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The Gathering Place Celebrates Ten Years of Service on Denver's High Street

The organization will mark the milestone achievement with a gala fundraiser September 9

DENVER — The Gathering Place is celebrating the tenth anniversary of opening their one-of-a-kind facility at 1535 High Street specifically designed to fit the needs of women in poverty. The building, which was torn down and renovated in 2006, opened September 18, 2007 boasting 28,800 square feet to serve women, their children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness in the Denver metropolitan area.

“When we first opened our doors on High Street in 1990, we served about 25 to 35 women each day,” says president and CEO Leslie Foster. “By 2005, we were seeing an average of 300 women and children a day, and our building became an inhibiting factor in our attempt to serve more individuals in need.”

In 2006, the original building was torn town, and construction of a new facility began with The Gathering Place staff temporarily working out of the basement of the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church on Dahlia Street. After meticulous planning and consulting with members, volunteers, and neighbors, The Gathering Place re-opened for service to members on September 18, 2007.

“When the members came for the first time several burst into tears as they walked in,” says Foster. “One said to me, ‘You must love us a lot to build us something so nice.’”

The Gathering Place is celebrating the tenth anniversary of the facility re-opening with a gala fundraiser on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Tickets are on sale for \$150 per person and can be purchased at tgpdenver.org.

About The Gathering Place

Founded in 1986, The Gathering Place is the only daytime drop-in center in metropolitan Denver that serves women, their children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty, many of whom are also experiencing homelessness. The Gathering Place provides services to 8,000 individuals every year.

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