From the Executive Director

IN 1989 Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) was established to help low-income households afford their energy bills, and over the last 30 years we have expanded our services and have grown in number. Yet we still find there are many struggling households across the state. Our passion to do this work has not diminished, and we are intent on helping people get out of the condition where affording their utility cost feels insurmountable.

EOC has broadened the support and resources available to seniors and the disabled, veterans, teachers, single parents and lower wage earners. We also work with nonprofits and multifamily buildings to ensure that they can keep their doors open, rents affordable, and operations running smoothly through the energy savings they gain with our program upgrades.

Together we Power Stability. Our Board of Directors, partners, donors, and champions fight this fight with us every day and we will continue to advocate on behalf of all low-income Coloradans. I look forward to leading this organization into the next 30 years with the hope that more people obtain the stability, dignity and peace of mind that everyone deserves.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Gremmert

Take Control of Your Energy Bill

You can take control of your energy bill and help PREVENT high costs. Simple changes to how you live is all it takes to make the amount you owe more affordable. Start today by:

- Setting your thermostat between 68-70 degrees while at home. A sweater is your friend if you still feel chilled. Lower the temperature by a few degrees when you leave and go to bed.
- Open your curtains to let the sunshine in. The sun will warm your rooms. Close them at night to keep the cold out
- Check your furnace filter and change it every 3 months. A dirty filter prevents your furnace from working well and that can lead to costly repairs.
Making a Difference
Ira Goldschmidt is a licensed mechanical engineer who has spent 40 years focused on the design & construction of energy-efficient building HVAC systems. For much of that time he has also focused on a less-known key aspect to improving building energy efficiency: HVAC Controls. So when he called EOC to say he’d like to volunteer, we jumped at the opportunity.

Ira is working with our Nonprofit Energy Efficiency Program (NEEP) conducting building audits and making upgrade recommendations for non-profit buildings that will maximize funding and resources while saving them the most money thorough reduced energy costs. He explains that HVAC control systems are the number one barrier to maximizing energy efficiency in buildings, so with his help we look for ways to improve in this area.

Juanita Nolasco Residences
A multifamily success story
EOC recently completed a project at the Juanita Nolasco Residences in Denver. A 13 story, 188-unit property built in 1972, it primarily provides affordable housing for seniors and disabled individuals. We found that the building had very high electric and gas bills and we had a major concern about their inefficient and oversized boiler plant that was original to the building and insulated with asbestos.
The cost to operate this ancient piece of equipment was a burden and we worked with the owner to find solutions. In the end we were able to replace the old equipment with 94% efficient boilers controlled by variable frequency drives. Our partnerships were key; funding from the City of Denver Department of Strategic Partnership and Xcel Energy rebates were critical to this projects success.

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(excerpt of an interview featured in the Denver Business Journal’s 2018 Giving Guide)

Why is this nonprofit so important to you?
Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) provides energy assistance and efficiency support to households when they need it most, and our mission impacts people in situations that I can relate to. I can remember a time in my life when paying my energy bill was a challenge, so I suppose this is a personal journey for me. I am blessed to have reached a point in my life where I can help others in a similar situation as I was long ago.

What inspires you most about the work being done by your nonprofit?
I am inspired when I see participants of our programs get assistance. Typical people who have done everything right in life but for one reason or another have fallen on hard times. We help provide stability at a time they need it most.

Work We Did in 2018
We kept people warm
A faulty furnace is a crisis in winter months, especially when you can’t afford a repair. 1,617 vulnerable households were in that situation and we were able to repair or replace their heating unit at no cost.

We CARE
Our CARE program provided energy efficiency upgrades to 290 vulnerable households. Improvements that will lead to lower bills and less energy consumption. And it’s free to those who qualify.

Solar - we do that too
We’re helping connect communities to 18 solar gardens in Colorado. Last year 276 households subscribed to a solar garden in 2018 and will have a 50-100% discount on their electricity bill in the form of a credit.

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The lack of affordable housing in Colorado is a critical issue for many people. By helping multifamily building owners reduce their energy costs, they are able to maintain a safe and affordable home for those who need it the most.

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A Letter from Theresa
Dear EOC,
I am so very thankful for the help I received from you via the Help Line. I called on a Wednesday and by Thursday evening I had my new furnace installed. I can’t believe how fast I was helped – you don’t mess around! It was so very nice to finally have a warm place to live. I’m elderly, so thank you so much for helping me.

- Theresa
**Why we give**

We’ve donated to Energy Outreach Colorado ever since they helped James, our elderly neighbor. He’s such a tough guy that we had no idea he was struggling. He’s lived next to us for many years and is retired on a fixed income but we didn’t know how tight that budget was for him. I stopped by one day and found him in his coat – his rooms were freezing cold. He was embarrassed to tell me that his furnace stopped working and he couldn’t afford to fix it. Together, we looked for assistance and found EOC. Within 48 hours they were installing a new furnace for him at no cost. They were kind and respectful, and I knew this was an organization we would support from now on.

- Gwen and Mark, of Denver

**Support your neighbors in need.**
**Donate today.**

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