

# Council/Comitis Commuter

*All the News that is the News at The Mile High Council/Comitis Crisis Center*

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## THE MILE HIGH COUNCIL AND MILEHIGHCON 43!!

The MileHighCon is the Largest Science-Fiction Literary Convention in the Rocky Mountain Region. For over 43 years they have provided Sci-Fi literary enthusiasts a place to oogle over priceless gems and discuss the latest book with others that share their passion. Over 80 authors and speakers come to MileHiCon each year.

Featured programs this year include various subjects such as Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, Science, Music, Movies, Publishing, and much more. This year's convention will be held October 21-23, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center and The Mile High Council and Comitis Crisis Center have been chosen as the recipient of the Literary Auction!! The Literary Auction is where participants can bid on rare books, autographed books,



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## Miracles Self Care Day!



**Taking care of you inside AND out is what  
Miracles is ALL about!**

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original artwork, collectibles, SciFi, fantasy and horror items generously donated by the guests and fans alike.

This year all proceeds will benefit The Mile High Council and Comitis Crisis Center's purchase of books for reading and education programs. On the Comitis side, the funds will be used to update the reference and children/youth library located in our community room. We will be updating books for job readiness courses, GED and college reference books, and reading materials for our resident's children and our youth shelter. On the Council side, we will support programming with the purchase of new education and job readiness materials for our Miracles, Beat the Street, and Community Reentry programs.

A HUGE thank you to MileHighCon 43 and their generous donation!! To find out more about MileHighCon, please visit their website at [www.milehicon.org](http://www.milehicon.org).



**PANTRY AND SUPPLIES WISH LIST**

The Holidays are coming and we need your donations now more than ever and we enter into the busiest season of the year!!

Large Rubbermaid Totes  
 Rubbermaid storage closet (2-4 shelf ones)

*Thanksgiving Turkey baskets:*  
 Green Beans \* Mashed Potatoes  
 Cranberries \* Cream of Mushroom Soup \*  
 Stuffing \* Pumpkin Pie



**THANK YOU!**

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Feinstein Foundation
- Molly Markert
- “Superwoman” Stacia
- Daughters of Penelope
- Dale Brown
- Aurora Costco
- Gayle Jetchick
- Aurora Farmers Market
- Ninja Quinlin
- Servicos De La Raza
- Aurora Warms the Night
- Colfax Community Network
- Park Meadows Macys Dept. Store
- Debbie and Bob Siefert
- Futika Family

*The Face of Homelessness in America  
 – right here in Aurora!*

Last week, the Census Bureau released new figures showing that nearly one in six Americans lives in poverty — a record 46.2 million people. The poverty rate, now at 15.1 percent, is the highest of any major industrialized nation.

Comitis is currently housing 80 individuals and receives over 40 calls a day for residential or emergency shelter needs.

*Homelessness is no longer  
 “a bum on the streets”*

With the rise in need comes the rise for services. Comitis is seeing more “overnight” shelter individuals than last year, and the “Cold Weather Season” is still yet to arrive. We provide 160 meals a day to our family residents and emergency shelter visitors. We provided over 100 lbs. of clothing donations to individuals in July, and handed out 27 food baskets. We’ve shared 35 cases of diapers with families in need this summer to date.

The image of homelessness has changed over the last few years. No longer is the person standing on the street corner the *only* face of poverty, but everyday people like you and I who have lost jobs, taken cuts in pay, been evicted or foreclosed on, living with family and friends to make ends meet, or living at a shelter like Comitis.

We are sad to predict that we think the situation will get better before it gets worse, and we that, we thank you for your continued support of the work we do, for people in need in Aurora!



GOT A HANKERIN' TO DO SOME VOLUNTEERIN'

THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER HERE AT THE COUNCIL/COMITIS! GIVE US A CALL TODAY TO SIGN UP!

Clothing Room Organization  
Gardening and Weeding – Flower Beds  
Food Pantry Organization  
Storage Space Re-organization Project  
Administrative Help – filing, assembly, etc.  
Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive  
Toys for Tots Christmas Event

*Call Ms. Holmes for more information – 303-341-9160 ext. 129*

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**The Program Websites of The Mile High Council:**

The Council – [www.milehighcouncil.org](http://www.milehighcouncil.org)  
The Denver ELEMENT – [www.thedenverelement.org](http://www.thedenverelement.org)  
Community Reentry Project - [www.denvergov.org/crp](http://www.denvergov.org/crp)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30-8:00pm-** Molly's Birthday Beer and Brats Bash – Molly Markert's birthday celebration AND re-election campaign kickoff. Location: 2551 S Macon Way, Aurora. RSVP to Jan Lucas 303-719-9545 - \$25 suggested donation.

**September 24<sup>th</sup> – 2-4pm** - Daughters of Penelope – Victorian Chocolate Tea at St. Catherine's Orthodox Fellowship Hall – event to raise funds for philanthropic support throughout the community. RSVP to Stacia @ 303-696-8489

**DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED**

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