Capitol Hill United Ministries  
High Plains Region Mid-Year Report  
The Women’s Homelessness Initiative.

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.”

How about these are very challenging times?

March 5, 2012, was our very first night of operation of the Women’s Homelessness Initiative ... starting with one woman, Maria, and most likely 10 volunteers. We were so very excited to open our new WHI shelter program. March 20, 2020 was our last night of shelter with 25 women, as we then had to suspend the operation of WHI due to the COVID virus. In between those dates we served 25 women every night, not missing one night. We look forward to reopening.

Being in this new reality, and not missing a beat, we channeled the energy and care of our 14 congregational sites and 1,000 volunteers. Here is a brief review of some of what this WHI/CHUM community of caring has done to this point:

- Supplying SFC for the month of August with 150 lunch bags, each day.
- Creating 110 welcome bags for the women going to Rodeway Inn... in 1 day our team committed to the 15 things x 100 on the list.
- A crew came together representing so many of our CHUM/WHI sites to fill and deliver the bags.
- WHI bought and distributed hundreds of cases of water to 4 agencies.
- Since the suspension of WHI we have delivered over 15 tons of asked for supplies to 7 agencies every week since March 20th. They are delivered to my porch.
- Since our suspension we have given away over 5,000 face masks, most hand made.
- Most of our WHI sites have emptied their supply closets of needed WHI supplies and added them to be given away to other agencies.
- We led a letter writing campaign to contract motels and hotels for our women...it is happening.
- We led a letter writing campaign to create safe encampments... it is beginning

There is so much more...

Our WHI/CHUM team and volunteers offer their presence of self, soul and passion... Yummy to my soul and heart.

I believe that where there is a willingness to serve, a passion for the work, and care for those being served... So much is possible. Our WHI volunteers have that passion.

We were interviewed by CBS News.... https://denver.cbslocal.com/2020/08/02/volunteers-create-care-packages-for-denver-homeless-women/

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Diana Whitley... made 65 masks...just the other day... and they keep on coming.... Thank you Volunteers made and we distributed over 5,000 face masks.

The back of a WHI volunteer truck filled with 65 cases of water to distribute to people experiencing homelessness.
Another truck will with 1500 sandwiches made by many volunteers.

If you need further information or clarification, please contact me.

We are most grateful.

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The mind creates the abyss, the heart crosses it.” Nisargadatta Maharaj