

# HOMELESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

## 2010-2011 ACSA/AISC STEEL DESIGN STUDENT COMPETITION



### FIRST PLACE

Title: *Homeless Assistance Help Center...mobile*

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**Sociology**

The project is a response to the social and economic challenges faced by the homeless population in Detroit. The design aims to provide a safe, supportive, and community-oriented environment for residents. The building's layout and interior spaces are designed to facilitate social interaction, mutual aid, and access to essential services. The use of a mobile, modular structure allows for flexibility in site selection and expansion, ensuring the center can adapt to changing needs and community dynamics.

**Site**

The center is located in an urban area with high foot traffic and proximity to public transportation. The site is characterized by its compact footprint and the need for a design that maximizes the use of space while maintaining a welcoming and accessible atmosphere. The building's design incorporates features that enhance its integration into the surrounding neighborhood, such as large glass facades and a modern, industrial aesthetic.

