



LuMin CSU Student Housing Security Initiative
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Grant Report to the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado Front Range Region

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LuMin SHSI Committee

The generous support that the LuMin Campus Ministry at CSU Student Housing and Security Initiative received, was used to fully fund the subsidy for two Colorado State University students, in the Student Housing Security Initiative (SHSI) program. The SHSI program subsidizes housing to an affordable rent for students who would otherwise be homeless or housing insecure.

There is a hidden crisis that is occurring nationally; students who attend colleges and universities without proper housing. They sleep on the couches and floors of fellow students (couch surfing), in their cars, or hidden in the library or empty classrooms. According to the Temple University's Hope Survey for Basic Needs, over 3.5 million college students nationwide do not have proper housing. In Fort Collins the number of unhoused or securely housed students is over 3500. Fort Collins Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin) through the Student Housing Security Initiative, has been working since 2019 to help students obtain safe, affordable housing.

Once a student has safe and secure housing that is affordable, they no longer need to work 3-5 part-time jobs to survive, instead they work one or two part-time jobs. And in many cases, these are student worker jobs. This allows them the time, who put their energy into classwork, or to finally have the college experience of their peers. (attending football /basketball games, joining on campus organizations...etc.)

Please know that your amazing support helped two students thrive at Colorado State University and move closer to achieving their dream of a college degree. Funding for this program allows students to excel. The average G.P.A for a SHSI funded student in the class of 2026 was over 3.5.

Two students that you have supported are Jose Eduardo Guitierrez who is working on a double major degree in Political Science and Ethnic Studies and is planning to graduate in June of 2028, and move on to graduate school. Marley Harlow-Tafoya is also a double major student in Biological Science and Pre-Med, she plans to graduate in 2028 and enter medical school.

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your support,

LuMin SHSI Committee

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