



## **Colorado Community Action**

***Our mission is to partner with other public and private organizations serving low income people***

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Attention: Sharon Barber  
Las Animas Helping Hands  
811 Hurd Avenue  
Las Animas, CO 81054

In regards to: A Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to provide this letter of support to Las Animas Helping Hands. Sharon Barber, the Executive Director of Helping Hands and I have had a rewarding professional relationship for the past three years.

Las Animas Helping Hands has shown itself as a consummate community based organization. Having met the Board of Directors and several of their community supporters, I have come to know the key role their agency plays within Las Animas and the surrounding area. Although relatively new in the region, they have quickly grown in their ability and their reputation, as being able to solve problems and provide services related to the large number of low-income families found within their district.

Sharon Barber and her Board have sought out and gained a lot of suitable knowledge and skill as to the successful operation of a non-profit organization. Having observed their use of available training resources with Colorado Community Action Association, JVA Consultants and Colorado Resource Center, I attest to their dedication to learn the "best practices" available.

Most importantly, Helping Hands has learned to thrive in a rural community with very limited resources. By thriving, they have been able to provide significant assistance to many hundreds of local citizens. They are always searching for new ways to provide family and community building strategies and adding them to their list of successful activities and skills. They have kept their administrative costs to an absolute minimum, putting the vast majority of their resources toward assisting their clients.

Las Animas Helping Hands has joined us in becoming a founding member of the Colorado Asset Building Coalition, to promote Earned Income Tax Credits, Free Tax Sites throughout Colorado and other Asset Building Strategies for low-income families. We can always depend on LAHH to promote programs across the state.

I would highly recommend providing Las Animas Helping hands with any available support. I believe in and trust that any such assistance will be extremely well used and accounted for in their mission to assist their families and community.

Respectfully yours,  
Robert K. Sawyer, Executive Director



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