## New Markets Tax Credit

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### UGM Women & Children's Shelter

The Union Gospel Mission (UGM) is a Spokane, Washington-based nonprofit ministry, focused on serving poor and homeless individuals and families by providing rescue, recovery, and restoration programs and services. In 2011, UGM looked to expand its ministry by opening a Women and Children's Shelter in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, located 40 miles east of Spokane.

UGM decided to build its new shelter in Coeur d'Alene in response to the advocacy of local community leaders who were concerned about the growing number of homeless women and children in Kootenai County. UGM was able to raise \$6.8 million of the \$8.5 million total project cost necessary to build the new facility, but was left with a \$1.8 million gap. To help bridge this critical funding gap, CCG Community Partners provided \$1.8 million in NMTC financing.

Completed in August 2012, the new 42,000 square-foot facility features 40 units of temporary and transitional housing for homeless women and children in Northern Idaho, 28 dormitory-style recovery rooms, a chapel, clinic, kitchen, family room, fitness center, beauty salon, counseling rooms, and computer skills center. Additionally, the center accommodates drug and alcohol counseling, case management for legal problems, parenting classes, classes to earn a high school diploma, and opportunities to learn other skills, such as cooking and home repair.

The UGM Women and Children's Shelter is the first, long-term recovery center in Kootenai County for homeless women and children and addresses an urgent need for services for the nearly 230 women and 140 children that are homeless in Coeur d'Alene. The center also provides far-reaching benefits to the broader, local communities of Kootenai County; it provided over 100 construction-related jobs and 14 new, full-time jobs, many of which went to low- or moderate-income workers at wage levels higher than those currently offered in the community.

Without the NMTC financing, it is doubtful that the project would have moved forward, and now the Women and Children's Shelter is directly contributing to the social stability of distressed communities in Coeur d'Alene and Northern Idaho.

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### **COMMUNITY PROFILE**

- Coeur D'Alene, ID
- 35.8% poverty rate
- 10.6% unemployment rate
- Median income 48.8% of Area Median Income
- Rural Community
- Economic Development Hot Zone

#### **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Construction and expansion of women and children's shelter
- Total Project Cost: \$8.5 million
- NMTC: \$1.8 million
- Investor: U.S. Bank
- Jobs: 110 construction, 14 new direct



Top: UGM Women & Children's Shelter in Coeur D'Alene. ID

Bottom: The Women & Children's Shelter new kitchen