Community Homes of Patagonia, our local nonprofit housing trust, continues to be blessed by the generosity of this community. We want to thank this year’s Donors and Supporters for their contributions! Anonymous, Bernice Pomeroy & Family, Annie McGreevy & Quentin Lewton, John & Mary Chapin, Jack & Caroline Walsh, Murphy & Kate Musick, Jim & Lou Schatz, Nancy Swyers, Jeff Sandine, Helen Chester & Michael McDonough, Jeanie Snyder, Janice & Ron Pulliam, Anne & Jeff Quirin, Bonnie & John Quirin, Cliff Hirsch, Jean Miller, Maraine Donato, Kathleen Pasiierb, Buford Pippin, Kim Bowden, Chuck Klingensteiın, Lynn Davison, Accountant Shari Danann, Inge Meijer, Bob Brandt & Anne Townsend, Martina Kuehl of Kuehl Enterprises LLC, Jayne Collins, Deborah Goff, Amanda Montanez, Audrey and Brandon Doles, Janie Trafton, Ken & Kathy Morrow, Lila Davison & Tod C. Bowden, Patagonia Community United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, Patagonia Town Manager Ron Robinson & Staff, Patagonia Mayor Andrea Wood & Town Council Members, Patagonia Regional Community Fund, UNITED WAY of Santa Cruz County, Arizona, Pima County Community Land Trust, Angela Laskarides and the Arizona Community Foundation, and the Patagonia Regional CHOP CONTINUES TO BUILD CAPACITY, PARTNERSHIPS, AND FUNDING FOR “GOPHER FIELD” AFFORDABLE HOME PROJECT

At the recent CHOP strategic planning meeting, the Board prioritized continued capacity, partnership, and funding development. In the short-term, goals include:

- hire a qualified staff person to effectively communicate with all members of the community about CHOP’s mission and programs, secure needed sources of funding, and manage daily operational tasks;
- recruit additional directors, members, and volunteers to participate in planning, implementing and funding an affordable home project
- develop a financial/homebuyer/homeowner education class for eligible affordable housing clients and community members
- identify a local builder/developer to construct affordable homes on CHOP’s “Gopher Field” property.

For more details and updates please join us at the Annual Membership Meeting (see sidebar).

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**CHOP HOME REPAIR PROGRAM**

In 2021 CHOP completed two home repair projects that improved the health and safety of eligible homeowners. A sliding transfer chair with swivel seat provided a safe and economic solution for a senior-adult homeowner who was having difficulty navigating into and out of the bathtub/shower area.

Also, thanks to Todd Norton Plumbing LLC a homeowner who had been without running hot water for months was finally able to enjoy the use of a functional household plumbing system. The project included replacement of the cold water supply line, hot water piping to all fixtures, shut off valves, a tub/shower valve and cover plate, and gas hot water heater. The homeowner provided a portion of the project funding and Todd Norton provided a percentage discount on the work.

CHOP wants to thank all of the individual donors, as well as the Patagonia Community Church Thrift Shop for their project contributions.

**CHOP RENEWS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT**

CHOP’s Board of Directors has prioritized the return of an annual fundraising event to benefit the HOME REPAIR Program. New Board Director, Audrey Doles, has spearheaded this effort. Join us at the March 15, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting (see front page side bar) as we share ideas and finalize action plans, dates, and times for reviving this tradition.

**ANNOUNCEMENT: THE HOUSING HOUR**

**THURSDAYS NOON TO 1:00 PM**

Working families and individuals, CHOP wants to know your affordable housing need and demand. Your participation will help direct the organization’s affordable housing plans and projects. On Thursdays, beginning March 24th, from noon to 1:00 PM at the picnic table near the Patagonia Town Park gazebo, please join CHOP Board Director, Tod C. Bowden, to share your thoughts and see if CHOP’s affordable Homeowner Program may be right for you. You can also call 520-394-9051, please leave your name, phone number, and call back time.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF BERNICE POMEROY

Dear Bernice Pomeroy passed away on November 17, 2021. Like so many Patagonia neighbors, friends, families, students, organizations, and businesses, CHOP has been graced with Bernice’s presence and support. Consistently provided contributions for build the capacity to implement an affordable needed home repair projects. Perhaps Bernice’s greatest gift was her faith and encouragement to make a positive difference in our community. Thank you Bernice for sharing that caring, musical spirit with all of us. Special thanks to MaryAnne Pomeroy and Family.

ACKNOWLEDGING JEANNIE LENON ECKER

“Jeannie Louise (Lenon) Ecker passed away peacefully the morning of September 4, 2021, with the love of her family surrounding her.”

Family and celebrate her life and contributions. Jeannie, her sister, Janet Lenon, both Patagonia natives, and brother, Bob Lenon, the children of Robert and Naomi Lenon, supported the cause of affordable housing in Patagonia by selling the “Gopher Field” property to CHOP at less than one-fourth the appraised value.

CHOP WELCOMES AUDREY DOLES TO THE BOARD

At the August 3, 2021 CHOP Board meeting, Directors elected Audrey Doles to fill a vacant Board position. Audrey and her husband, Brandon, are co-owners of the Gathering Grounds Espresso Bar, Deli & Ice Cream, a family-run establishment. In addition to raising three young children and working at the family business, Audrey is a member of the Patagonia Elementary School Board. She has a genuine interest in seeing community families and residents have opportunities to live and thrive in Patagonia. “I grew up in this community and I want to do what I can to help all members of this community to have an opportunity to live here and have resources to continue living here. I personally know how much of a struggle it can be to not just acquire a home but an affordable one. I am excited about the opportunities CHOP has moving forward and I have no doubt we will accomplish amazing things for our community as we work together.”

CHOP’S CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Community Homes of Patagonia’s progress at fulfilling its charitable mission has been the result of many individuals sharing their time, talents, and resources to make a difference in Patagonia and its vicinity. We are so fortunate and grateful for the people who have brought us to this moment! If you are interested in participating, please contact us.