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## ***Gregoire and Dicks to attend opening for new Rescue Mission Family Campus***

Tacoma-- On a typical night at the Rescue Mission, about a third of the shelter's beds are occupied by children – and an additional 90 families are turned away every month, according to David Curry, CEO of the Mission.

To help fill the growing need for emergency shelter and services to move families from homelessness to self-sufficiency, the Rescue Mission will open a new family shelter in September. A grand opening celebration for the new facility is set for September 9, beginning at 2 p.m. U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks and Governor Chris Gregoire are slated to speak at the event.

Located at 2909 Adams Street in Tacoma, the new family campus will offer 20 rooms for emergency shelter, plus 16 additional family-sized apartments – the centerpiece of the Mission's Family Life Program.

"What's special about this new campus is that it allows us to offer vital wraparound services to families – to help them stabilize and to support their move from homelessness or addiction to self sufficiency," explains Curry.

The Mission's Adams Street Family Campus will offer:

- **Family life program.** While case managers work with adults to set goals and identify needed skills and support, children are connected to after school activities focusing on educational tutoring and homework help. Other support services for kids emphasize self-esteem, mentoring and goal setting.
- **Case management,** including life skills and employment assistance. Case managers work with adults to plan for self sufficiency. This includes connections to vocational or employment opportunities. Life skills focus on topics such as budgeting and parenting.
- **Drug and alcohol rehabilitation.** Because addiction is frequently the cause of homelessness and unemployment, the Rescue Mission offers comprehensive, nurturing support services combined with critical structure and accountability needed to make lasting changes.

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Rescue Mission Family Shelter to open

“When a child doesn’t know where he’ll sleep tomorrow or if he’ll get to eat, stability is impossible,” adds Curry. “Our new building is a place where kids can feel safe and secure, where parents can get help with job skills and drug rehabilitation, and where we’ve put all the services and resources families need under one roof.”

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Formerly called the Tacoma Rescue Mission, the Rescue Mission first opened its doors in 1912 to serve homeless men in Tacoma. Today, the Rescue Mission has grown to serve women and children in all parts of Pierce County with six different locations. The organization works with people at all stages of addiction, homelessness or other life challenges, and is a recognized leader in providing services and support that lead to self-sufficiency.