

THE FACTS ABOUT...



The Gathering Place
a refuge for rebuilding lives

The Gathering Place is...

- Denver's only day center for women, mothers and children experiencing poverty and seeking support.
- A safe refuge where women and children can rebuild their lives.
- A place where guests can receive services that meet survival needs, partake in programs that nurture personal strengths, enhance opportunities for personal growth and develop a sense of community.
- A community resource for learning about the issues that surround people in poverty.

The Gathering Place provides...

- Essential survival services such as food, clothing, bathing facilities, telephones, laundry, mail and messaging services.
- Individual and support group counseling.
- Access to more than 50 other community service providers.
- Self-sufficiency programs such as free GED classes, the Card Project, childcare, writer's group, computer lab, and job training.
- Community tours and presentations about The Gathering Place, and information concerning poverty and homelessness among women and children.
- Opportunities for community involvement through volunteer and financial support.

Did you know...

- Homelessness among children and families continues to be one of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population in Denver. In 1998, 67% of those visiting The Gathering Place were living either in a shelter, transitional housing, hotel room, rooming house, or on the street.
- In 1998, The Gathering Place had 28,627 visits from women and 6,104 visits from children.
- 51% of the children visiting were under the age of 3 years.
- 72,376 meals were served in 1998 and 14,932 food boxes were given away.
- Nearly half (48%) of the women who came to The Gathering Place in 1998 were single and 39% were single parents.
- The typical homeless family is a single, 20-year-old mother with two children under the age of 6.
- The Gathering Place was recognized in Richard Steckel's Book, *In Search of America's Best Nonprofits*, for its outstanding efforts in community collaboration with other organizations.
- In 1998, The Gathering Place gave away 84,310 diapers and 82,248 bus tokens. We also made 19,138 housing and 7,637 employment referrals.

The Gathering Place is privately funded through the generous support of the community. Your contribution makes a difference. To learn about volunteer opportunities, arrange for a presentation to your group or make a financial contribution, please call us at 303-321-4198.

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