



Catching Families Before They Fall

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HPI EXPANDS WITH ADDITION OF NEW INTAKE CENTER THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE NOW POSITIONED TO BETTER MEET THE LOCAL DEMAND FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Fort Collins, Colo - The Homelessness Prevention Initiative (HPI) announced today that Timberline Church will be added as an additional intake center for their emergency rental assistance program. Starting March 1st, HPI will be available in six community locations to meet with local families experiencing a temporary financial emergency that puts their housing at risk.

This summer, The Homelessness Prevention Initiative (HPI) teamed up with the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and Timberline Church to run the HPI Families' In Need Stimulus Program resulting in \$60,000 of rental assistance from the Homelessness Prevention Rapid Rehousing TANF fund coming to Northern Colorado landlords. Because the need for rental assistance in the Poudre School District area continues to negatively impact families, HPI needed to expand prevention programming and Timberline stepped up again as a willing partner.

"Timberline Church has long supported HPI's model of prevention as an efficient and effective way to help people through a difficult time in their lives," noted an associate pastor at Timberline Church. "We are happy to open our doors and allow our house to be part of the solution for people who worry about losing their home."

Since 2001, the Homelessness Prevention Initiative (HPI) has been providing rental assistance and resource referrals to local families at imminent risk of eviction. The grassroots nonprofit has provided rental assistance and resource referrals to at least 16,500 individuals, about 10,395 of which are children who were facing risk of eviction. The average amount of financial assistance per household is under \$300.

For more information about Homelessness Prevention Initiative, visit www.homelessnessprevention.net or call Sue Beck-Ferkiss, Executive Director at 970.407.7021.

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