

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 24

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WESTSDIE CARES 40 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE PIKES PEAK REGION

WHEREAS, in 1984 Westside CARES was officially recognized as a tax-exempt nonprofit on the west side of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES is an interfaith organization powered by hundreds of volunteers, 24 member faith communities, and over 1,000 individual donors to create lasting change in the region; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES has, over the last 40 years continuously served people experiencing poverty and homelessness in the Colorado Springs community; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES occupies a unique position in our local safety net in collaboration with our other vital human service organizations, providing trauma-informed, low-barrier, and person-first solutions to individuals and families needing community support; and

WHEREAS, Westside CARES recognizes the importance of long-term, trusting relationships in creating lasting change at the individual and collective level; and

WHEREAS, during its tenure Westside CARES has served over 100,000 individuals in our community and deployed over \$10m of in-kind and tangible supports to our community's most vulnerable members; and

WHEREAS, the preventative and remedial services Westside CARES provides create transformation in individual lives and engender community vibrancy through opportunities for self-actualization; and

WHEREAS, preventative and remedial services provided in the private nonprofit sector save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and enhance the economic vitality of the Pikes Peak region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs affirms the innate dignity of every human being and supports community-based organizations that advance the goals of individuals and the collective community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes Westside Cares invaluable contributions to our community and celebrates their 40 years of service.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk