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**MURPHY CENTER OPERATIONS, OWNERSHIP TRANSITIONS TO GROUP OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

FORT COLLINS, Colo.— The Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope (Murphy Center), a Larimer County resource center for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless, reopened on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 under a new, collaborative ownership-and-operational model.

Four organizations—Homeless Gear, Catholic Charities, Neighbor to Neighbor and SummitStone Health Partners—have formed a Partner Council to oversee operations and the direction of the facility, with Homeless Gear acting as Managing Partner.

Murphy Center LLC has assumed the role of building owner, and Bohemian Foundation will provide support to the Murphy Center LLC for building costs. United Way of Larimer County and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado will act in supporting roles, and Homeward 2020 will serve as the Murphy Center Stakeholder Council (providing guidance on the community’s homeless response system).

“The City of Fort Collins has been a long-time collaborator on homelessness issues, and based on this experience, we are confident that this coalition of nonprofits has the right experience, team and commitment to serve people who are homeless or near homeless at the Murphy Center,” said Deputy City Manager Jeff Mihelich.

The new coalition of community partners will maintain the Murphy Center as a space in which multiple agencies can collectively and collaboratively provide a continuum of services to individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The agencies will work closely together to ensure that services are coordinated and delivered in accordance with best practices.

**ABOUT THE SISTER MARY ALICE MURPHY CENTER FOR HOPE**

Named in honor of Sister Mary Alice Murphy, a Larimer County pioneer of service to neighbors in need, the Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope celebrates compassionate action and serves as a resource center for families and individuals who face homelessness. The Murphy Center opened in 2009 and has proven to be a model for community collaboration and an essential resource in Larimer County. More information is available at [www.murphycenterforhope.org](http://www.murphycenterforhope.org).