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## Housing Colorado Announces 2016 Award Winners

**(DENVER)** – Housing Colorado is pleased to announce the recipients of its Eagle Awards and People’s Choice Award. Each year, Housing Colorado honors successes in affordable housing by recognizing nominees and winners at the annual Housing Colorado NOW! Conference. This year’s awards ceremony was held on October 7, 2016.

The Eagle Awards was established in 1990, and represents one of the highest achievements within the Colorado housing community. These prestigious awards celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments and outstanding leadership in housing and support services. The awards honor individuals and collaborative projects that soar to new heights in their work to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing for all Coloradans. The People’s Choice Award winner is an Eagle Award nominee who is selected by the affordable housing community in recognition of their extraordinary work in the industry.

The 2016 Eagle Award winners are:

**Douglas County Cares Program** was created two years ago from four community partnerships, and now includes thirteen local and regional non-profits partners. The partners provide services to support and stabilize families while motivating and coaching them to become self-sufficient. Through stabilized housing and increased employment by preserving, providing and developing housing choices.

**Peak One Neighborhood** is a workforce housing neighborhood envisioned and developed by the Town of Frisco and Brynn Grey Partners, a workforce housing developer. Peak One Neighborhood is a springboard, a foundation of year-round, real, working families who are deeply invested in their town. The neighborhood has defined a bright future for Frisco.

**Joseph Espinosa** has lead Brighton Housing Authority for the last six years. The number of affordable units available has increased by 20 fold during Joseph’s tenure as Executive Director. He has also started two community programs, Career to College Launch and BizLaunch Program. The primary beneficiaries of Joseph’s accomplishments are both senior and family households.

**Ready to Work Program** provides homeless individuals the opportunity to work, build a resume and save money. As one of the primary agencies serving homeless adults in Boulder's first and only work-first paid transitional employment program that combines housing. They not only build a work history but a rental history for clients to transition to self-sufficiency.

The 2016 People's Choice Award winner is:

**CityScape at Belmar** provides 130 units of affordable and market-rate senior housing in Lakewood. They are keeping with the desire for Baby Boomers to live in a thriving community where they can stay active surrounded by a downtown atmosphere with their needs and desires close by.

#### **About Housing Colorado**

Founded in 2005, Housing Colorado is located in Denver, Colo. and serves as the unified resource in the state for affordable housing education, information and advocacy. The organization works to shift public perception and policy while providing tools to help meet the challenges of affordable housing. ([www.housingcolorado.org](http://www.housingcolorado.org)). For more information, contact Emily Nilsen at (303) 863-0123 or [emily@housingcolorado.org](mailto:emily@housingcolorado.org).

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