



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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

**CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - ADVOCACY  
HOME HEALTH CARE - CNA TRAINING - VETERANS**

# A NOTE FROM THE CEO

In 2018, The Independence Center (IC) continued to break down barriers for people with disabilities. One of our most exciting accomplishments was the role we played in helping to get state legislation updated to improve emergency preparedness protocols for people with disabilities.

After the Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012, The IC met with people with disabilities to learn more about the need for accessible emergency and disaster resources. We proceeded to work with local and county entities to create inclusive emergency preparedness procedures and plans of action. Our work is making a difference! In May 2018, then-Gov. Hickenlooper finalized the 2018-19 Long Bill, which appropriated funds to support inclusive emergency preparedness in the State of Colorado. We are thrilled to see this change at the state level!

It was a wonderful year. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our consumers, donors, corporate sponsors, and the community. We look forward to continuing our work to create independence for all!



*Patricia Yeager, Ph.D.*  
CEO

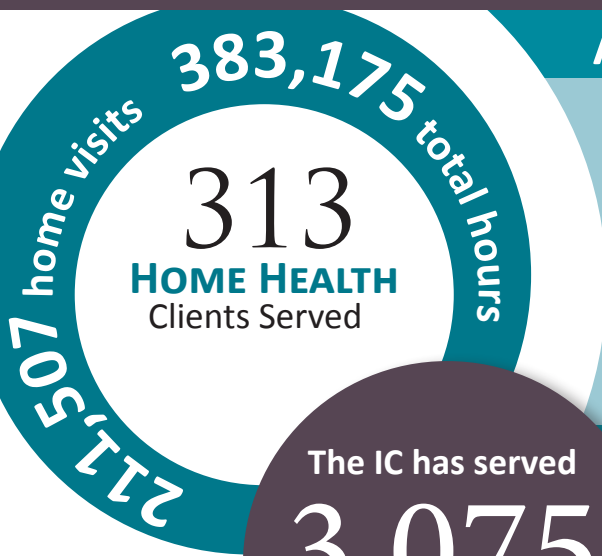
## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

### ART OF ACCESSIBILITY

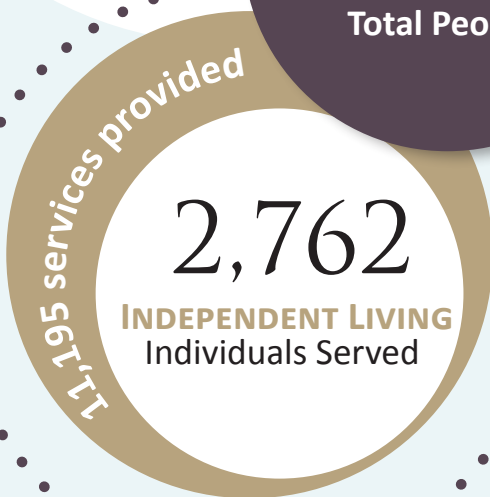
In October of 2018, The IC's Art of Accessibility (AoA) event won best gallery exhibit at the Pikes Peak Arts Council Award Gala at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. Held four times throughout the year, The IC's AoA art show coincides with the Colorado Springs First Friday Art Walk and draws a number of visitors to The IC.

### HOSPITAL TO HOME

The Independence Center's Home Health Department piloted the Hospital to Home (H2H) Transitions program to tackle the issue of unnecessary nursing home placements. With generous grant funding from The Colorado Health Foundation, the Colorado Springs Health Foundation, and UHealth Memorial Hospital, The IC implemented the program in March of 2018. The goal under the grant was to transfer at least 12 people to their homes. Our amazing Home Health department transferred nearly twice that amount! The H2H program also provided patients other services including meals in the home, transportation, and grocery pickup. These types of services helped patients focus on their recoveries without being institutionalized.



The IC has served  
**3,075**  
Total People





# THE IC'S H2H PROGRAM HELPS PATIENT RECOVER FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

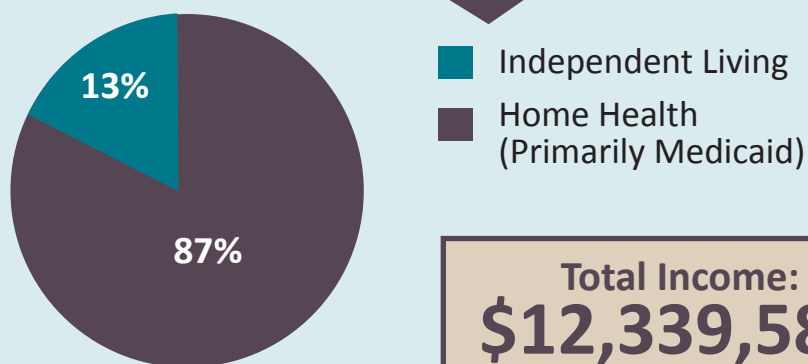
After being shot in the abdomen, Darioun McCune faced numerous surgeries and a long road to recovery. After being released from his several-month hospital stay, The IC's Hospital to Home (H2H) transitions pilot program stepped in. The grant-funded program started in 2018 to help patients receive support needed to recover in their homes without having to be institutionalized. With the assistance of the The IC, along with Darioun's Aunt Sonya, the young man was able to do just that. Through The IC's Home Health Department, Sonya became Darioun's caregiver. In addition, The IC's Benefits Department assisted him with getting the benefits he needed to pay for his care and arrange for transportation to and from his high school. Darioun said he's very thankful for the program. "I got a chance to meet so many people at The IC," he said. "They have helped me understand that everybody with disabilities aren't helpless." The H2H pilot program was launched in partnership with UCHHealth – Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs with help from Joseph Foecking, Director of Rehabilitation at UC Health Memorial Health System, and a Board Member here at The Independence Center. Under the program, the Home Health Department transferred more than 20 people to their home, nearly twice the amount required under grant funding.



## FINANCIALS

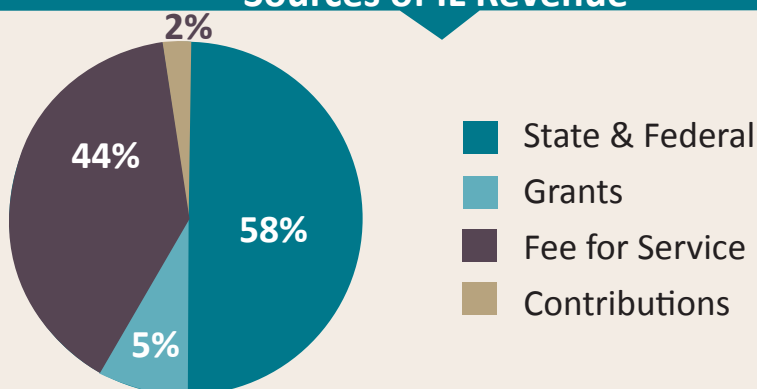
Net Assets:  
**\$12,078,483**

### Sources of Revenue



Total Income:  
**\$12,339,585**

### Sources of IL Revenue



**82%**

*of total expenses are spent on programs benefiting consumers*

### Expenses by Programs:

\$10,154,329

### Administrative:

\$2,047,994

### Fundraising:

\$184,852

**Total Expenses: \$12,078,483**

# WHERE

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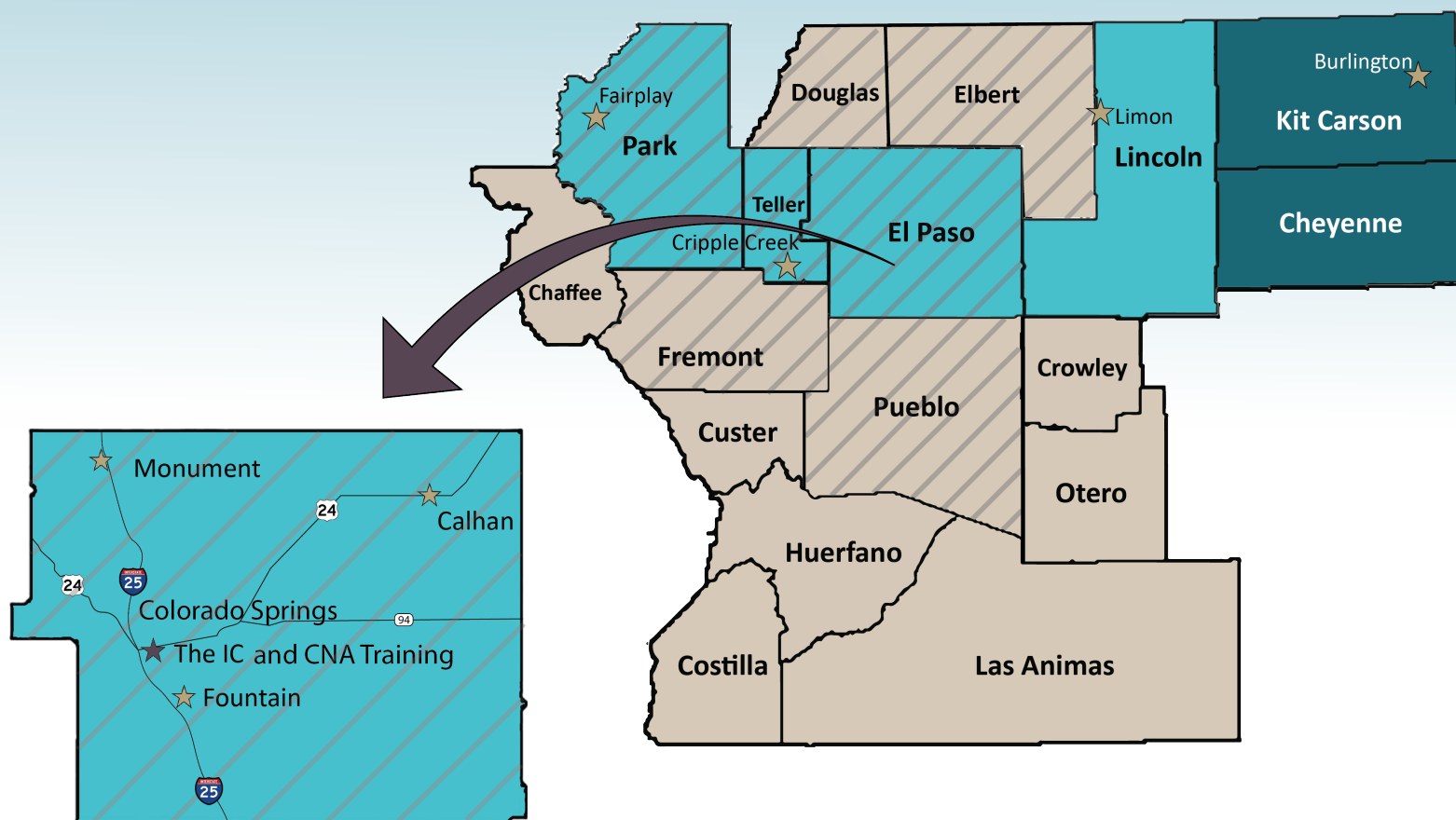
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Only Services

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Only Services

Veteran In  
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