



Making an Impact Beyond our Walls

Broomfield is a great place to live and worship, but it's also a place where many people are struggling:

- Our local family resource center Broomfield FISH served 1 in 6 Broomfielders last year. Those FISH client-residents spent *on average* 70 percent of their income on their housing.
- The Broomfield Housing Solutions Forum (BHSF), a coalition of several dozen on-the-ground non-profit organizations, faith communities and local government departments, collectively help 1 in 4 Broomfielders meet their basic needs.
- Local experts estimate 300 people are experiencing homelessness at any one time right here in Broomfield.

We here at Broomfield UMC are at the forefront of addressing these sobering realities. We're now in our fourth year hosting a [Colorado Safe Parking Initiative](#) lot on our property. With [Together Colorado](#) and six other local faith communities, we've agreed to corporately advocate for more housing supports in Broomfield. And last year, we joined the "1 for 100" campaign through donations to the Broomfield Community Foundation (BCF)'s "housing fund," which exists to help our most vulnerable neighbors take tangible next steps toward housing stability. (Reminder: "1 for 100" is a campaign initiated by our local ministry partner Marrton Dormish of Everyday Epics. He continues to challenge local stakeholders to invest 1 percent of their income toward 100 percent housing stability, and we among the first to do so!)

We're happy to report to you that our donations are truly making a difference. Just this summer, in conjunction with the hard work of several local agencies, our BCF housing fund donations have helped three households experiencing homelessness (representing four people and three cats) get into permanent housing! Several more households are in line to follow suit in the coming months. What's more, local housing advocates are more engaged than ever --- for example, members of Broomfield UMC helped successfully encourage our city council to approve final funding for the Harvest Hill housing development, which will break ground on 152 new units of truly affordable housing as soon as this winter.

Thank you, Broomfield UMC, for embodying the love of Christ in these tangible ways! May Jesus kingdom come!

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