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DEBRA GRAY JOINS DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE DRH

Denver, CO -- The Housing Authority (DHA) of the City and County of Denver recently welcomed Ms. Debra Gray as the new Housing Manager for Denver's Road Home. Ms. Gray joins DHA's Real Estate and Development Department. This marks a new phase of the ongoing collaboration between DHA and Denver's Road Home, Denver's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Ms. Gray assumes the DRH position vacated by Mr. Pat Coyle, who now serves as the Executive Director of the Colorado Division of Housing.

Ms. Gray brings extensive experience in housing production, human services administration, financing and program coordination including: multidisciplinary development, capital improvement, project management, housing finance and resource development in complex financial structuring. Prior to joining DHA, Ms. Gray served as Housing Coordinator for the City of Thornton. She is also a member of the Adams County Homeless to Home Partnership, an initiative similar to Denver's Road Home.

Ms. Gray has also served as Program Development Manager with the Adams County Housing Authority for five years, where she developed and supervised the resident services program to meet the needs of economically disadvantaged families. She also has over seven years in the banking industry with US Bank as senior loan officer managing marketing and sales, lending, research and analysis for loan underwriting.

"We're excited to have Debra on board, and her expertise will go a long way towards helping to house the homeless in Denver," Jamie Van Leeuwen, executive director of Denver's Road Home, said. "She will play a critical role in continuing to ensure the people who access the Denver Housing Authority services are well connected to other community providers that also help the homeless through other means."

According to Mayor John Hickenlooper, "We are pleased to welcome Debra Gray to the City's team that is working hard to help Denver's homeless population. Her addition to the staff reflects the Denver Housing Authority's commitment to hiring experienced professionals in our effort to end homelessness in Denver."

Ms. Gray's other community and board affiliations include the Adams County Neighborhood Stabilization Program Task Force and the Adams County Foreclosure Response Committee.

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About Denver's Road Home

Denver's Road Home is the city's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. It was developed by the Denver Commission to End Homelessness and approved by Mayor John Hickenlooper and Denver City Council in 2005. Denver's Road Home is a comprehensive, integrated plan that blends a housing first solution with responsibility, self-reliance and accountability. Mile High United Way serves at the fiscal agent for this community-wide project.