

# Family and Senior Homeless Initiative

## Pros:

- The opportunity to work as your own case manager with a case load that you are solely responsible for.
- Witnessing your clients grow as individuals & helping them every step of the way.
- Obtaining valuable expertise needed in the workplace, from organizational proficiency to building rapport & communication skills.

## Cons:

- Working in an environment that can be stressful & discouraging at times.
- Having to turn down prospective clients due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The process of gaining these great skills can be tedious & overwhelming.
- Possibility of being conned by your clients when you are trying your best to help them & their situation.

## Helping the Homeless in Colorado

FSHI is Mayor Hickenlooper's call to the faith community for congregations to embrace and advise 1,000 homeless families during Denver's ten year plan to end homelessness. Denver's Road Home was founded in 2005 and as of April 30th 2010, 285 congregations have offered their services, and 704 families and seniors have moved into permanent housing. The Family and Senior Homeless Initiative offers \$1000 towards first month's rent and deposit for homeless families with children 17 and younger in their custody (and living with them) or seniors ages 60+. We pair them with a faith-based mentor team they meet with 7 times over an 18 week period; the mentors offer them support and information, and go through our Financial Goal Setting Handbook (and Parenting Guide with them if they have children). Once the client has been in housing for 4 months and has completed the 7 meetings, they bring in their completed Financial Goal Setting Handbook and receive a \$200 King Sooper's gift card. If they have been in housing one year and they we are still able to be contact them, they are eligible to receive a donated car (based on availability and need) from the mission.



"People who are homeless are not social inadequacies. They are people without homes."

**"MOST OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS NOT HOMELESS BY CHOICE. THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ILLNESS OR DISABILITY THAT HAS LEFT THEM ON THE STREETS."**

### Denver Rescue Mission

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