Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present this annual report detailing all that we have accomplished together during our 2011-12 fiscal year. Your support has helped Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado to meet the needs of our food insecure neighbors in a variety of ways. More than 15% of those living throughout Care and Share’s service area, nearly 167,000 people, are at risk of hunger. Sadly, nearly 22% of those facing hunger in Southern Colorado, more than 58,000, are children. That means that 1 in 5 children in our service area are facing the reality of hunger every day. These numbers represent more than just statistics, they represent people.

Because of your commitment to helping us bridge the gap between hunger and abundance, we were able to distribute more than 14.6 million meals to people throughout our 31-county service area. Through the tireless efforts of more than 300 partner agencies, Care and Share ensured that these meals reached children, seniors, homebound individuals, and families trying to make ends meet.

Care and Share’s mission is broad, and as such, we have approached our work with a variety of resources. More than 6,000 volunteers gave generously of their talents this year, contributing more than 25,000 hours of their time. We remain focused on our recycling program, reducing waste and partnering with local farmers, all in an effort to support our local economy and remain good stewards to our environment. We have grown our Cooking Matters Program, teaching low income families how to cook nutritious food on a budget. We continued to operate our mobile food pantries, bringing hope to our neighbors who face limited access to food where they live. Our gardens and greenhouse yielded not only nutritious food for people in need, but also provided educational opportunities about the joys of growing our own food. Our Children’s Nutrition Initiative ensured that young people received nutritious snacks and meals after school, during weekends, and throughout the summer months. Through our Senior Nutrition Initiative, we distributed more than 20,000 food boxes to our elderly neighbors living on limited incomes.

Our work is only possible because of the support we receive from individuals, event sponsors and participants, foundations, businesses, and government entities. By providing time, food, and money, you have embraced our mission. Your loyalty and commitment have made our work possible. Thank you! Together, we are bridging the gap between hunger and abundance.

With gratitude,

Lynne Telford
President and CEO
CARE AND SHARE
FOOD BANK FOR SOUTHERN COLORADO

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE AND SUPPORT
Contributions and Grants $26,792,524
Operations Income 1,476,283
Investment Income 3,208
Total Support and Revenue 28,272,015

EXPENSES AND LOSSES
Program Services
Warehousing and Distribution of Food 25,843,592
Support Services
Development 658,220
General and administrative 555,273
Total Expenses 27,057,085
Loss from Bad Debts 7,000
Total Expenses and Losses 27,064,085

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS 1,207,930

NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year 9,246,666
NET ASSETS, End of Year $10,454,596

OUR MISSION
Care and Share’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. Nine of the counties we serve have a poverty rate of 20% or higher. We serve the only nine counties in the state to have child poverty rates above 30%.

We accomplish our mission by:
• Providing emergency food because no one should go hungry
• Building long-term food security because people will help themselves if they know how
• Creating the public will to end hunger

We work toward these goals by:
• Collaborating to distribute food through partner agencies and our mobile food pantries
• Educating low-income families and children about nutrition and food budgeting
• Advocating for key programs and informing people about policies affecting the hungry

BY THE NUMBERS
Pounds of Food Distributed 17,623,945
Meals Distributed 14,686,620
Neighbors Served 112,812
Pounds of Produce Secured Locally 3,167,833
Pounds of Food Distributed per Person in Poverty 90.10
Percent of Pounds Distributed Classified as Highly Nutritious 86.52%
Spoilage/Waste as a Percent of Inventory 0.36%

PARTNER AGENCIES
Care and Share partners with more than 300 human and social services agencies in Southern Colorado to distribute food to our food insecure neighbors.

Residential or On-Site Programs | 122
Soup Kitchens | 17
Emergency Food Pantries | 168

CARE AND SHARE CONTRIBUTORS
Organizations/Government | 11%
Foundations | 26%
Corporations/Businesses | 11%
Individuals | 52%
Harvest Society Members 373
Care and Share individual supporters contributing $1,000 or more annually

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 costs.

Volunteers
Instances of Volunteering 6,145
Volunteer Hours 25,326

Children’s Nutrition Initiative
Send Hunger Packing
Back Packs Distributed 19,094
Meals Distributed 534,632
Children Served 1,112

Healthy Kids Club
Snacks Distributed 88,917
Meals Distributed 4,881
Children Served 2,147

Summer Food Service Program
Snacks Distributed 33,733
Meals Distributed 26,072
Children Served 2,396

Share Our Strength™ Cooking Matters
Classes Taught 18
Participants Served 246

Senior Nutrition Initiative
Food Boxes Distributed 20,203
Seniors Served 2,118

SNAP/Food Assistance Outreach
Clients Assisted 394
Trainings Held 17
Meals Attributable to Outreach 469,762

Mobile Food Pantries
Conducted 65
Participants Served 9,729
Meals Attributable to Outreach 505,087

Harvest of Love School Food Drive
Schools Participating 113
Pounds of Food Collected 110,550
Dollars Raised $135,127

Care Drive Food Drive
Businesses Participating 155
Pounds of Food Collected 45,058

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