

Spring 2014



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Dear Friends:

Of the more than 165,000 people in Southern Colorado identified as food insecure, meaning they don't know where they'll find their next meal, more than 58,000 are children.

Soon, children across Southern Colorado will begin summer vacation. While summer vacation is considered freedom for many children, it means losing one place that they can count on for a meal – school. Our Summer Food Service Program provides low-income children with free, nutritious snacks and meals during the summer months. But it serves just a fraction of those in need.

In the summer, many families are left struggling to stretch already limited food budgets even further. You can make a difference. Whether it's through buying an extra can of food, hosting a food drive, or being a sustaining donor of Care and Share, it's a community effort that ends hunger.

Our goal is to provide people with nutritious food. We strive to achieve that goal every day. Providing nutritious food is a high priority of Care and Share Food Bank. In fact, more than 86% of the pounds of food we distribute are classified as highly nutritious.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program or how you can help us feed children this summer by organizing a food drive, please visit **www.careandshare.org**.

Together we can solve hunger.

Lynne Telford
President and CEO



Cyndi
Food Pantry Recipient
Volunteer

Want to Learn More? Stories from Those Who Have Faced Hunger

Cyndi couldn't see a way out. After being helped by her local food pantry, which assisted her to stretch her budget and slowly start to get back on her feet—Cyndi now inspires others. She received so much more than food—she was given hope.

Read more of Cyndi's story at www.careandshare.org > About Us > Who We Serve.



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This April is all about recognizing volunteers

Volunteers are a vital part of Care and Share Food Bank's mission to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance. We believe that our volunteers are our best advocates and champions.

Last year of the more than 8,000 volunteers connected with us, each is an important key to success for our organization, and we thank them!

The compassion volunteers show to the people we serve is an inspiration for us all. We notice how our volunteers treat everyone with respect and kindness, no matter what the situation. We know how stressful it can be for the people who find themselves in need of the services we provide, and the words and actions of volunteers go a long way toward helping those we serve. The work of our volunteers hasn't gone unnoticed.

Volunteers have shown our neighbors in Southern Colorado that they care about their well-being and that gives them hope. Sometimes hope is just what people need to change their lives.

Thank you to our volunteers for all that they do.



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Fight Hunger Year-Round

Become a member of **Feed Our Neighbors Circle**, Care and Shares Food Bank's recurring monthly donor program—the most sustaining force in individual giving and bridging the gap between hunger and abundance.

Every day, more than 165,000 children, individuals, seniors and struggling families are counting on food provided by Care and Share to get by when times are tough.

We count on a special circle of supporters, too. You can become a member by joining **Feed Our Neighbors Circle**. There's no easier way to help fight hunger.

The **Feed Our Neighbors Circle** was created to provide a stable and continual source of operating funds, enabling our supporters to help sustain Care and Share's hunger relief programs.

Get Started! You can join by establishing recurring monthly 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.



Are you a Business Champion?

This year, Care and Share implemented a program, Business Champions, to more closely partner with the local business community. Donations from businesses for general support are important in our effort to feed our neighbors at risk of hunger. To learn more about how you can become a Business Champion and the benefits of joining this giving society, please contact Stacy Poore at stacy@careandshare.org or 719-434-4679.

BRIDGING THE GAP TEAM BUILDING

Bridge the Gap

Are you looking for a fun and interesting way to strengthen your team while making a difference to your community? Care and Share is now proudly offering Bridge the Gap, an experience that will not only give your team the chance to learn and grow together, but will also provide support to those at risk of hunger in our community.

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Bridge the Gap is an engaging experience that takes place at our food bank. Your day will begin with a team building experience, facilitated by a professional trainer. This energizing start to the day is followed by lunch, cooked in our very own Care and Share Community Kitchen. After lunch your team will spend time together sorting and packing food that will go to our neighbors at risk of hunger throughout Southern Colorado. Come be a part of Bridge the Gap, a new opportunity that will strengthen your team and provide support to our community at the same time. For more information, please contact Stacy Poore at stacy@careandshare.org or 719-434-4679.



"Had a lot of fun. Love the concept of joining formal team building activities with community support. Most teams doing community service are attempting to have an experience together outside of work anyway. Thanks!"
—Dave, Wells Fargo



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Generous Funders

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado seeks to strengthen ongoing relationships with businesses, individuals, corporate, and foundation partners who believe in the work we are doing. The generosity of our grant makers is integral to the work that we do every day to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance. Without their dedication to the betterment of our community, we could not provide nutritious food to the working adults, children, seniors, the ill, and others facing food insecurity throughout Southern Colorado. We truly appreciate each gift and are proud to maintain that for every \$1.00 we receive, \$0.95 goes towards services and only \$0.05 goes towards administrative costs.

January Grant Makers

BBVA Compass Foundation – general operations
Esther M. & Freeman E. Everett Charitable Trust – general operations
Gazette/El Pomar Empty Stocking Fund – general operations
The Little Purses Fund of the Pikes Peak Community Foundation – Send Hunger Packing
The S.L. Gimbel Foundation – Food purchasing
Walmart #1384 – Otero County

February Grant Makers

Kaiser Permanente's Weigh and Win – general operations
King Soopers' Bringing Hope to the Table – general operations

March Grant Makers

Darden Restaurants, Inc. Foundation – Children's Nutrition Initiative
E.M. Christmas Foundation – Pueblo County
Myron Stratton Home - Children's Nutrition Initiative



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Need Space for a Meeting?

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado is proud to offer the Lane Family Community Board Room at our Colorado Springs warehouse free of charge for meetings to community organizations and businesses.

The Lane Family Community Board Room is ideal for presentations, trainings and meetings. The table seats a maximum of eighteen board room style, and can hold up to twenty-four with additional side chairs around the perimeter. The room can also be set classroom style to accommodate 40 guests. Groups may utilize the Lane Family Community Board Room during regular business hours from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A Care and Share staff member would be glad to provide your group with a brief presentation about the food bank and its community impact at the beginning of your meeting. We can also provide printed materials which highlight details about Care and Share.

Care and Share Food Bank gladly shares the Lane Family Community Board Room with other organizations and groups; however, any support from your organization of financial or food donations is always appreciated.

Call, 719-528-1247, today to make your reservation!



This year's luncheon was attended by more than 800 guests, the largest turnout ever for this event.

Recipe for Hope Recap

On March 6, 2014 Care and Share hosted the sixth annual Recipe for Hope Luncheon at the beautiful Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. This year's luncheon was attended by more than 800 guests, the largest turnout ever for this event. Lynne Telford, Care and Share President and CEO, shared stories of her travels during the past year, meeting people we serve throughout Southern Colorado. She also gave the audience a glimpse of her vision for the years to come. Lynne encouraged guests with the assurance that day by day, Care and Share is getting food to people who need it. All in attendance were treated to beautiful music by the Colorado Springs Conservatory as well as touching stories of power and perseverance by this year's presenters Shannon Mendes and James Doty. Matt Meister, Chief Meteorologist at KRDO News Channel 13, helped to emcee the event for the second year in a row.

Because of the generosity of our guests, Care and Share will be able to provide more than 1,202,125 meals to our neighbors facing food insecurity throughout our 31-county Southern Colorado service area.

We want to thank our sponsors **CenturyLink**, **El Pomar Foundation**, **Ent Federal Credit Union**, and **La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries** for their outstanding commitment and to all of our table captains who helped make the event such a huge success.

As Lynne reminded the guests, together, we can feed Southern Colorado!



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Bridging the gap between hunger and abundance