

THE IMPACT REPORT

Mile High Council/Comitis Crisis Center

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250,000+ served by Comitis/Council



MACY'S donated free makeovers to 17 of our Miracles clients to prepare them for future job interviews.

For a combined 94 years, the Comitis Crisis Center and The Mile High Council have collectively served over a quarter million clients in the Aurora Metro and Denver Metro regions.

The Comitis Crisis Center specializes in serving the needs of the homeless community in the Aurora

Metro area. The agency primarily serves: homeless/runaway youth, homeless families with children, homeless veteran women, and anyone in need of emergency food, clothing, and/or shelter.

Comitis also has a full-service kitchen that provides between 14,000-16,000 meals per year. The agency is one of your local Toys for Tots distribution centers for this upcoming holiday season.

The Mile High Council provides innovative and evidence-based treatment opportunities for Coloradans struggling with substance abuse. A sampling of programs include: Miracles— a program specifically for women. The program incorporates yoga, acupuncture, and a day of community quilting with the goal of creating long-lasting sobriety and reunifying women with their families and children. The ELEMENT program provides HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and intervention program for gay and bi-sexual men. Substance abuse counseling is available for clients of any age through Project Recovery. The Mile High Council is one of the first not-for-profit agencies in the State to provide affordable and equal access to substance abuse treatment.

This is just a small sampling of the services that we offer. More information can be found by visiting: www.milehighcouncil.org and www.comitis.org. Together, we can serve 250,000 more!

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By the numbers:

- **93%** of Comitis' homeless families with children are moved from the street to stability in 6-8 months
- Comitis' runaway/homeless youth program seeks to keep kids out of "systems" such as child welfare and foster care and either reunited them with their parents or moved them into permanency with a trusted adult
- Average **5,700** served per year

Comitis receives prestigious award



The Comitis Crisis Center was the recipient of the 2012 Eagle Award!

Established in 1990, the Eagle Award has come to represent one of the highest achievements within the Colorado housing community. This prestigious award celebrates the great accomplishments and outstanding leadership in housing and support

services for those who ensure safe, decent, affordable housing for all Coloradans.

This year there were more than 450 deserving applicants.

This award is due to our dedicated and professional staff at Comitis. As a Comitis' donor, we would also like to thank you for supporting our work.



Veterans program to offer hope

The statistics are staggering: **131,000** United States veterans are estimated to be homeless on any given night. Of this number is a growing group of veteran homeless women, an “invisible population.” Post-Iraq and Afghanistan, a number of women who have served our country have returned back to homelessness, lost jobs, and broken families. As the mother or wife makes the transition to soldier, many cannot find their way back to “Mom” upon returning back home.

PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder) and sexual trauma counseling are 2 major needs for veteran homeless women. 85% of veterans homeless women are in direct

need of substance abuse treatment as well.

The Comitis Crisis Center has become a per diem participant with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Specializing in trauma-informed care, Comitis is uniquely positioned to provide for the basic needs of those who have served our country. The program will serve the entire Rocky Mountain region.

In this time of giving, please do consider supporting Comitis. Although the VA provides per diem for the veteran, they do not cover the costs associated with any of the family members or children who we will be housing in an effort to keep families unified. Please support our veterans!



A Comitis employee portrays a homeless veteran woman at a community event to raise much-needed awareness.



“There’s no place like home...”



...but for many women, homelessness is reality to be reckoned with everyday. The Council is currently in negotiations for a surplus property at 1150 Logan Street in Denver with the intent of providing transitional housing as a part of the agency’s service portfolio.

Though this new opportunity is still being finalized, The Council is excited to be able to provide this opportunity for women in the Miracles Program.

Miracles is an intensive outpatient program for woman struggling with substance abuse. Because of addiction, many of these women have been legally-separated from their children and families.

This new opportunity will provide homeless women in the program with a safe, stable, and sober living environment as they seek to reunify with their families and children.



Creating quilts with the Miracles Program.



SAVE A STAMP! Comitis can now accept donations online. Safely and securely donate at www.givingfirst.org. Thank you!

