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Thursday, March 5, 2009

10:00 A.M.

HUD to Announce Funding for HOMELESS and NEW RAPID RE-HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM For Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative Providers

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Deputy Regional Director Deborah Griswold will join community leaders and announce funding for the Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) and their Board President Sarah Maxwell on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. HUD, MDHI providers and community leaders will describe how funding will impact homeless persons in Metro Denver and how the monies will be used. *Featured will be a former homeless person, who was assisted by Family Tree.* The program will inform the community on how federal funding will be used by MDHI providers to help end chronic homelessness. The **NEW Rapid Re-housing Pilot Program** will be explained, as well as, how, when and where the program will be implemented and citizens who will benefit.

WHAT: HUD Funding to End Chronic Homelessness and Rapid Re-Housing Pilot Program

**WHO: HUD Deputy Regional Director Deborah Griswold
MDHI Board President Sarah Maxwell
Family Tree CEO Scott Shields
Denver's Road Home Housing Manager Pat Coyle
Colo. Coalition for the Homeless President John Parvensky
Elected Officials
Feature: Former homeless-person who has benefitted from Family Tree's Services**

WHEN: Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE: Family Tree
3805 Marshall Street
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033**

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Visuals: A former homeless individual will explain how Family Tree's programs helped him/her to overcome challenges.