



### **EDAR's Mission**

The mission of EDAR (Everyone Deserves a Roof) is to provide short-term, immediate shelter to homeless individuals and families. We distribute mobile shelter units through a network of partnerships in order to reduce the number of individuals sleeping in the open and to support their dignity and hope.

### **What We Do**

EDAR (Everyone Deserves A Roof) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides unique mobile shelters to the homeless. Each EDAR unit is a four-wheeled unit, based on a mobile cart design allowing for storage during the day and at night, provides a comfortable place to sleep with protection from the elements.

EDAR launched the first sixty units in the Southern California area after approximately nine prototypes. The units are currently in use in Los Angeles and surrounding counties as well as Arizona and Colorado. With the help of our generous supporters, we continue to place additional units in Southern California and expand to other cities nationwide.

### **Who We Serve**

EDAR partners with a network of philanthropic, governmental and homeless advocacy organizations to assist in the distribution of EDAR units. For individuals who are not affiliated with one of these organizations and would like an EDAR unit, EDAR will refer an individual to an organization so that they may receive a unit.

EDAR units are used in a variety of modalities determined by both the needs of the distributing agency and homeless client. In all cases, we ask the distributing agency to collect feedback from the EDAR user and in some situations, the EDAR unit has become a "first step" for those that are typically reluctant to enter a traditional shelter system.

### **Why EDAR?**

- Each year, more than 3 million people experience homelessness in the United States.<sup>i</sup>
- More than 1.5 million children are homeless annually in the United States. That's one in every 50 American children.<sup>ii</sup>
- Twelve major U.S. cities nationally surveyed have reported an increase in homelessness because of the foreclosure crisis.<sup>iii</sup>
- The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities recently reported that food stamp caseloads have increased dramatically in recent months, rising by 2.6 million people or 9.6 percent between August 2007 and August 2008.<sup>iv</sup>

<sup>i</sup> National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty;

<sup>ii</sup> National Center on Family Homelessness, One in 50 U.S. Children is Homeless, Mar. 13, 2009

<sup>iii</sup> The United States Conference of Mayors, Hunger and Homelessness Survey, Dec. 2008

<sup>iv</sup> Sharon Parrott, Recession Could Cause Large Increases in Poverty and Push Millions Into Deep Poverty: Stimulus Package Should Include Policies To Ameliorate Harsh Effects of Downturn, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities: Washington, DC (Nov. 2008)