Kaiser Permanente - A champion in the fight against hunger

Kaiser Permanente is a powerful champion in the fight against hunger in Southern Colorado. As the state’s largest nonprofit, integrated health care delivery system, Kaiser Permanente is committed to improving the health of their members and the Colorado communities they serve. Every year, Kaiser Permanente employees provide thousands of hours of volunteerism to help with nonprofit efforts and community projects. Kaiser Permanente Colorado provides their employees with an innovative volunteer release policy that allows them up to 96 hours per year to volunteer for qualifying nonprofit projects.

Since 2013, Kaiser Permanente has made it a priority to bring teams of employees to Care and Share every year for Martin Luther King National Day of Service. This year Kaiser employees spent the entire day sorting and packing food for distribution to our partner agencies throughout Southern Colorado. To read more about the day, please see our January 19th blog post at http://careandsharefb.blogspot.com/search?q=Kaiser+Permanente

Kaiser Permanente provides passionate volunteers who have dedicated their time in the Care and Share warehouse. They also work with us in other capacities:

- Mia Ramirez, Sr. Community Health Specialist, was a member of our 2012-2013 Strategic Planning Team.
- In 2013, we received a generous grant from Kaiser Permanente to implement our Healthy Pantry project.
- In 2014, we were the winner of Kaiser Permanente’s Stories of Community Health Innovations project.
- CJ Moore was featured on our on 40th anniversary video, which was released in October of 2014.
- Kaiser Permanente has been a sponsor of Colorado Springs Panerathon and Recipe for Hope.

Kaiser Permanente is committed to providing resources to help the most vulnerable people in their communities. Their above-and-beyond support of Care and Share’s mission is certainly proof of that!

Retail Direct Pickup Program

Through our retail direct pickup program we rescue prepared foods with the help of our partner agencies. The partner agency is responsible for regular rescued food pickups each week from restaurants and retailers. They then take the food directly back to their food pantry for distribution.

Starbucks, located at 6845 Mesa Ridge in Fountain, participates in the retail direct pickup program with Care and Share. Store Manager, Cory Beery loves working for a company that cares so much about its employees and giving back to its community. Care and Share has connected Starbucks and Connections 4 Life Center in Fountain to rescue prepared food three times per week.

At the end of each day, the Mesa Ridge Starbucks team reviews products on their shelves and pulls products from the bakery and pastry racks. Food is packaged in containers for Connections 4 Life to pick up. Both Cory and the Mesa Ridge Starbucks employees feel good knowing that their products are going to help feed our neighbors in need and not into a landfill as waste.

Since starting the retail direct pickup program with the Mesa Ridge Starbucks in late August 2014, this retailer has donated 1,124 pounds of food through Care and Share’s partner agency, Connections 4 Life, equating to more than 936 meals - thank you!

We are extremely grateful to Cory and the Mesa Ridge Starbucks employees for their continuous generosity and being a leader in our retail direct pickup program. We encourage you to visit Cory and the employees of Starbucks at 6845 Mesa Ridge in Fountain. To learn more about Connections 4 Life, visit http://www.connections4lifecenter.org/
You have helped people facing hunger in Southern Colorado more than ever – thank you!

Numbers reflect July 2014 through February 2015.

GIVE FOOD.

428,715 pounds of food donated from individuals and food drives.

GIVE TIME.

27,531 hours of service. Volunteers are truly the heart of our organization.

GIVE MONEY.

$3,226,827 raised from corporations, foundations, organizations, and individuals.

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

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

Bob Shelton, Business Champion and 2015 Hunger's Hope Individual Award winner (pictured with Lynne Telford, President and CEO)

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!

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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January Grant Makers

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The Bruni Foundation
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Walmart store #1384

February Grant Makers

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
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Feeding America’s Rural Child Hunger Capacity Institute
Union Pacific Foundation
Wells Fargo

We are very excited to host the Care and Share Drive Out Hunger Golf Tournament on June 15, 2015. Drive Out Hunger is an opportunity to showcase your organization, gather with friends for fun, and help raise vital resources needed in our fight against hunger. Please visit www.careandshare.org or call Stacy Poore at 719-434-4679 for tournament details and various sponsorship opportunities.

To learn more or to make a donation to Care and Share Food Bank visit www.careandshare.org