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Denver’s Second Tiny Home Village Opens Its Doors to Women

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DENVER--This week the Colorado Village Collaborative opened the doors to the Women’s Village at Clara Brown Commons. The Women’s Village, located in Denver’s Cole neighborhood, is comprised of fourteen tiny homes that will serve women and transgender individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness.

“The night before the first two women moved into the village one woman slept in a stairwell and the other slept in an abandoned warehouse,” said Cole Chandler, Executive Director of Colorado Village Collaborative. “Now they are sleeping in a safe, stable, bright, community-based environment where they can healing journey can begin together.” The Women’s Village aims to provide these residents and more with the stability and privacy necessary to work toward securing long-term housing.

This is the second tiny home village constructed and operated by the Colorado Village Collaborative. This fall, the University of Denver conducted a study on the efficacy of CVC’s first tiny home village, the Beloved Community Village, which opened in 2017.

Using a control group of homeless individuals unaffiliated with the Beloved Community Village, the study tracked the progress of residents. The study found that residents of Beloved were four times more likely to gain employment than those in the control group. Along with an increase in job prospects, residents were less likely to have property stolen, and reported higher levels of happiness than those in the control group. Eleven former residents of Beloved Community Village have gone on to find secure, long-term housing of their own.

Over the next several years, CVC is dedicated to building and operating more tiny home villages across the city and county of Denver. The organization has also worked with city representatives to sanction safe outdoor spaces for homeless individuals in the Cap Hill area. Two of these spaces are set to open before the end of the year.

On Thursday Dec 3 at 3:30pm, the Colorado Village Collaborative is hosting a webinar to celebrate the opening of the Women’s Village. The online event will be an opportunity for those interested in seeing the new facility and to learn more about the organization.

To register for the free event, please visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-village-at-clara-brown-commons-launch-party-tickets-128858470153

To view a recording of the event after December 3rd, visit: https://www.colorado村镇collaborative.org/womens-village-press-kit
About Women's Village at Clara Brown Commons
The Women's Village at Clara Brown Commons will create temporary transformational housing community that features fourteen relocatable tiny homes and one shared Common House. The vision is to use the portion of the site along 37th Ave that will soon be developed into Commercial & Community Space as the final phase of construction for Clara Brown Commons.

Metro Denver faces a severe, unprecedented housing crisis. On any given night, at least 1/3 of the 4000+ people experiencing homelessness in Denver are women or transgender, but fewer services exist to serve this portion of the population. According to the City of Denver’s three-year shelter plan document, those most in need include women with pets, women with limited access to transportation, domestic violence survivors, transgender women, elderly women, and youth.


About Colorado Village Collaborative
The Colorado Village Collaborative exists to bridge the gap between the streets and stable housing by creating and operating transformational housing communities in partnership with people experiencing homelessness. We embody radical solutions to homelessness: housing that centers human dignity, empowerment of marginalized voices, and design solutions that are affordable, sustainable and community oriented.

WHY TINY HOMES?
Tiny home villages provide a strategy for quickly and cost effectively developing temporary housing units that can be utilized to transition people from homelessness to stable housing. While a new affordable unit in Denver costs an average of $250,000, a tiny home can be constructed for $15,000 in material costs. Each home provides dignity and privacy, while the villages are designed to provide a pathway to stable housing. Each village employs a participatory governance structure, empowering villagers to design their community and their future.

Learn More: www.coloradovillagecollaborative.org

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