



## **Organization Info:**

**Name of Organization:** Denver's Road Home

**Website:** [www.denversroadhome.org](http://www.denversroadhome.org)

**Address:** 1200 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80204

**Mission Statement:** Denver's Road Home is a call to action for foundations, corporations, communities of faith, persons who live and work in the community and homeless individuals to join the City and County of Denver, Mile High United Way, Denver Housing Authority and our partners to ensure every man, woman and child has an alternative to living life on the streets.

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## **Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:**

Children     Elderly     Hunger/Homelessness     Disaster Relief     Animal Welfare  
 Health/Wellness     Environment     Human Rights     Families     Soldiers/Supporting Troops

## **About Your Issue Area:**

### **What is the deeper issue behind your organization?**

Denver's Road Home is working to provide housing and services to men, women and children in Denver who have no place to go.

Throughout the Denver-metro area there are more than 11,000 people who are homeless. Of those, 4,200 are right here in Denver. Even more, there are 1,200 kids that go to Denver Public Schools who are homeless.

To help the homeless, Denver's Road Home works in partnership with several homeless and service providers to house people and give them support. Denver's Road Home is our community's 10-year plan to end homelessness.

Many families and individuals are homeless because they lost their job or because of things that have happened in their lives they can't control such as addiction to drugs or alcohol and mental illness. Denver's Road Home works to provide services to these families and

individuals so they can take care of themselves and have a safe and warm place to live.

### **What programs or services does your organization offer?**

Denver's Road Home collaborates with many partners in the community to reach out and help homeless people or people who are at risk of becoming homeless. Through this collaboration, the homeless and those on the brink of becoming homeless are connected to:

- Homeless Outreach Workers
- Case Management
- Shelter
- Transitional & Permanent Housing
- Job Training and Employment
- Meals
- Mental Health Treatment
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Eviction Assistance

### **Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students?**

The best way to demonstrate who is homeless is to show you their faces. We encourage you to view the *The Faces of Homeless* Photo Essay accessible at <http://www.pjday.org/home/essay>

Another great video to watch can be viewed at [www.thisisdenversroadhome.org](http://www.thisisdenversroadhome.org)

### **How Can Students Help?**

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month; or specific items/supplies that will benefit your programs)

There are a variety of ways to help Denver's Road Home help the homeless.

The number one way students can help is to learn about why people are homeless and who they are – they aren't just the people you see pushing a shopping cart on the streets. Many are families and children. And, many have jobs, but don't make enough money to support their family. You can encourage your student and classmates to lead a discussion on homelessness.

Other ways students can get involved is by volunteering at one of Denver's Road Home partners. For a list of partners to volunteer with visit

<http://www.denversroadhome.org/homeless.php>.

Finally, Denver's Road Home needs more money to help the more than 4,000 homeless people in Denver find a home and are connected to support services and basic necessities.

- \$5 provides a week worth of food to feed one person.
- \$25 provides for a one-week stay in a shelter for one person.
- \$100 provides one week of counseling to help a young person exit the streets.
- \$500 provides one month of financial training and services to allow a young adult to become self-sufficient.

- \$1,000 provides 7 ½ months of one-on-one counseling for a family to help them achieve the skills to live independently.
- \$1,200 supports a family to move out of homelessness by providing them with first month's rent and deposit for their own home.
- \$15,000 houses a chronically homeless person and surrounds them with services.

**How can students help through group service projects?** (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?)

Students can hold a drive to collect:

Socks

Underwear

Blankets

Hygiene products

Canned food

Basic necessities

Cash donations

All these will help our homeless.

**Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth?** (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?)

At this time, we only have volunteer opportunities for people over 18. However, students accompanied by a parent are welcome to help with projects as they come up.

Right now, Denver's Road Home is encouraging schools to get involved with Denver's Road Home annual fundraiser – PJ Day. PJ Day is Denver's Road Home annual fundraiser to help the homeless. PJ Day serves as a reminder to all of us that not everyone has a place to put on their pajamas and sleep at night. PJ Day will be held Feb. 9, 2012. Details at [www.pjday.org](http://www.pjday.org).

**Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization?** (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.)

Students can be recognized in Denver's Road Home quarterly newsletter and on our website. Depending on the activity, Denver's Road Home may be able to pitch a news story to local media about how students are helping the homeless, although we can't guarantee coverage. We can also help facilitate a site visit of one of our providers.