Dear TRI friends and community members,

In 2021, amidst the continuing pandemic, TRI served an increasing number of men and women returning from prison. We adopted a new mission, vision, and slogan, which encompass more of TRI’s work for the Longmont community. We are honored by the continued support from our partners, donors, grantors and TRI members. Together we fulfill our mission and provide a warm welcome to returning community members.

TRI’s Welcome Back and Wellness Centers continued to expand programming and serve more members. New, creative incentives motivated members to reach their goals as TRI instituted a monthly contest for members to test their knowledge on helpful topics and win a valuable prize. We added a new evidenced-based curriculum to address the roots of trauma, addiction, and mental health challenges. In addition, we started work on TRI’s drop-in Social Club, a peer run group for members to connect, support one another, and build healthy relationships that provide belonging and safety. TRI also introduced home-cooked dinners for our program groups to provide nourishment and a shared meal.

In 2021, TRI continued its robust internship program, offering four master’s level interns a supervised experience supporting our members in the Wellness Center. Two of the four students returned to TRI for a second year. All four students will graduate in the coming months, and TRI is proud of their dedication and commitment.

Four new community leaders joined TRI’s Board of Directors including Amanda Newsome-Shaw, Ellen Ross, Jennifer Loper and Norma Portnoy. The entire board has provided critical guidance to TRI’s staff. We look forward to continuing to grow and enhance our services to produce a smooth and successful transition for our members to go “from surviving to thriving” in our community.

Thank you again for your support.

WAYNE SIMMONS  
Board Chair

EMILY KLEEMAN, LCSW  
Executive Director

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The Welcome Back Center is a one-stop shop that provides members with case management, training, and basic necessities after release. The Center was funded for a third year in 2021 by the WAGEES Program (Work and Gain Education & Employment Skills). As a result of early prison releases, TRI also saw an increased number of people seeking assistance from the Center. Members are connected with supportive services including transportation, employment preparation, acquiring identification documents such as birth certificates, clothing for employment, and medical assistance.

WEWELCOME BACK CENTER

YEARYSTATS

GOAL

100% of members enroll in WAGEES

60% of members find jobs and 50% of those maintain their jobs for at least 90 days

50% of members enroll in an educational program and 50% of those complete their courses

<20% recidivism rate (being charged with a crime)

ACTUAL

98.57% of members enrolled in WAGEES

57.76% of members found jobs and 80% of those maintained their jobs for at least 90 days

53.85% of members enrolled in an educational program and 5% of those completed their courses

10.34% recidivism rate

$17,950

DOLLARS SPENT IN DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES AND HOUSING SUPPORT AT THE WELCOME BACK CENTER IN FY21

Reported figures are based on the WAGEES grant year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The WAGEES Program is fully funded by HV14-1365, SB18-1176 and HB 18-1176 through the Colorado Department of Corrections in the amount of $195,564.

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TRI opened the Wellness Center in August 2020 to provide members with mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment using a number of evidence-based and trauma-informed practices. Through individual and group sessions, we support our members holistically, addressing their hypervigilance and overactive nervous systems, focusing on trauma recovery and developing skills, and giving them tools to de-escalate and make healthier decisions.

In 2021 we adopted Dr. Stephanie Covington’s evidence-based, highly effective curriculum and we’ve seen amazing results for participating members. We were also approved to accept Medicaid and Alternative Treatment Provider funds for all members referred to TRI for treatment. This means we can take 100% of members referred from parole. Perhaps most excitingly, we began to provide meals at every group helping us connect and share with our members. This has increased our engagement and member participation.

The men’s resiliency group is by far, the best group I have ever participated in. I have learned how to understand trauma and how to process my feelings in a different way that no one offered before. My relationships are improving and I am making healthier decisions. Thank you to TRI for believing in us and providing a safe space for our population.

-Male Group Member

What other members say

I’ve never been to a program for treatment where they actually care about us and feed us. And the food is always home cooked, which just shows how much time you take to care about our wellbeing.

For the first time in my life I feel seen and heard, not judged. I have a chance to do better and I encourage all my friends to come for help.
TRIUMPH PROGRAM

Due to COVID, we were not permitted inside Denver Women’s Correctional Facility during FY2021, so we unfortunately did not hold any traditional classes. However, of our five participants still inside, all moved to community or facilities mid-year. Five of seven women have been released to date and all five women are thriving in their Denver Metro community.

All of our participants have stayed engaged in post-release programming. All were employed within 30-45 days of release, engaged in mental health services and other supports offered through TRI and community partners. Emily Kleeman, our TRI ED, attends all meetings with Denver Women’s Correctional Facility and Department of Corrections staff to stay involved and aware of the facility changes and prison reform movements. TRI continues to look for funds to fully support our return inside and we currently have plans to reenter in the next fiscal year once funds are solidified.

TRI supported three members achieve a Peer Support Mentoring Credential. One of the three has been offered a position on our TRI staff and the other candidates are interviewing for positions at local nonprofits. Peer mentors are an important piece of the reentry process. They offer our members validation and support during the difficult moments. The mentors provide members a safe space as they work through their challenges and inspire our members with their own story of overcoming obstacles in their journey. TRI is excited to support these members with the next steps in their careers.

I cannot believe five years ago we were inside Denver Women’s Correction Facility in class and today I am employed as a Peer Mentor for TRI. Thank you so much for everything you have done and continue to do for me. I love you all so much!

-Female TRI Peer Mentor

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INTERNS

2021 FINANCIALS

Expenses
Payroll & Benefits 65%
Client Assistance 3.5%
Operating 31.5%

Sources of Revenue
WAGEES 54%
Individuals 22%
Medicaid / ATP 14%
Foundations 6%
Faith & Service 2%
Government 2%

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