



**The Gathering Place®**  
*a refuge for rebuilding lives*

**MEET BASIC NEEDS**

**DEVELOP SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

**FOSTER PERSONAL GROWTH**

**BUILD COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**



## ABOUT TGP

Founded in 1986, The Gathering Place is the only daytime drop-in center in metropolitan Denver that serves women, children, and transgender individuals who are experiencing poverty, many of whom are homeless. While we refer to those we serve as “members”, no fees are ever charged for programs or services.

We believe deeply in the *power of our community* and continually work to make it stronger. Our key values include recognizing *individual strengths*, building *respect and trust*, and offering *unconditional acceptance*.

## MEASURING OUR IMPACT

### 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

# 61,744 VISITS

## 5,986 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

## 1,952 CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVED



**65,544**  
MEALS SERVED



**\$25,000**  
TOTAL EARNED INCOME POOLED AMONG  
ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CARD PROJECT



**824**  
MEDICAL SCREENINGS PROVIDED



**28**  
INDIVIDUALS HOUSED AND 21 STAYED  
HOUSED FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS

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## MEET BASIC NEEDS

Resource Advocates on the **Community Access Team** respond to our members' immediate needs with services that include showers, laundry, naps, mail service, locker storage, telephone access, and an extensive array of resources and referrals.

Our **Family Program** provides tailored support services—including caring for children while mothers/guardians take advantage of our programs, or simply rest awhile.

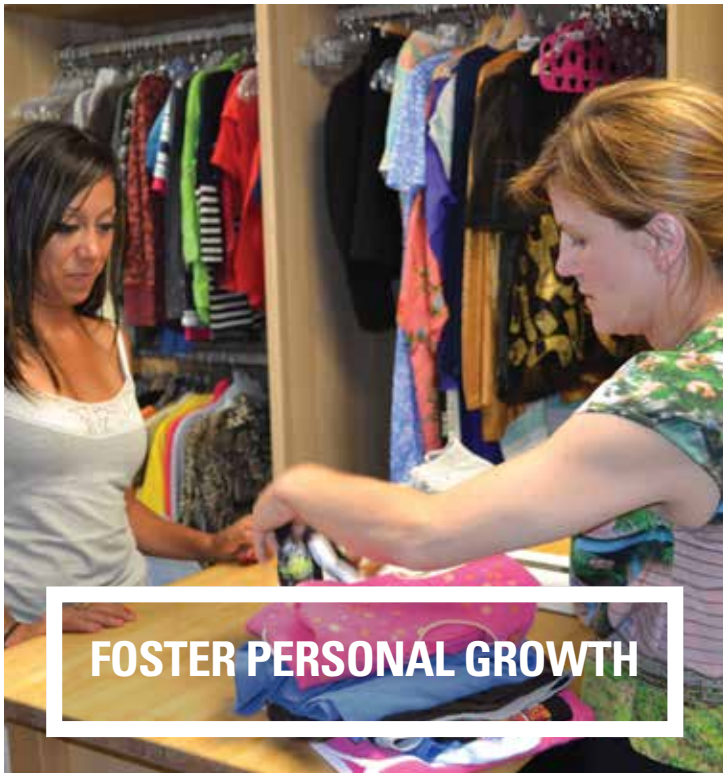
The **Food Services Program** provides freshly prepared meals (breakfast, lunch, and snack) in our community dining room. Healthy groceries, baby food, formula, toiletries, and diapers are also available to our members.

The **Housing Stabilization Program**—our only case managed program—provides assistance with finding, securing, and maintaining stable housing for those members who are especially vulnerable.



## DEVELOP SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**Art Restart** generates financial support for our community by providing transformational opportunities for our members through the sale of their artwork. To make a purchase, please visit [www.artrestart.org](http://www.artrestart.org)—or contact **Teresa Densmore** at [teresa@tgpdenver.org](mailto:teresa@tgpdenver.org) or (303) 996-9034.



## FOSTER PERSONAL GROWTH

Our **Education and Job Readiness Program** empowers members to increase their earning potential through learning and skill-building opportunities. Computers are available to create resumes.

In collaboration with Community College of Denver, our **High School Equivalency Program** provides students with classroom instruction, in a dedicated study room, and pays testing fees. For students who need additional support before pursuing this level of education, a **Basic Skills Class** is also available with classes led by volunteers, providing instruction in reading and math.

Our volunteer-run **Computer Lab** is available to help members access the Internet and learn computer software skills.

Our **Physical and Mental Health Program** brings partner agencies and volunteer health professionals onsite, such as doctors, nurses, counselors, to provide health screenings and deliver other health services.

The **Arts Program** and **The Card Project** provide a safe and supportive community for self-expression through various art forms, including visual, music, and fiber arts.

**Bridget's Boutique**, our clothing bank, distributes clothing to members who have an emergency need or need something specific for their workplace.

**Pro Bono Legal Consultation** is provided by private attorneys and by lawyers from Century Link.



## BUILD COMMUNITY

We continually study **trauma-informed care** standards, provide training for our staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and our members, and implement what we learn.

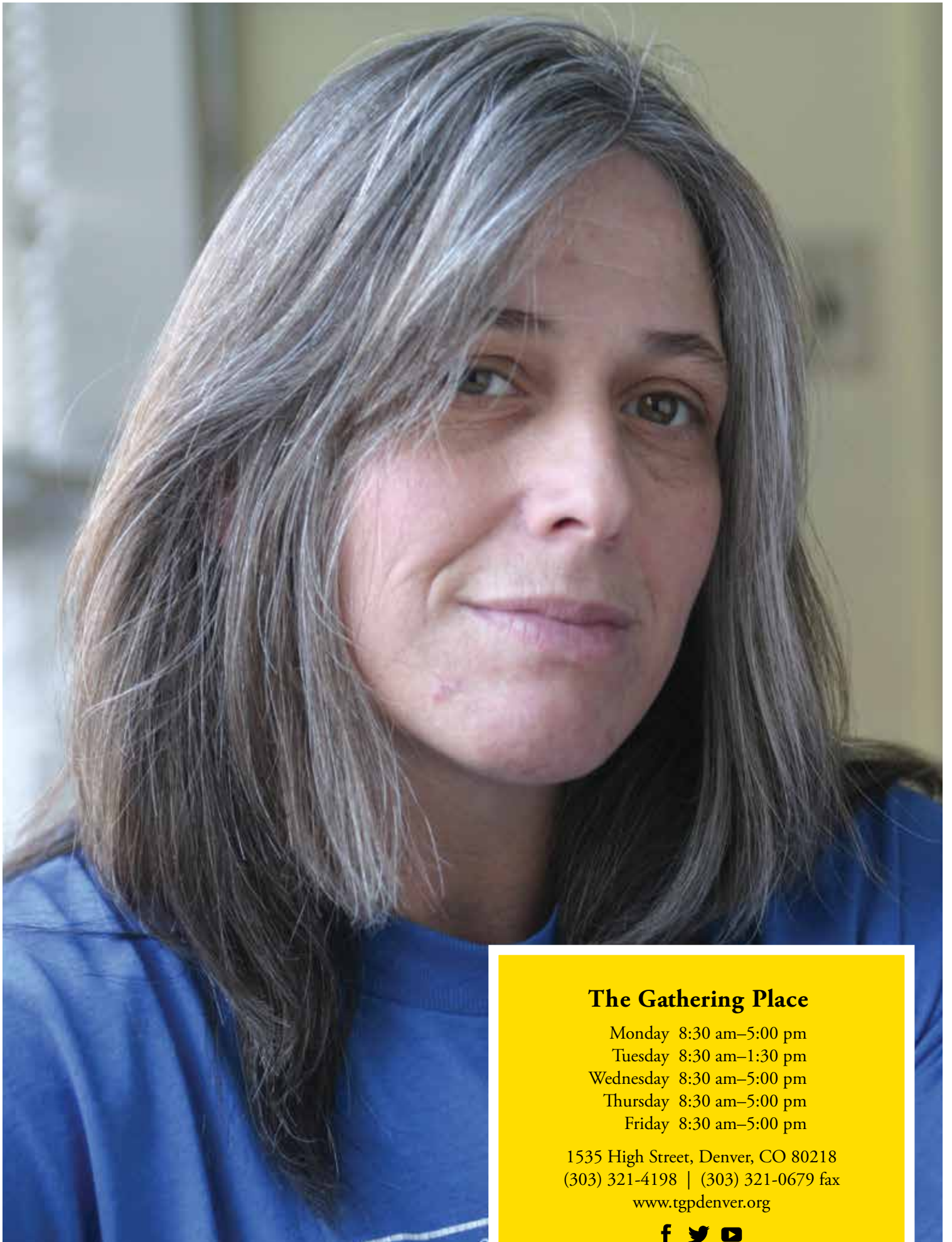
We hold routine **Community Meetings** to update our members about our services and other activities throughout Denver. Members also share important information. The **TGP Post** (a bi-monthly, internal newsletter) keeps everyone informed.

The **Advocacy** and the **Member Perspective Committees** meet monthly to encourage members to voice their concerns and provide leadership on governance and public policy issues.



## WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

**We rely on and are deeply grateful to our volunteers.** Each year, they give us more than 15,000 hours to help operate the **Welcome Desk, Kitchen, The Card Project, Family Programs**, and the **Education and Jobs Program**. A few programs—**Betsy's Cupboard, Computer Lab**, and **Bridget's Boutique**—are staffed primarily by volunteers. Members also give more than 3,000 volunteer hours on committees, in governance, and by doing daily chores. For more information, please contact **Ashley Boland** at [ashley@tgpdenver.org](mailto:ashley@tgpdenver.org) or call (303) 996-9028.



## **The Gathering Place**

Monday 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am–1:30 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am–5:00 pm

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