



2024 Letter From Tammy Bellofatto

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We're thrilled to update you on Bayaud Enterprises' remarkable progress and expansions, all made possible by your steadfast support and dedication to our mission of Hope, Opportunity, and Choice.

To kick off 2024, we launched campaigns to expand our low-barrier Resource and Outreach Collaborative (ROC) programs. This included introducing a new community refrigerator and organizing our upcoming fundraiser for the Hope Pantry. To attend Friday, April 19th [click here](#).



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We extend our deepest gratitude for the significant impact you've had on the lives of those served by Bayaud through our low-barrier ROC "A Fresh Start" campaign. With your support, we're nearly halfway toward our \$70,000 goal for a new shower/laundry trailer to enhance our services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Special thanks to [Kyle Clark, 9News](#), and our [Word of Thanks donors](#) for their invaluable assistance. If you'd like to contribute to this new venture, you can do so [here](#).

In this edition, you can learn more about our DEN DayWorks program expansion at Denver International Airport and the launch of our Jefferson County Employment and Training (JET) initiative, which are opening up new pathways to self-sufficiency across the Metro Area.

Lastly, we invite you to join us at our [Lakewood Food and Wine Festival on September 14](#) at Belmar Plaza. It's an opportunity to enjoy yourself while supporting our innovative employment programming, offering Hope, Opportunity, and Choice to adults facing employment hurdles. Tickets are available for purchase, and you can also learn about sponsorship opportunities for the event [here](#).

Your support truly makes a difference, and we're immensely grateful for your partnership on this journey toward positive change. Let's continue working together to create a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

With heartfelt thanks,

Tammy

**"2024 is
taking off..."**



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Kyle Clark, 9News: Closer to Getting A New Trailer

Big picture: Imagine life without easy access to clean clothes or a shower. It impacts job-seeking, employment retention, school attendance and everyday confidence. Showers and clean clothes are essential for health but often overlooked according to at [Kyle Clark, 9News NEXT, Word of Thanks](#).

Why it matters: Bayaud Enterprises' low barrier mobile shower and laundry trailers serve the eight-county Denver metro area, with 5-10 requests monthly to expand beyond their current 14 locations. We plan to add another unit with a \$70,000 goal.

What is a low-barrier service: Bayaud's low-barrier programs intentionally avoids collecting demographic data to minimize barriers for communities in extreme poverty or homelessness. However, this lack of data complicates funding efforts, leading to overwhelming demand exceeding capacity.

What can you do?: Your support brings the '[Fresh Start](#)' initiative closer to acquiring a new trailer, expanding services for the homeless, low-income individuals, migrants, and children experiencing homelessness. With over \$30,000 raised, including help from 9News, Kyle Clark, and Word of Thanks contributors, we are halfway to our goal. We deeply appreciate Clark, 9News, and the Word of Thanks donors. To donate click here.

What's been said about Fresh Start initiative:

- [9News with Kyle Clark Word of Thanks: Bayaud Enterprises' Mobile Laundry & Shower Trucks](#)
- [Bayaud Enterprises' Fresh Start Donation Page](#)

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Bayaud Opens Denver's First Micro-Community Site

Big Picture: [Bayaud Enterprise Staffing Team \(BEST\)](#) inaugurated Denver's first micro-community on New Year's Eve in Northeast Denver, at 38th and Peoria St. BEST aims to provide long-term solutions leading to permanent housing and employment for community members.

What are Micro-communities: The single-occupancy pallet homes are quickly deployable structures that, when complemented with various on-site services, aid the transition of unhoused residents to permanent housing and employment.

Why it matters: [Micro-communities](#) are integral to Denver Mayor Johnson's House1000 plan, a temporary housing solution for formerly unhoused individuals. This community accommodates 54 formerly homeless adults and pets, offering a range of services including food provision, laundry, janitorial, security, among other basic and employment-related services.

What's being said: The city chose Bayaud Enterprises, a Denver-based nonprofit, to operate the "micro-community" and provide 24/7 monitoring services. "This is such a symbol of what we wanted to create," said [Cole Chandler, the mayor's homeless czar](#), to The Denver Gazette while surveying the site. "It wasn't just about getting people indoors, but it's about bringing people back to life and helping them thrive. And you see that in this space."

What's been said about Bayaud's Micro-Community program:

- [Denver gets first glimpse of Pallet mini shelters for homeless | denvergazette.com](#)
- [Denver opens first "micro-community" to house homeless | denvergazette.com](#)
- [Denver meets goal of housing 1000 unhoused people before 2024 - CBS Colorado](#)
- <https://www.msn.com/en-us/video/money/denver-opens-first-micro-community>



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Bayaud's HousingWorks for 230 Residents

What is HousingWorks: For unhoused individuals and families formerly in encampments, HousingWorks at the Radisson Hotel at 48th Ave and Bannock St, is a temporary "non-congregate" housing shelter. Individuals can be housed either in private rooms (also called non-congregate shelter) or in one large room, like a gym (called congregant shelter), guests sign an occupancy agreement instead of a lease or and are typically used when longer-term temporary sheltering is required to provide support services.

What services are included: The HousingWorks program will have staff on site 24 hours a day, providing wraparound services that include meals, community events, security, mental and physical health care referrals, substance/misuse care, case management, housing navigation, and workforce development.

What they're saying: The city also approved a contract with Bayaud Enterprises Inc. to manage meal services, support programs, and day-to-day operations at the Radisson. "These additional beds are crucial to addressing our city's homelessness crisis," Mayor Mike Johnston stated. "Every person deserves a safe haven, and we're committed to bringing everyone indoors, especially during the cold winter months."

What's been said about Bayaud's HousingWorks program:

- [Denver approves plan to lease another hotel for homeless shelter | FOX31 Denver](#)
- [Denver will lease the Radisson Hotel in Globeville for shelter - Denverite](#)
- [Denver approves turning the Radisson Hotel into shelter – I'm From Denver \(imfromdenver.com\)](#)



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JET & New Heights DayWorks Programs Have Taken Off

The Big Picture: “Workplaces can be engines of mental health and well-being” according to the U.S. Surgeon General (2022). At its best, work provides us the ability to support ourselves and our loved ones and can also provide us with a sense of meaning, opportunities for growth, and a community.

State of Play: DayWorks partners with cities, counties, and other entities to provide paid transitional work experience to unhoused residents while they search for permanent jobs. A pilot program with the City of Lakewood led to a Jefferson County-wide initiative that includes upskilling training subsidies. Additionally, a second pilot launched at Denver International Airport (DEN) engages individuals exiting Colorado’s justice system in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Corrections, and it has been extended for up to five years.

What’s taking off in Jefferson County: The new Jeffco Employment & Training (JET) initiative, a collaborative effort with Jeffco Workforce Development, offers a low-barrier DayWorks program. JET provides work experience and same-day pay to those experiencing homelessness or COVID-related challenges. The program features of JET include upskilling, on-site support, job coaching, meals, transportation, assistance in securing long-term jobs, and connections to additional resources.

Why is New Heights flying high: The successful pilot program, [New Heights at Denver International Airport \(DEN\)](#), has evolved into a three-year grant-funded initiative. In collaboration with DEN, the Colorado Department of Corrections, and Bayaud, [it supports formerly incarcerated individuals in achieving sustainable employment at prevailing wages.](#)

What’s been said about Bayaud’s DayWorks programs:

- [Denver International Airport aims to give temporary employment to those transitioning from justice system - CBS Colorado \(cbsnews.com\).](#)

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