



# Garfield County Housing Authority

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## **HOUSING AUTHORITY HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Garfield County Housing Authority (GCHA) is pleased to announce that Cheryl Strouse has been hired as the organization's new executive director, effective October 15, following a national search to replace outgoing Executive Director KT Gazunis.

A ten-year veteran of the housing authority, Cheryl has been the organization's director of Operations and chief financial officer. With a B.S. degree in Business Administration and an A.A.S. degree in Accounting from Colorado Mountain College, Cheryl also brings a wealth of advanced certifications in HUD Section 8 voucher management from national organizations, including NanMcKay, Nelrod and NAHRO. Cheryl has also managed the deed-restricted housing portfolio with affordable housing units for Garfield County and the town of Carbondale.

Strouse will head up a staff of six, including three program specialists and a deed-restricted housing specialist. She is excited to take on the challenge of managing the housing authority's day-to-day operations, while advancing opportunities to participate in multiple programs to aid low, moderate-and middle-income households seeking affordable housing in Garfield County.

## **About Garfield County House Authority**

Garfield County Housing Authority serves county residents, from Carbondale to Parachute, who cannot afford conventional housing. GCHA assists individuals, families, seniors and persons with disabilities in procuring affordable rental housing opportunities. GCHA also manages multiple Colorado Division of Housing vouchers in Rio Blanco, Moffat, Pitkin and Eagle counties, and the Silt Senior Housing Complex for the town of Silt. The housing authority also owns and operates Valley Senior Housing in Parachute.

The mission of the GCHA is to assist low-income families seeking decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives; to provide necessary assistance to families for the rental of appropriate housing; to facilitate development of housing that is both affordable and attainable for lower-income families.

GCHA also works with multiple communities and local governments in this region on affordable housing policies and guidelines. Currently, GCHA has partnered with multiple LIHTC projects, bringing much-needed affordable housing to area residents—from Red Hill Lofts in Carbondale to Glenwood Greens in Glenwood Springs, to Lakota Ridge in New Castle to the new Maxfield Heights project in Rifle.

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