



Initiatives in Action: Adult Self Sufficiency Initiative



A Community of Helping Hands

Sometimes it just takes a helping hand to get back in the game. And, for more than 800 men, women and children, Project Homeless Connect 9 (PHC9) did just that.

In fact, the Saturday, May 22, 2010, event provided more than 800 sets of volunteer hands and hearts to those experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

Check out the [Project Homeless Connect 9 video](#).

Project Homeless Connect is a twice annual community event which offers a one-stop shop of services including eviction assistance, legal advice, a dental clinic, access to public assistance and much more.

Volunteers work one-on-one with each individual and family to make sure that they receive the services and the help that they need.

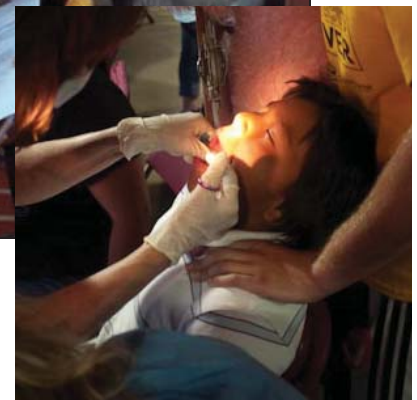
PHC9 was organized and made possible by support from:

- Denver's Road Home
- Mile High United Way
- Concerts For Kids
- Comcast Cares
- Colorado Rockies
- Denver Department of Human Services
- University of Denver
- Metro State College of Denver

More than 300 service providers spent valuable, personal time with each client and client family delivering amazing support and guidance to help them get back on the road to independence and self-sufficiency.



ABOVE: A PHC 9 volunteer and her happy client.



RIGHT: A young boy receives a dental checkup.

“It’s amazing how much we can do for those who really need help when we all come together,” said one PHC9 volunteer. “I know that my time here today is truly making a difference in people’s lives.”

Along with services like IDs and birth certificates, legal advice, employment and housing and basic medical screenings, PHC9 clients also had access to a dental clinic. In five hours, professional dental volunteers saw 114 patients and performed 222 extractions and 34 fillings!

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“I’ve needed to see a dentist for years, but never had the money,” said one woman who is currently living in a shelter. “This is truly a blessing and I am grateful for everything.”

PHC9 provides the support and services people need to become self-sufficient and is a vital part of Mile High United Way’s [Adult Self Sufficiency Initiative](#).

The next Project Homeless Connect is set for the Fall of 2010, when more help and more volunteers gather to make a difference and improve people’s lives.



A PHC 9 volunteer and her client shop for clothing.

For more information about our Adult Self Sufficiency Initiative, please visit our website at www.unitedwaydenver.org.

We can do more together.



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