2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Working with people with disabilities, their families and the community, we create independence so that all may thrive.
On behalf of the entire organization, I would like to thank all our consumers, donors, corporate sponsors, and staff for making 2016 another successful year for The Independence Center (The IC). Among the highlights in 2016 were an enormous expansion of our Outreach program that serves five rural counties, robust growth in our Veterans In Charge program and seeing the City of Colorado Springs fully fund their public transit obligations. I am excited for 2017 and invite you to join us again as The Independence Center continues to make such a positive impact on people with disabilities and our community at large so all may thrive.

New this year, our Veteran in Charge program empowered 47 veterans with disabilities to “take charge” and make their own decisions concerning health care. Our program is the largest of its kind in Colorado and is forecasted to keep expanding in 2017 and beyond.
Charlene’s Transition Story

Charlene was placed in a skilled nursing facility to recuperate from several health setbacks. It was never her intention or desire to stay in the facility. Shortly after she arrived, however, her husband died unexpectedly which made it impossible to return home without his support and assistance. Charlene’s short stay turned into years of living somewhere she didn’t want to be. The Community Transitions team worked with Charlene to develop transportation, medical equipment, and housing solutions so that Charlene could move into an apartment and live independently.

She took nutritional classes that The Independence Center offered, which helped her learn how to eat healthier. During this process, the Community Transitions team saw how Charlene was thriving in her new home and invited her to come work at The Independence Center as a peer mentor. Now she helps others experiencing similar situations find the joy of independent living. The Independence Center is so lucky to have Charlene as a valued and important part of our team.

FINANCIALS

Sources of Revenue

- **Home Health** (Primarily Medicaid): 86%
- **Independent Living**: 11%

Total Income: $10,516,638

Sources of IL Revenue

- 64% State & Federal
- 18% Grants
- 17% Fee for Service
- 1% Contributions

Expenses by Programs:
- **Administrative**: $1,802,730
- **Fundraising**: $116,613
- **Total Expenses**: $10,400,630

82% of total expenses are spent on programs benefiting consumers

Net Assets: $11,135,230
The IC’s Outreach Program outside of El Paso County grew by 882% in 2016. The IC’s rural initiative is now in six counties reaching hundreds of people with disabilities in rural communities who previously had limited or no access to Independent Living services.