Not enough money to spare.

Angie has always had enough money to get by, but never enough to spare. So when she got laid off from her job, Angie fell behind financially. Finding a new job was hard, but catching up on her bills was harder – she couldn’t afford to pay the backlog. Her neighbor called Energy Outreach Colorado and we were able to help her pay her utility bills plus make some energy improvements to her home that would help her save money. “I had no idea that there was a way to get help,” Angie says. “I am so grateful that Energy Outreach helped me get back on my feet.”

Letter from the Executive Director

Colder temperatures are just around the corner and for many households this will mean an increase in home energy costs that they may not be able to afford. We see seniors, veterans, teachers, service workers, and neighbors who are living paycheck-to-paycheck or on a fixed income and have very little room in their budgets for unexpected life events. When those happen they fall behind, and it can hard to recover.

For almost 30 years, Energy Outreach Colorado has provided energy assistance to families across the state, and we are grateful for the partners, businesses, and individuals who support our mission to provide the essential energy assistance people need to stay safe and healthy in their homes.

This month we are showcasing our new brand design and website – both have been updated to unite you – the public – with our staff, programs, and resources. Together we power stability, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Jennifer Gremmert, Executive Director

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— Angie, Grand Junction, CO
Energy Outreach Colorado Has a New Brand and Website

As we prepare to celebrate our 30th anniversary in 2019, we decided it was a good time to reaffirm our mission, refresh our identification, and enhance our external communications. As a result we have unveiled a new agency brand that exemplifies our values and dogged commitment to serve and advocate for vulnerable Coloradans.

We also have a new website that is designed to facilitate ease of access for program participants, vendors, and partners, as well as everyone who supports our mission through donations. By enhancing the capability of information distribution, the organization now has a tool to better communicate and educate a variety of external audiences. Check it out at www.energyoutreach.org

This newsletter displays the many vibrant elements of our new brand logo and colors. We know that changing all supplies and materials to a new brand can be costly, so the old brand may be hanging around through the rest of this year as we manage this process (and save money doing it!)

Fiscal Year 2018 Highlights

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Furnaces repaired or replaced, Families kept from eviction and Saved by nonprofits we assisted by keeping people warm and safe with homelessness through bill payment installing energy efficiency building lower energy bills. assistance. upgrades.

“We are so glad to be warm again.”

Rex and Betty S. purchased their home over 45 years ago. Both teachers, they have paid off their mortgage and live comfortably on a modest fixed income. When their furnace began to malfunction, they couldn’t afford the repairs so they turned the heat off and wore their coats to bed. “We knew that our furnace was a safety issue because it might leak carbon monoxide but we simply couldn’t afford to fix it,” said Betty. A member of their church contacted us and through our Crisis Intervention Program we were able to replace the 40-year old furnace at no charge.
Mark Your Calendar

December 4th is Colorado Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Please consider a donation to Energy Outreach Colorado – With your support we can help more households across the state stay warm this winter. Donations are accepted through [www.coloradogives.org](http://www.coloradogives.org)

Black Hills Energy Partners to Help People Beat The Heat

Temperatures continue to reach triple digits in many parts of Colorado and throughout our partnership with Black Hills Energy, Energy Outreach Colorado’s Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) provided 84 qualifying residents in Pueblo much-needed energy efficient swamp coolers. The project will continue as long as funding is available. An over-heated house can be a critical health concern for many people and we were happy for the opportunity to partner with Black Hills to help so many people.

Another Annual Golf Classic Success

FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS Energy Outreach Colorado has hosted a signature golf event to raise funds to help qualifying Coloradans afford their home energy costs. In 2018, the event was held at Sanctuary Golf Course presented by RE/MAX and sponsored by SM Energy, Meritage Midstream Services, Advanced Hydronics, Extraction Oil & Gas, A&K Appliance, Assured Partners of CO, Big Creek Roofing & Restoration, Black Hills Corp., Broomhall Bros., Elevation Lighting, Group 14 Engineering Inc., McBride Lighting Inc., Poudre Valley Rural Electric Assoc., TEC Well Service LLC., Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc., Wells Fargo, Xcel Energy, Innovest Portfolio Solutions, and GDS Heating.

$195,700 Raised by the Annual Golf Classic

$8,500 Mulligan sales
Why I Donate

These are the words of Tracy, a very strong and generous woman who supports us so that others can receive help.

*I actually didn’t realize Energy Outreach Colorado existed until about 2 years ago and why I’m such a huge fan comes from a personal place. About 15 years ago I suddenly found myself the single parent of three kids ranging from 12 – 16 years old and I was making $10 an hour with no family support. There was barely money for anything. There were many times I had to decide whether I should put food on the table or keep the heat on.*

*Fast forward to today. My oldest son has a successful career, the middle child is married, studying for her MCAT and applying to medical school, and the third has a career with a startup here Denver. But most importantly – they’re all kind, generous, loving human beings with respect for others.*

*One day I’m paying my Xcel bill thinking about how grateful I am for how far we’ve come, and for the fact that paying my bill is no big deal now and that’s how it should be for everyone. I just happened to click on the link to Energy Outreach Colorado, read about the program and giving was a no brainer for me.*

Is it a no brainer for you? Please join Tracy and help someone else pay their energy bill.

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