property management company, Pillar Property Services, in partnership with Jefferson Center for Mental Health, will be the property manager of the new **Solid Ground Apartments** in Lakewood, CO. This new beautiful 40-unit permanent supportive housing (PSH) property is designed with trauma informed elements. RMC property management's approach aligns with the vision of Jefferson Center for Mental Health to provide client-centered services designed to meet the mental health, substance use, and wellness needs of individuals.



We are currently leasing-up the property and excited to welcome the first families later this summer. The property management staff will serve all Solid Ground residents using a Trauma-Informed Care property management approach for residents in newly constructed one-bedroom apartment homes. If you are interested in learning more about Solid Ground Apartments we will begin providing site tours in August. To schedule a tour, contact Iman Johnson, Regional Director of Property Management, at ijohnson@rmcommunities.org.

Resident Services Implements Financial Health Education Program for RMC residents in East Colfax Corridor

Over the last year RMC Resident Services partnered with the Financial Health Institute and Neighborhood Development Collaborative (NDC) to successfully implement a new financial education program funded by the Chase Foundation. The goal of the program was to develop, implement and sustain an effective, long-term, affordable person-centered financial education program for the organization, staff and residents in RMC's Garden Court community located in the East Colfax corridor. The project provided opportunities for residents to attend classes, 1:1 coaching sessions, office hours, and meet with financial health coaches, twice a week, from the Financial Health Institute, to discuss opportunities for improving their financial stability. Thank you to our partners for making the program a great success and a model to support our RMC communities across Colorado. To learn more about RMC Resident Services and opportunities to partner with us please contact Juanita Rodriguez at jrodriguez@rmcommunities.org.



We are Growing – Welcome New Staff!

Chelsey Hume, Manager of Real Estate Development – Chelsey joined RMC in April and is responsible for managing affordable housing developments from acquisition through lease-up. She manages new construction projects, and refinance and rehab of existing properties from entitlement, underwriting, and financing through construction. She has experience in community outreach and data collection, master planning and interior space planning for many different project types. Chelsey has been a licensed Architect in the state of Colorado since 2017 and received her B.Arch. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech).

Tony Frank, Vice President of Fund Development – Tony joined RMC in May 2024. He is an experienced fund and business development professional with a focus on strengthening and expanding nonprofits and social enterprise organizations. He brings a passion from his career over the last 25 years to establish vibrant communities that create pathways for opportunity and healthy living through affordable housing, resident programs, digital equity, and partnerships.

SAVE THE DATE! – Annual Celebration Dinner, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024

SAVE THE DATE for RMC's largest fundraiser event of the year: **Annual Celebration Dinner, Thursday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.** Proceeds will support RMC's residents and resident services programs.



Awards will be presented for outstanding support of the affordable housing industry and the organization including: Affordable Housing Innovator Award; Partner of the Year Award; and, Community Champion Award. More details coming soon for the event venue and special speakers. To become a sponsor and learn more about opportunities to support RMC contact Tony Frank at tfrank@rmcommunities.org.



Employment Opportunities

View Rocky Mountain Communities' current job openings by visiting our [Careers Page](#). If you have any questions about a career at RMC, please contact us at hr@rmcommunities.org.



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