Care and Share Food Bank’s mission is to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance. We are the only food bank to serve Southern Colorado, to include the San Luis Valley, Upper Arkansas Valley, and southern I-25 corridor. Care and Share serves 31 counties, 52,000 square miles, across Southern Colorado.

Dear friends,

We’ve met many people this year who told us about the difference that Care and Share has made in their lives and the difference we have made in the community. These are good people and we could fill pages with their stories of hope and courage. They are families with small children, seniors with health issues, neighbors who’ve fallen on hard times, people who lost their homes to fires or floods - all of them facing the fear of not having enough to eat. Each of these people found comfort and security in the healthy, nutritious food they received. Our ability to help our food insecure neighbors would not be possible with the support you, our generous community, have provided.

We are pleased to present this annual report that briefly tells our story about the past year’s journey. Every gift you have made of food, time, and financial support has made an impact and changed lives. Through our programs, our partner agencies, and contributors, we are finding more ways to serve our neighbors who face the reality of hunger every day. We look forward to our partnership with you so that together we can continue to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance throughout Southern Colorado. On behalf of everyone at Care and Share, as well as the more than 104,000 people who found comfort in the meals you made possible, we thank you.

Lynne Telford, President and CEO
Steve Schneider, Chief Governance Officer
YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

Care and Share is a grateful and careful steward of every contribution. We are proud to report that $0.95 of every dollar goes directly to food and program support and that only $0.05 of every dollar goes to administrative and fundraising costs.

Volunteers
Instances of Volunteering 8,315
Volunteer Hours 30,698

Harvest Giving Society
Harvest Members 433

Children’s Nutrition Initiative
Snacks Packaged
Back Packs Distributed 21,960
Meals Distributed 61,488
Children Served 1,265

Healthy Kids Club
Snacks Distributed 101,382
Meals Distributed 3,549
Children Served 3,029

Summer Food Service Program
Snacks Distributed 33,733
Meals Distributed 26,072
Children Served 2,593

Share Our Strength™ Cooking Matters
Classes Taught 26
Number of Volunteers 92
Participants Served 888

Senior Nutrition Initiative
Food Boxes Distributed 18,993
Seniors Served 1,197

SNAP/Food Assistance Outreach
Cheris Assisted 1,357
Meals Attributable to Outreach 423,262

Mobile Food Pantries
Conducted 243
Participates Served 40,248
Meals Attributable to Outreach 653,996

Harvest of Love School Food Drive
Schools Participating 226
Pounds of Food Collected 96,405
Dollars Raised $131,162

CARE Drive Food Drive
Businesses Participating 232
Pounds of Food Collected 45,273

Turkey Drive
Number of Turkeys Donated 5,165
Total Number of Turkeys Distributed 10,833

BY THE NUMBERS

Pounds of Food Distributed 18,626,638
Meals Distributed 15,522,198

Pounds of Produce Secured Locally 3,854,327
Pounds of Food Distributed per Person in Poverty 101

Percent of Pounds Distributed Classified as Highly Nutritious 87%
Spoilage/Waste as a Percent of Inventory 0.46%

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To view our Disaster Community Impact Report, please visit our website, www.careandshare.org

31 Counties
97 Residential Agencies
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17 Soup Kitchens

MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY COUNTY

County Meals County Meals
Alamosa 287,540 Kiowa 32,767
Archuleta 66,965 La Plata 286,903
Baca 20,598 Las Animas 167,958
Bent 118,645 Lincoln 61,842
Chaffee 147,633 Mineral 2,647
Cheyenne 57,121 Montezuma 124,618
Conejos 53,625 Otero 278,796
Costilla 53,513 Ouray 5,493
Crowley 162,533 Prowers 147,800
Custer 81,673 Pueblo 1,385,658
Dolores 11,260 Rio Grande 57,409
El Paso 6,321,170 Saguache 59,436
Fremont 639,181 San Juan 3,952
Gunnison 33,868 San Miguel 77,910
Hinsdale 8,671 Teller 478,063
Huerfano 99,103

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Meals Distributed to 165,390 individuals in Southern Colorado.