ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Working with people with disabilities, their families and the community, we create independence so that all may thrive.

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
HOME HEALTH CARE - CNA SCHOOL - ADVOCACY
A NOTE FROM
THE CEO

It’s been a fun and interesting year. 2015 continued to be a year of growth for us as we restructured our Independent Living Programs and hired three new managers. We also took an innovative approach to grow our Home Health division by purchasing a CNA school! Thank you for being interested and being a part of The Independence Center. I am so pleased that The Independence Center has been able to continue to be a voice for, and a vital part of the community of people with disabilities in southern Colorado.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

**People served by The IC’s Independent Living programs**

- **766**

**Sources of IL Revenue**

- **30%** Home Health (Primarily Medicaid)
- **56%** Independent Living
- **11%** Other
- **3%** State & Federal
- **1%** Contributions

**Sources of Revenue**

- **92%** Independent Living
- **8%** Home Health (Primarily Medicaid)

**Independent Living Types of Disabilities**

- **17%** Blin'dness & Low Vision
- **16%** Cognitive
- **13%** Physical
- **34%** Behavioral Health
- **19%** Sensory & Low Vision

**FINANCIALS**

- **$74,010** The IC Fund gave to 11 non-profits to increase services and activities for people with disabilities.

**766** People served by The IC's Independent Living programs

- 150,000 Home Visits
- 349,900 Hours

Our Community Organizing team conducted 10 focus groups and a ‘Housing for All’ community forum to determine ways to help ease the housing crunch for people with low incomes.

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