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- WHAT:** Denver Rescue Mission's Champa House provides transitional housing for single women with dependent children.
- WHERE:** 2544 Champa St., Denver, CO 80205, Phone: 303.294.9961, Fax: 303.294.9962
- WHO SERVED/
CAPACITY:** Single women with children under the age of 12 years old, who desire an opportunity to become self-sufficient. Champa House provides living accommodations for nine women and up to 25 children.
- FACILITY:** Champa House is a two-story, 8,800 square-foot building. It has nine efficiency apartments. Champa House offers LifeSkills, Education and Career (LEC) modules and an on-site childcare program. The facility includes a common dining room, living room, and kitchen; an outdoor play area; a childcare area; a computer lab; and a library.
- HISTORY:** This beautifully renovated house, once a vacant and broken down building, was donated to the Denver Rescue Mission by Foothill Capital Corporation of Dallas, Texas in December 1988, with the specific purpose of converting it to a women's facility. Former Colorado First Lady Bea Romer inaugurated the program in June 1990.
- PROGRAM:** Champa House assists women and their dependent children caught in the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Families are referred by shelters or social services, or seek out Champa House independently. Pre-screened residents participate in the New Life Program, a five-phase program integrating academics, vocational training, Bible study, counseling, and family development. This long-term program, which lasts from 12 to 27 months, includes personal life skills training classes in budgeting, nutrition, parenting, relational issues, and job readiness. Champa House offers an innovative financial incentive program. Upon graduating from the program, each woman has accumulated a savings account that she will use to become self-sufficient. For kids, Champa House offers a structured childcare program, tutoring, children and family therapy, and a mentoring program. All of these services work together to provide a safe, educational and nurturing environment in which the children can learn and grow.

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