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Family & Senior Homeless Initiative

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- WHAT:** Helps homeless families and seniors secure stable, long-term housing through faith community mentoring and first month's rent and deposit assistance.
- WHERE:** The Crossing, 6090 Smith Road, Denver, CO 80216, Phone: 303.313.2440, Fax: 303.297.9308
Email: FSHI@FSHI.ORG
- WHO SERVED:** Homeless families and seniors with legal, verifiable, steady income.
- HISTORY:** FSHI is Mayor Hickenlooper's call to the faith community for 1,000 congregations to embrace and mentor 1,000 homeless families during the city's ten year plan to end homelessness. The plan, called Denver's Road Home, was instituted in 2005. As of August 31, 2010, 290 congregations have answered the call, and 745 families and seniors have been partnered with faith community mentor teams and moved into permanent housing.
- PROGRAM:** FSHI pairs a faith community mentor team with a homeless family or senior to provide the first month's rent and deposit, as well as mentoring, with the end goal of sustainable permanent housing. Trained mentors offer the family physical, spiritual, financial, and emotional assistance for four to six months, over a minimum of seven meetings.
- SUCCESS:** Thanks to the efforts of the faith community, 2,089 individuals have been placed in housing and 85% of families who had been mentored are still in housing one year later! A number of cities have modeled programs after the Family and Senior Homeless Initiative, such as Las Vegas, Portland, Fort Collins, Dallas, Boise, and Knoxville.