



Initiatives in Action: Adult Self Sufficiency Initiative



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Hope For Homeless Families

“I just want to get my baby situated,” says Burning Sky, a new mom and one of the more than 600 people who attended the first-ever Family Project Homeless Connect.

Burning Sky, and so many others, came to the Pepsi Center on October 9, 2009 to get information about housing.

In partnership with Denver’s Road Home, the Pepsi Center and Kroenke Sports Enterprises, your support helped us serve nearly 1,200 men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness or on the verge of becoming homeless.

This was the eighth Project Homeless Connect, but the first that focused on families. At each Project Homeless Connect, individuals and families have access to Denver-area service organizations in a one-stop shop. Services include basic medical care, food stamp benefits, veteran’s services, resumé assistance, legal advice, haircuts and basic hygiene products, among others.

Mercedes came to the event with her two children, ages 3 and 11 months.

“I just got a job, but I want to maintain the stability I have,” Mercedes says. “I am here to get medical services for myself and legal advice.”

She also planned to take her older child to get a haircut.

More than 400 volunteers, including members from Mile High United Way’s Board of Trustees, were on-hand and were paired individually with each family or individual to walk them through the services.

Damien, a homeless advocate who was formerly homeless himself, was helping a client apply for a job.

“I know first-hand that this will go beyond providing services, it will bring about solutions for these folks.”



Volunteers worked one-on-one with families seeking services at the Pepsi Center during Family Project Homeless Connect.

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