



UPCS WISH LIST

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY (THE PLACE)

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| Socks (crew or athletic) | Deodorant (men's and women's) | Art Supplies |
| Men's boxers | Razors (with twin blades) | Day Planners/Day-timers |
| Ladies underwear (new) | Face and body wash | Drinking glasses |
| Hooded sweatshirts | Chapstick | AA batteries |
| Laundry bags | Shaving cream | DVD movies, PG, PG-13 |
| Laundry baskets | Shampoo and conditioner | Band-aids |
| Laundry Soap | Nail polish remover | Brooms and dustpans |
| Hair scrunchies | Mousse and hair gel | Oversized floor pillows |
| Shower shoes/flip-flops | Lotion | Outdoor furniture |
| Shower baskets | Mouthwash | Floor buffer |
| Eyeliners | Disinfecting wipes | Snow blower |
| Watches | Cotton balls and Q-tips | Tweezers |
| Air deodorizer | Rubbing alcohol | Sunscreen |
| Bus passes | Foot powder | Mops |
| Hand Sanitizer | | Potting soil |

- Over the counter remedies (Sudafed, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Neosporin, Tums, Pepto Bismol, Imodium, Icy Hot)
- Gift Certificates (clothing, movies, music stores, fast food restaurants, grocery stores)
- Gift Certificates in increments of \$5.00, \$10.00 to 7-Eleven, Walmart, Target
- Phone cards
- Rolls of Quarters (for Laundry)
- Tickets to local events: plays, movies, concerts, bowling, for evening and weekend activities.

APARTMENT YOUTH

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| Mops, brooms, sponges, buckets | Carabiners(key chains) | Toilet paper, paper towels |
| Bath towels, shower curtains & rings | First Aid Kits | Waste baskets and trash bags |
| Day Planners/Day-timers | Cookbooks | __” Three-ring binders |

Cleaning Supplies (toilet brush, 409, dish soap, oven cleaner, etc.)

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MISSION, PURPOSE AND GOALS

The mission of Urban Peak Colorado Springs (UPCS) is to serve homeless and runaway youth. The primary goal of Urban Peak Colorado Springs is to provide homeless youth with a supportive, safe and stable environment so that they may achieve stability, self-sufficiency and independence and permanently exit street life. UPCS believes in the potential of every young person to contribute to our community.

HISTORY

Urban Peak Colorado Springs was incorporated in 2000 in response to an identified need for services supporting runaway and homeless youth in the Pikes Peak region. Initially located at Catholic Charities' Marian House, UPCS began offering services ranging from street outreach to case management. These services expanded to meet the changing needs of homeless youth as the agency matured. From its inception, UPCS identified a need to provide shelter services to its clients due to the extremely limited availability of emergency shelter or housing options in the Pikes Peak region appropriate for homeless and runaway youth. In 2003, UPCS purchased a property southeast of downtown Colorado Springs that would allow for the expansion of UPCS' programs. This new facility (named The Place) was licensed as a youth shelter in December 2004, and serves as a 20-bed transitional housing facility, consolidated services site, and administrative offices for UPCS.

In November of 2004, UPCS was honored to receive the Award for Excellence in Youth Development from the El Pomar Foundation. Entering its fifth year of operation, UPCS remains the only organization in the Pikes Peak region that provides outreach and case management services exclusively to homeless and runaway youth ages 15 to 21.

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Urban Peak Colorado Springs is overseen by an executive director with 35 years of experience in serving at-risk youth and managing public/non-profit sector programs; the agency has a total of 14 staff. UPCS is governed by a 14-member board of directors. At least one board seat is reserved for a former client, ensuring that youth have a voice in the agency's administration and have the opportunity to assist their peers in accessing resources; youth are also among the agency's most powerful spokespeople.

URBAN PEAK COLORADO SPRINGS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Urban Peak Colorado Springs operates under Colorado House Bill 97-1079, which provides the legal basis for services to homeless and runaway minors. Urban Peak Colorado Springs offers the following pro bono services to homeless and runaway youth ages 15 to 21:

- **Transitional Housing:** The Place is a licensed 20-bed transitional housing facility for homeless and runaway youth. The Place features separate dormitory-style sleeping quarters for male and female clients, showers, laundry facilities, a complete industrial-grade kitchen, and large dining space. Services offered for residents of The Place include three meals each day, active case management, educational and employment assistance, health services, and recreational activities.
- **Street Outreach:** Street outreach is conducted by UPCS staff and trained outreach volunteers, who seek out homeless and runaway youth on the streets of Colorado Springs to encourage youth to access resources available through UPCS.
- **Intensive Case Management:** Components of case management may include mental health assessment and intervention; legal advocacy; counseling referrals; GED instruction; employment placement assistance; substance abuse counseling; and independent living program referrals.
- **Health & Medical Care:** The Place includes a fully equipped medical clinic staffed by nurse practitioners and physicians assistants in coordination with Peak Vista Community Health. Services range from general medical treatment of colds and infections to general preventative care.
- **Education Assistance:** The Place offers GED instruction to youth clients in an on-site educational center staffed by a certified teacher. An on-site computer lab provides youth with a means to access educational web sites, complete computerized GED practice tests, and develop technological literacy through special interest workshops.
- **Job Placement and Employment Assistance:** UPCS works in partnership with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center to offer employment placement to its clients, and collaborates with local businesses to secure job opportunities and provide volunteer employment mentors to youth. Residents of The Place also have the opportunity to participate in a life skills program during which they learn basic skills such as resume development, application completion, and interview skills.
- **Emergency Housing:** When The Place is at maximum capacity, youth in need of immediate shelter are referred to the New Hope Shelter (available only to clients over the age of 18).
- **Additional Supportive Housing Options:** UPCS provides program support to youth with disabilities who are residing in twelve apartment units through the HUD Supported Housing Program.