

Volunteer Highlight: Cheryl Schrader



Cheryl Schrader is training to assist our Volunteer Services and Community Outreach Director with all-things relating to volunteer coordination, and has been such an asset to the department. She is learning the inner workings of our scheduling system and database, responding

to volunteer inquiries and shadowing tours to begin leading orientations. She is filling a critical need so that we can continually improve response times and quality customer service to volunteers.

Cheryl's husband was offered a position in Colorado Springs and they jumped at the chance to relocate in September 2014. It was the break they had hoped for since they fell in love with Colorado Springs on a vacation in 2012. Cheryl brings a rich knowledge base to her work at Care and Share, as she has been an administrative professional for the past thirty years. She started her career as a secretary at a funeral home in Alabama and ultimately secured a position with BDM Corporation assisting the Director of Operations and Senior Vice President.

With family and work commitments, Cheryl hadn't had time to make volunteering a priority. However, when she moved here, she sought out ways to get involved in the community. She quickly became part of the Care and Share family just in time for the holidays. She started out sorting, packing and off-loading on the receiving dock. She was also enthusiastic to put her organizational skills to work, so we seized the opportunity and are so glad we did! Among other things, you may see Cheryl around the warehouse leading tours or you may talk to her when you have questions about volunteering. We encourage you to get to know her. She'll make you feel welcome and bring brightness to your day.



Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Care and Share hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception, sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee, on Monday, April 13th. We enjoyed delicious food and beverages and awards were presented to some of the outstanding volunteers who have truly gone above and beyond. This is no small feat, considering how stellar all of our volunteers are!

2015 Awards Recipients:

Ernie Lykens Exceptional Volunteerism Award

Jack Carr

Outstanding Volunteer(s) of the Year Award for Calendar Year

Group: Warehouse Warriors (Tom Hire, Karen Jones, Mike Schmidbaur, Don Snodgrass and Dana Utterback)

Kids at Heart Award

Send Hunger Packing Weekly Team (Anna Alvey, JD Barrowclough, Patricia Dennison, Tom Korytowski, Julius Lonsky, Linda Lonsky and Cindy Powell)

President's Award

Monday Morning Crew (Roger Condie, Chris Grayson, Tom Klamm, Mike Matkin, Lucky Richardson, Shelly Richardson, Sam Richmond, Tracy Toth and Toni West)



Loaves and Fishes Giving Hope



Carolyn Cook Ryan, or White Dove, has had an interesting life. Her Native American father built battleships during WWII. This job involved many chemicals that were not yet known to be hazardous and he brought these toxins home on his clothes. Her mother, who was pregnant with Carolyn at the time, used to wash his clothes by hand on a washboard, exposing Carolyn to the chemicals. Because of this, she has autism and spinal deformities.

Carolyn is now a widow struggling with a very low, fixed income. She visits Loaves and Fishes in Canon City to receive food and clothing.

In her youth, Carolyn was privileged to be a singer at the great Pow Wows that were held in the Garden of the Gods. Sometimes she still sings. One day at Loaves and Fishes, she noticed young men gathering for a meal. She started singing a song that she wrote. She thought she was just singing to three boys, but when she turned around, an audience had gathered and she was receiving a standing ovation!

Carolyn says that Loaves and Fishes gives her hope and keeps her going. "If it wasn't here," Carolyn says, "it would be very hard; a very hard life. I'm very thankful. I don't know how many times I can say I'm very thankful."

Loaves and Fishes is set up to resemble a grocery store where shoppers are able to choose the items they want. Shoppers are authorized ten pounds of food per family member.

Bread, produce, and dairy products are distributed whenever available.

Each month more than 25,000 pounds of food is given away.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 9th

Help feed children throughout Southern Colorado during the most critical time of year—the summer. Please consider donating highly desired items like **cereal, peanut butter, soup or canned proteins.**

On **Saturday, May 9th** place your donation at your mailbox. **Thank you!**

DRIVE OUT HUNGER

Benefiting Care and Share Food Bank

Join in the game and dust off your clubs. Through your participation as a player or sponsor, you can help us ensure our neighbors in need have the food they need to thrive.

Our inaugural golf tournament will be held at The Country Club of Colorado on Monday, June 15th at 8 a.m. For more info, please visit our website: www.careandshare.org.



Feed Our Neighbors Circle: Fight Hunger Year-Round

One of the easiest and most effective ways to support Care and Share is by joining the Feed Our Neighbors Circle, our recurring monthly donor program.

Our members generously give each month to sustain several distinct programs that provide food to those in need throughout Southern Colorado. Your support will provide access to food and offer hope for families like Belinda's.

Belinda has guardianship over her two grandsons, Aaron and Carson – she now has two growing boys to feed. School provides Aaron and Carson with free breakfast and lunch, but as the school year is coming to an end, Belinda grows anxious wondering how she will provide them each with two extra meals. This summer, Aaron and Carson will participate in a Summer Food Service Program that will provide them with a free breakfast, lunch or snack. The help will make all the difference.



Get Started! You can join by establishing recurring monthly or quarterly gifts at www.careandshare.org! If you prefer to enroll by email or phone, or for more information, contact Allan Siracusa at allan@careandshare.org or 719-434-4680.

Your Legacy Creates a Hunger-Free Southern Colorado

When it comes to supporting Care and Share Food Bank, there are many giving options to choose. With a gift to us in your estate or financial plans, you're helping us to solve hunger.

The benefits are far-reaching. Depending on the gift you choose, you may be able to exclude some of your estate or inheritance taxes. Speak to your attorney or financial advisor to learn how a bequest to Care and Share can positively impact your estate.

How do you know which method of support is right for you? To find a charitable gift that best meets your family's needs and support programs that reach men, women, and children at risk of hunger for years to come, you need a plan—and we're here to help!

For more information, please call Stacy Poore, 719-434-4679 or you may email us at development@careandshare.org



We are pleased to announce a creative way you can join in the fight against hunger. Cooking for a Cause is a series of Chefs Table cooking experiences.

Meals will be held monthly, May through November, in our beautiful Community Kitchen. Demonstrations by expert chefs will be followed by a meal with the chef and class participants. Wine pairings will be woven throughout the cooking and dining experience.

May 14, 2015 | Jenna Hines, Cravings

June 11, 2015 | Nathan Dirnberger, School District 11

July 9, 2015 | Jay Gust, TAPateria and Pizzeria Rustica

August 13, 2015 | Corey Wilson, A Personable Chef

September 17, 2015 | Brother Luck, Brother Luck Street Eats

October 8, 2015 | Ott Mathias, Jake and Telly's Greek Taverna

November 12, 2015 | Eric Viedt & Cathy Werle, The Margarita at Pine Creek

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 pm.

2605 Preamble Point, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

\$40 per person, per session. Space is limited.

Tickets can be purchased online at

<https://give.careandshare.org/cooking-for-a-cause/>

Questions? Call 719-434-4679 or events@careandshare.org.



BUSINESS CHAMPIONS

Donations from businesses for general support are vital to our effort to feed our neighbors at risk of hunger. Becoming a Business Champion provides a quality venue for your business to be recognized for the work you do, as well as for your generous support of people living with food insecurity throughout Southern Colorado. To see a complete list of Business Champions, as well as the various giving levels and benefits, please visit <http://careandshare.org>>Get Involved>Business Champions.

Many thanks to these fantastic Business Champions who are ensuring families, children, the elderly, and others have enough food to eat because no one should go hungry!

Sunrise to Sunset Supporter (\$15,000+)

Breads of the World

After School Heroes (\$6,000)

A Village Pharmacy

Farm Credit of Southern Colorado

Vitamin Cottage

For more information about how you too can become a Business Champion, please contact Stacy Poore at stacy@careandshare.org or 719-434-4679.

I choose Care and Share because 95 cents of every dollar donated goes for the intended purpose to assist those living in Southern Colorado. If you are looking for a wonderful organization then look no further!

-Bob Shelton, Business Champion and 2015 Hunger's Hope Individual Award winner.

Help Kids This Summer!

Without school breakfasts and lunches during the summer, many kids run the risk of missing important meals during the day.

Setting up a virtual food drive today will help provide food for them this summer. Virtual food drives help us provide more than 19.5 million pounds of food each year to our neighbors at risk of hunger in Southern Colorado.

Some of our most needed food items include canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat or tuna, soups, peanut butter, and oatmeal.

Get involved today.

Start a Virtual Drive.

Contact Amber Cote at amber@careandshare.org or call her at 719-434-4677.



Thanks to our Funders!

The support of our grant makers is integral to the work that we do every day. At Care and Share, we believe that no one should go hungry. We thank the following grant makers, who recognize the importance in ensuring that one in seven Southern Coloradoans at risk of hunger have access to enough healthy and nutritious food to thrive. **THANK YOU for your support!**

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