**“CELEBRATE WITH US!” 2021**

Dear Friends,

Tri-County Family Care Center (TCFCC) is a “single point of entry” for people from Otero, Bent and Crowley Counties, with general and emergency needs, to find the resources and services available. We are not a crisis center for life threatening situations. TCFCC serves as a networking and coordination center to connect the various services and resources for better utilization by the community.

We coordinate many programs and services, as well as, network with other agencies to assist people to get the help and support needed. We offer trainings, parenting & budgeting classes, home visits, car seat safety and many other activities. All of our programs and services help to lower the incidence of child abuse and neglect! They also strive to build healthy, happy families and self-reliant homes! TCFCC has served over 10,000 people and completed 26 years as of May 5, 2021!

Established in May 1995 to serve people from Otero, Bent and Crowley Counties with general and emergency needs to find resources and services. We coordinate nine programs and network with other agencies to assist people in getting the help and support they need.

Since January 2000, we have served more than **5,200** clients.

**1,700** individuals received referrals to various resources to help with basic living expenses or emergency services.

Over **3,500** people participated in **429** trainings, parenting classes, educational workshops, home visits, car seat safety training, support groups and many other types of activities.

In the last 2 years our client base has more than tripled! Our agency is grateful to those who have contributed to our growth and success. We are seeking community support to continue our endeavors.

We have had 545 childcare providers and foster parents attend 94 trainings, meetings and workshops for licensing and update hours. 327 referrals have been made to 60 parents for childcare. 171 ‘Newborn Visitation’ and 33 ‘Moving On’ home visits have been made in the tri-county area. We have also checked 107 car seats during 2004.

Newborn Visitation/Bright Beginnings

Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Parents Support Group & Training

Promoting Safe & Stable Families Project

Resource & Referral Agency for childcare

Respite Care

Traffic Safety Program–seatbelts, helmets, families are assisted in car seat issues, etc.

Parents As Teachers home visitation & playgroups

Music & Movement Activities for parents, providers & the children in their care.

“We Care” Singles Support Group for single, widowed & divorced individuals.

Permanent Child Seat Fit Station

***Programs***

We utilized Useful Public Service clients to assist disabled and elderly people with tasks such as cleaning houses or yards, cooking, laundry or transporting for medical care. One UPS client made 8 quilts for our Newborn Visitation Program.

A 26 year old single male received his foster care license and was able to adopt two children because of the training and support he received from our agency.

A kinship parent, took care of 3 children for about a year until they were reunited with their parents. During the year she was provided with educational opportunities such as parenting classes, family strengthening, children’s activities, family advocacy and a support group.

A client with health problems was unable to work and could not pay for her prescriptions. We were able to find resources to help pay for her medicine and to obtain SSI benefits.

Another success story, but by far not the only one, was a rancher with disabilities that needed assistance to buy hay for his horses. By networking with other agencies, we were able to find resources to help him pay his rent, which freed up some of his money to purchase hay.

**A “few” of our success stories**

***Tri-County Family***

***Care Center***

Please consider making a tax-deductible

donation today. Checks can be made

payable and mailed to

Tri-County Family Care Center

409 S. Main, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

We can send you a receipt for tax purposes.

For more information please call 254.7776.

The following are some of the programs and services provided by TCFCC and coordinated by its staff:

Resource & Referral Family Advocacy/Support Services

Bright by Three Occupant Protection Safety Program

Parents as Teachers (PAT) Child Seat Fitting Station

Building Family Strengths Program-CCR & FSS Tobacco Education to Reduce Youth Access

H.A.P.P.E.E. Program (Health Access) C.A.T.C.H.(Coordinated Approach to Child Health)

Tri-County Family Care Center located in Rocky Ford, Colorado, would like to extend a special heartfelt invitation for you and/or your company to support a worthwhile organization.

TCFCC was unable to have our “Cruisin’ into Summer Festival” in June 2020 and June 2021 due to COVID-19. However, we will be sponsoring the First annual “Cruisin’ Into Fall” Harvest Festival & ‘Keep Kids Safe’ Fair on Saturday, September 25th. Our fundraiser will take place at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford. We will have vendors, games, entertainment and fun for everyone! New event will be a “catapulting” contest. Also, we are encouraging farmers to bring their produce to sell in a Farmer’s Market. Home improvement, lawn & garden services are welcome.

The “GOT WHEELS” show will have categories for collectors to enter their special vehicles. Besides the traditional vendors, we are encouraging organizations to set up informative health & safety booths about fire, electricity, tornadoes, substance abuse, crime prevention, car seats, seat belts and more.

We are seeking cash or in-kind contributions from our valued business partners and associates to help support our agency and the multitude of programs and services we offer. Send them to: Tri-County Family Care Center, 512 ½ N. Main, Rocky Ford, CO 81067 or we can pick it up. If you have questions, please call 719.254.7776. A thank you letter will be sent stating the value of your donated item for tax purposes. On behalf of

Tri-County Family Care Center, thank you for your support!

**We completed “26” years of service as of May 5, 2021!**

Sincerely,

Item or cash to be donated:

Sarah Dillon

Executive Director