

Annual Report 2008/2009

The Gathering Place

a refuge for rebuilding lives

When The Gathering Place (TGP) was founded in 1986, women made up 10% of the homeless population in Denver. Now, women and children are estimated to be 50% of all homeless persons in the city and are the fastest-growing demographic within the homeless population.



Photo courtesy of Samantha Horoschak, TGP

"The Gathering Place is a Healing Place for me."
-Melinda, TGP Basic Services Client



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"When you are homeless there aren't many places where you can go... You don't go to places where you are not wanted, but here you feel welcomed and the staff wants to help you."
-Berda, TGP Client

"When I had the baby I was so afraid but The Gathering Place helped me with diapers, wipes, and baby food. Things that I was struggling to get on my own, so that kept me from feeling like I couldn't do it..."

I don't really trust my daughter with a lot of people, she's my only one and I don't have any family here, but I trust them.

-Leonora, TGP Family Area Client

From the President/CEO



“For The Gathering Place, diversity is life. Each day the types of people who come to receive our services vacillate on the most basic level between those who are unaccompanied and those who come with children and families. Within and across each group the differences are remarkable – an array of people from all walks of life, with different educational levels, from different countries, with varying family backgrounds, educations, and life experiences. The defining characteristics that bring everyone together are a need for services and a willingness to ask for help. With this in mind, The Gathering Place community strives to offer choice and an opportunity for decision-making about one’s own needs, desires, and plans for the future. This adds to the complexity of the organization and it enhances our learning and our value to each other.

We challenge ourselves to learn about cultures and lifestyles with which we are not familiar. We strive to recruit and retain volunteers and staff that reflect the diversity of the people we serve. We learn new skills, struggle and forgive our mistakes, and continue to move forward with a focus on offering each person something familiar, something needed, and a unique experience that will support the individual and the family. We are grateful to the many partnerships we have in the public and private sector that make our goals possible, to the donors who support us in being uniquely harmonious, and to the people we serve who have the courage to ask for help and who touch our lives in ways we only imagined.”

Leslie Foster, President & CEO, The Gathering Place

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From the Governing Board Chair



“Diversity in today’s world is perhaps an overworked word. Not at The Gathering Place where the women and children that we serve are both single and married. Some have their children or grandchildren with them. Others are by themselves. The people we serve come from all races, religions, and economic and educational backgrounds with a variety of issues, circumstances and needs. Some require something as simple as RTD bus tokens for transportation to a job interview or medical appointment. Others may require medical treatment, computer training, decent clothing, a hot meal or even counseling. Sadly, some of these women are veterans of the homeless or near-homeless experience. Also, we are seeing many new homeless women and their children. Some are victims of physical abuse and domestic violence. Some have recently become unemployed and are unable to afford their rent and have no place to go.

Leslie and her senior management team have done a wonderful job of recruiting, training and deploying a versatile and flexible staff who must adapt to a variety of clients’ needs that change daily. In addition to being totally dedicated, our staff are smart, agile, and can move quickly when opportunities become available to enhance our ability to provide more resources for the women and children we serve.

I am astounded in this time of greater need and fewer financial resources to watch a devoted and committed staff provide exceptional service to such a diverse client base.”

Dave Herlinger, 2008-2009 Chair, Governing Board of Directors

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The Legacy Society recognizes those individuals who have included The Gathering Place in their estate plans. By doing so, they ensure that The Gathering Place will care for women and children for many years to come. For further information about The Gathering Place Legacy Society or to inform us of planned gifts, please contact Brenda Roush, Vice-President of Development (303) 996-9027 or brenda@the-gatheringplace.org

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The Gathering Place Association

The mission of The Gathering Place Association is to support the purpose and programs of The Gathering Place. Founded in 1990, The Association has grown to over 400 members and has raised over \$1,000,000 for The Gathering Place.

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The Gathering Place Association Holiday Fair

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The Gathering Place Mission and Philosophy

Mission Statement

Founded in 1986, The Gathering Place supports women and their children experiencing homelessness and poverty by providing a safe daytime refuge and resources for self-sufficiency.

The Gathering Place Philosophy

Community of Acceptance

At The Gathering Place, we believe that each woman who comes through our doors is a valuable human being with a unique set of circumstances. We also believe when a woman feels accepted and cared for she can collect her inner resources and make wise choices that will support her in rebuilding her life.

Together, the women, staff, and volunteers of The Gathering Place cultivate a climate that is built on appreciating individual differences. In shaping our own community, we use each other's unique gifts and lessons to form bonds of respect and friendship.

Women are encouraged to develop individual strengths in an atmosphere of acceptance and support, with services designed to promote choice and self-determination. As Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women and children who are experiencing homelessness or poverty, The Gathering Place offers women and families essential tools for rebuilding their lives.

Shelter from Harm

The Gathering Place is a safe haven for women and children during times of homelessness or poverty. A woman cannot concentrate on a search for housing if she is hungry. A woman will not be successful in gaining employment if she has no place to bathe or keep her clothing clean. The Gathering Place is a refuge that lets women and mothers address their families' immediate needs so they can focus on the future.

Opportunities for Hope

The welcoming and open environment of The Gathering Place promotes rest, rejuvenation, and consideration of future choices. Our programs are designed to foster the talent and potential within each person we serve.

People seeking support from The Gathering Place are encouraged to build a network of service providers that best fits their unique life circumstances. To help them accomplish this The Gathering Place has collaborative relationships with over 40 other organizations and agencies in the community.



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The Gathering Place Continues to Thrive

In spite of the tough economic climate during this reported fiscal year (October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009) The Gathering Place continued to provide the same quality programs and services to everyone who came to us in need.

During this year we experienced record numbers of individuals seeking our services, especially those who had become homeless for the first time in their lives. During this same period of time we realized that we needed to make some difficult adjustments as many of our long-time donors were forced to pull back on the amount of support they could extend during the recession. Although it was a tough year, we weathered the storm without having to cut any programs or services, nor were we forced to endure any staff layoffs. This was accomplished in part by The Gathering Place asking every staff member to take seven furlough days before the end of this fiscal year. Some staff members went above and beyond and voluntarily agreed to cuts in their work hours and/or their salaries.

The Gathering Place Executive Team also issued a call to all staff members to take a look around the building and in their individual work areas to find ways to cut other costs without effecting programs or services. Some of the ideas that were implemented include:

- Lights in low use and non-essential areas are kept off and all light bulbs in the building have been switched to low-energy use bulbs.
- All recyclables are being recycled. This has allowed us to downsize our garbage dumpster and saves The Gathering Place money on trash collection fees.
- More volunteers have stepped up to offer their skills and expertise to help out with building repair and maintenance issues. Volunteers are also instructing staff on how to perform simple repairs and maintenance. This is resulting in substantial saving for us on outside service and repair calls.
- We switched to remanufactured copier and printer toner cartridges which saves money and is good for the environment
- We are now using an *Ecolab* cleaning system, which allows us to purchase concentrated cleaning chemicals and mix them onsite. We reuse spray bottles and have realized a substantial cost savings and less garbage/waste.
- When purchasing necessary items for TGP we opt for less expensive store brands instead of name brands whenever possible.

The Gathering Place Financial Statement October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009	
Support and Revenue	
Contributions	\$1,829,590
Net Special Events Revenue	\$207,993
Contributed Supplies	\$404,335
Donated Professional Services	\$356,658
<u>Program Service Income</u>	<u>\$205,223</u>
Total Support and Revenue	\$3,003,799
Expenses	
Programs and Services	\$2,707,463
Supporting Services	
General and Administration	\$479,874
Fundraising and Development	\$223,969
Total Support Services	\$703,843
Total expenses	\$3,411,306
<i>Excerpted from the independent auditors report prepared by Ehrhardt, Keefe, Steiner, Hottman, PC, Certified Public Accountants and Advisors. For a complete report please contact The Gathering Place Development Department at 303-996-9043</i>	

The Gathering Place Facts and Stats at a Glance

Fiscal Year 2008/09

Number of Individual Donors: **4,572**

Number of Foundation Donors: **109**

Number of Volunteers:
381+ Individuals and 89+ Groups

Average Daily Visits from Women and Children: **345**

Busiest Day in TGP History: **On December 29, 2008**
The Gathering Place served a total of 633 women and children
making this our busiest day since opening in 1986



Photo courtesy of Samantha Horoschak, TGP

Total Number of Visits from
Women and Children:
95,559 visits

Total Number of Meals
Served: **69,663, or an**
average of 5,805 meals per month

Total Number of Visits to Bridget's Boutique (TGP's Emergency Clothing Bank): **4,332**

Betsy's Cupboard (TGP's Emergency Food and Hygiene Pantry) provided:

- **4,178 Emergency Food Boxes**
- **1,725 Emergency Infant Supply Packages**
- **4,261 Toiletry and Hygienic Supply Packages**

The Gathering Place GED (General Equivalency Diploma) Program:

- **157 Total Students**
- **92 Individual Tests Passed (Students must pass Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Science and Math tests to achieve their General Equivalency Diploma.**
- **11 women earned their GED certificate**



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The Gathering Place: The Family Area

In the Family Area, staff and volunteers provide a safe, healthy, happy and nurturing environment for families to interact and grow. During this reporting period, an average of 457 different children visited the family area each month to enjoy the real work of childhood – carefree activities and play.

Many of the children who visit our Family Area know the stress and hardship of losing a home and the instability that follows. Some spend long hours every day traveling from one appointment to the next, learning to sit quietly and patiently while their mothers fill out applications for shelter, food or financial resources. There are few opportunities for school-learning and far too many opportunities for learning about survival. Homelessness and poverty can be harsh and exhausting for a child, but in the Family Area they are encouraged and free to be kids. Without a sense of stability, we become the substitute home for children, offering simple services, such as saving a painting for a day and proudly hanging it on the wall for all to see, as well as complex case management for the family as they work to find housing, schools and child care.

Each family has unique needs and the Family Area staff and volunteers provide individual attention and support. The first goal is always to ensure family safety. After that, resources are offered to support education, a family income, and healthy relationships. Food and supplies to take back to a motel, shelter, or a temporary home remind families that we care about and are willing to address their comprehensive needs throughout a day and that they are always welcome back. Young adults who came to The Gathering Place as children often recall that The Gathering Place was the place where they knew they were loved, where they could relax their vigilance, and where their imaginations were encouraged.



Photo courtesy of Annie Stevenson

During this reporting period, The Gathering Place Family Area...

Had a total of **9,585 visits**

Average monthly visits: **799**

Average new families per month: **99**

of infant supply packages distributed: **1,725**

Family Area Programs and Services

- Age appropriate toys, activities, and computer programs
- Napping and nursery area
- Library
- Teen Computer Lab
- Meals and Snacks
- Bathing and Laundry
- Clothing
- Over-the-counter medications
- Infant supplies (diapers, wipes, formula, wash, lotion, etc.)
- Referrals to other resources and/or service providers
- Children and Family Advocacy

“Thank you will never be enough to say. The Gathering Place was our home when we didn’t have one; our family when ours was gone. You love and support so many mothers and children but somehow you made us feel like our family was number one on the list... thank you.”

-Tracy, TGP client



Photo courtesy of Annie Stevenson

The Gathering Place: Women's Services

Since we first opened our doors in 1986 women and their children who are experiencing homelessness and poverty have considered The Gathering Place their home, and The Gathering Place community their family. For unaccompanied women, this sense of belonging is critical. Often alone, in shelters, motels and on the streets, many of these women report having few friends or people that they trust to understand their lives, listen to their stories, or reinforce their value. Frequently doubled up with families and friends for short periods of time and sometimes living on the streets, unaccompanied women lack a foundation or roots from which they can grow and rebuild their lives. Learning to not trust others becomes a survival skill when faced with the dangers of being alone.

During the 2008/2009 fiscal year we realized a 20% increase in requests for services and a sharp increase in women who were experiencing homelessness for the first time in their lives. Many unaccompanied women have worked hard through their adult lives and have recently become unemployed or had their working hours reduced. Those who don't know where to turn for help or how to access services report the experience as overwhelming and frightening. A community of acceptance and a sense of belonging helps women gather their resources so that they can begin to lead the life they imagine for themselves.

When women come to The Gathering Place for the first time they are welcomed unconditionally and quickly learn about our Community of Acceptance. The Welcome Desk staff learns about the new person's situation during the intake process and guides that person toward programs and resources that help her rebuild her life. Other members of The Gathering Place community are quick and eager to offer advice and help newly homeless women navigate systems, access vital community services, and offer friendship and support. The Gathering Place community is about sharing experiences and resources and helping each other in a non-judgmental and comforting manner.

TGP Basic Services Programming

- Breakfast, Lunch and hearty afternoon snack
- Intake Interviews determine the type and level of need
- Bus Tokens
- Laundry Facilities
- Showers
- Mail Service
- Access to Phones & Message boxes
- Personal Lockers
- Resources & Referrals to Other Agencies
- Motel and Housing Vouchers
- Nap Room
- Betsy's Cupboard, TGP's Food Bank
- Bridget's Boutique, TGP's Clothing Closet
- Housing Stabilization Program
- Safe Refuge



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Personal Growth and Learning Programs

- Pro Bono Mental Health Counselors
- Pro Bono Lawyers
- Dept. of Human Services Liaison
- Mental Health Centers of Denver Liaison
- Card Project
- Writers Group
- Yoga & Laughter Yoga
- Arts/Crafts Programs
- Financial Literacy & Responsibility Classes
- Computer Lab and Computer Literacy Classes
- GED preparation and testing
- Stout Street Clinic - Mobile Medical Unit
- Personal Networks of Support
- COPD, Asthma and Smoking Cessation Classes
- Socialization opportunities

“For unaccompanied women, The Gathering Place is where friends gather to exchange the news of the day. It’s where they share life experiences, pass on wisdom, lend a hand when needed, cry over failures, and celebrate life’s successes ”

Leslie Foster, President and CEO of The Gathering

The Gathering Place Volunteers

The role of volunteers is fundamental to the mission of The Gathering Place and we are very grateful to all of those who choose to volunteer and serve women and children experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Hundreds of volunteers have provided services and support to The Gathering Place during this reporting period. If you were a volunteer during this period and you do not see your name on this list - we sincerely apologize. Please contact Justine Zollo at 303-996-9034 or Justine@the-gatheringplace.org with any volunteer related questions or concerns.

Individual Volunteers

Hillary Adams
Stacie Aiden
Denise Albrecht
Amelia Alexander
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Month	Hours	Value
Oct.	2,235	\$47,985.45
Nov.	1,616	\$34,695.52
Dec.	1,563	\$33,557.61
Jan.	1,635	\$35,103.45
Feb.	1,683	\$36,134.01
Mar.	2,101	\$45,108.47
Apr.	1,759	\$37,765.73
May	1,439	\$30,895.33
Jun.	1,730	\$37,143.10
Jul.	1,721	\$36,949.87
Aug.	1,746	\$37,486.62
Sep.	2,290	\$49,166.30
Total Hours	21,518	
Total Value		\$461,991.46*
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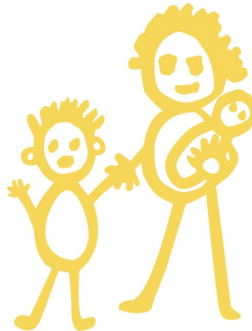
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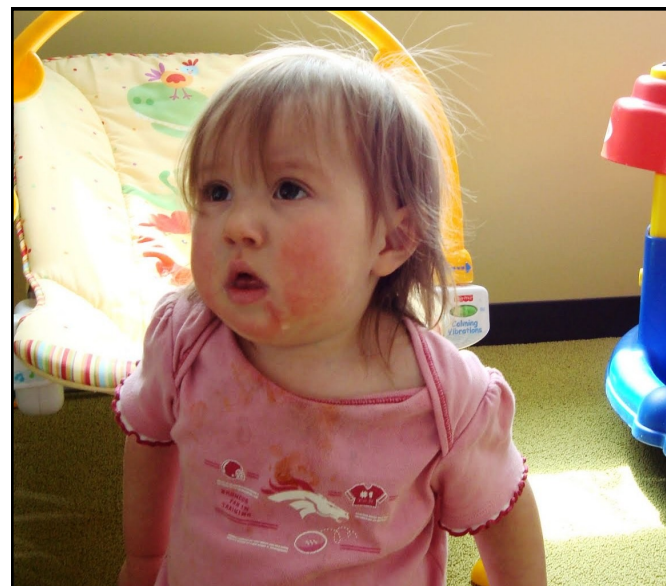


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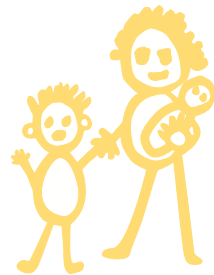
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