



**DENVER
RESCUE
MISSION**

FACT SHEET:

Volunteers

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HISTORY: Since the Denver Rescue Mission's beginnings in 1892, volunteers have been the lifeblood of the Mission's outreaches to the needy. Volunteers' involvement helps Mission programs run smoothly and efficiently, and their service lets the hungry, hurting and homeless know that the community truly cares for them.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Volunteers come from all occupations, areas of the city, economic backgrounds, and life experiences. Students, families, individuals, professional organizations, elected officials, and graduates of the New Life Program are just some of the people who make up the diverse volunteer base committed to serving the needy at the Denver Rescue Mission.

CHAMP'S VOLUNTEERS: In 2006, Champ Bailey, Denver Broncos cornerback, partnered with the Denver Rescue Mission to create Champ's Volunteers. This program encourages youth ages 13-23 to volunteer to serve the hurting and the homeless. Champ's Volunteers can serve at any one of the Denver Rescue Mission's five facilities, or organize drives for food, clothing or other needed items. For more information, visit www.ChampsVolunteers.org.

WAYS TO HELP:

- Serving meals at the Lawrence Street Shelter.
- Providing childcare for Champa House moms.
- Working in the greenhouse at Harvest Farm.
- Praying.
- Building relationships with at-risk youth.
- Mentoring families and seniors out of homelessness.
- Tutoring adult students working towards GEDs.
- Leading chapel services at the Lawrence Street Shelter.

BY THE NUMBERS: From July 2008 – June 2009, volunteers gave 131,905 hours of time, energy and service. That's equivalent to the work of 66 employees!

CONTACT: For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Volunteer Hotline at 303.953.3955, or visit www.DenverRescueMission.org/vopps.html.