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Commissioners recognize citizens, city and county staff who came to the aid of seniors displaced by large apartment fire in Littleton *More than 300 hours invested, nearly \$70,000 raised to help seniors*

LITTLETON, CO --- A group of citizens and community leaders, who came to the aid of seniors displaced by the Southview Place Towers fire in Littleton in April, were recognized by the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday.

The Commissioners acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of Arapahoe County and City of Littleton employees, along with community volunteers and citizens who helped 132 senior citizens, some of whom lost all their possessions, after a fire destroyed their homes at Southview Place Towers, 5800 block of south Windermere Street in Littleton.

“Our Community Resources and Office of Emergency Management, volunteers and Littleton staff were involved from the beginning to assist these seniors,” said Commissioner and Board Chair Nancy A. Doty, who represents District 1, which includes Littleton. “They were present at the temporary shelter. They attended meetings. They helped residents get into their apartments to retrieve belongings. They aided seniors in their search for new housing. After it is all said and done, our Housing and Community Development division put in more than 300 hours helping these displaced seniors, and as of today, 40 people found new homes, which in this housing market is like 40 miracles.”

Staff and volunteers recognized by the Commissioners Tuesday included:

- Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Management;
- Community Resources Department and the Housing and Community Development Division, which includes Don Klemme, Jeremy Fink, Liana Escott and Linda Haley;
- Mickey Kempf, Community Emergency Response Team Coordinator for the Littleton Police Department;
- Diana Milne, a resident of Southview Place Towers, who as a fire victim herself, worked alongside city and county staff to assist her neighbors in recovering from the fire.

After the fire, Arapahoe County Commissioners designated \$50,000 in grants and established a Southview Apartment Fire Victims Account that has since raised nearly \$18,000 to assist with security deposits and housing needs.

If you wish to contribute to the Southview Apartment Fire Victims Account through the Arapahoe County Foundation, please visit <https://www.razoo.com/story/Southview-Towers-Apartment-Fire-Victims-Fund> or you can mail a check payable to “Arapahoe County Foundation” to 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton, CO 80120. Please include “Southview Apartment Fire Victims” on the memo line of your check.

The Foundation is a Colorado nonprofit corporation organized as a 501(c)(3) and donors will receive a donation acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. All funds raised will be used exclusively to support the victims of the fire, through needs such as utility deposits, security deposits, moving expenses, necessities and other needs.

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