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## CARE AND SHARE'S CELEBRATION OF THE 2014 HUNGER'S HOPE AWARDS

The purpose of the Hunger's Hope Award is to annually recognize one individual, one organization and one business for their extraordinary level of commitment to Care and Share's mission to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance.

The 2014 Hunger's Hope Award winners were selected for their extraordinary accomplishments in support of Care and Share. They have demonstrated engagement in our work to secure support for people at risk of hunger throughout Southern Colorado. Our award recipients have shown exemplary leadership and commitment. Finally, each recipient has a proven record of exceptional generosity through giving or garnering financial support for the Care and Share mission.

### **Individual Award Winner**

Richard B. Paine

### **Organization Award Winner**

Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School

### **Business Award Winner**

Panera Bread – Breads of the World



**CAREDRIVE**

Care and Share Food Bank thanks well over 200 businesses, organizations and clubs that hosted a food drive during the months of November and December as a part of our CARE Drive. The two-month long campaign allows businesses and organizations to not only give philanthropically, but it invites them to engage their employees in a variety of fun and incentivized ways to give both food and money. We welcomed new businesses and had many returning with innovative ways to give. More than 61,000 pounds of food and \$72,000 was collected this year for our CARE Drive and we want to thank you for helping us surpass our goal.

*Dear Friends,*

Thank you for your continuous effort to provide healthy, nutritious food year-round.

Hunger is a real problem in Southern Colorado. It's not possible to ignore hunger when in our communities individuals are struggling to cover the most basic needs in their homes.

February is known to Care and Share as 'Love Feeds Hunger' month. It's an opportunity to thank our supporters, educate the community about the work we do, engage the community as volunteers and ask the community for their investment.

There are many ways you can help Care and Share feed our food-insecure neighbors in Southern Colorado. You can tell someone else that hunger exists in our community and that there is something they can do about it. Every dollar, every can of food, and each volunteer hour is one step towards increasing distribution of nutritious food to individuals and families we serve. It is mission possible.

Hosting a 'Love Feeds Hunger' food drive fills an important gap and helps to ensure we have a variety of staple food products in our inventory - canned meats, vegetables, fruit, soup, meat or tuna, peanut butter and cereal/oatmeal – it is what many of our clients need most.

Join us this February for 'Love Feeds Hunger', creating greater health for our neighbors - making our work possible every day. Thank you for your support of Care and Share.

*Lynne*

Lynne Telford  
President and CEO



# CO Gives Day

On December 10, 2013 Colorado donors once again united to support nonprofit organizations during the fourth Colorado Gives Day. THANK YOU for helping Care and Share surpass our goal by nearly 40%! Because of your strategic investment, your donation during Colorado Gives Day went even further with FirstBank's incentive fund, which increases the value of every dollar donated. Your generosity truly makes a difference for those struggling with food insecurity throughout Southern Colorado. *Together we can solve hunger!*



## Create a **Hunger-Free Southern Colorado** through a Charitable Bequest

Through your donations to Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, you're making a difference in the fight against hunger today. Did you know that you can help people facing hunger tomorrow by leaving a bequest to Care and Share Food Bank in your will?

### The benefits are far-reaching.

Your bequest to Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado will support programs that reach men, women, and children at risk of hunger. Plus, 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.

Please call Stacy Poore, 719-434-4679 or you may email us at [development@careandshare.org](mailto:development@careandshare.org)



## Harvest of Love Recap

November 1-22

Harvest of Love is Care and Share's largest annual food drive. KRDO News Channel 13 and KRDO News Radio have been longtime supporters of Harvest of Love. All of the money and food collected during this timeframe is given to Care and Share Food Bank so that we can provide nutritious meals to those who are food insecure in Southern Colorado.

Harvest of Love 2013 proved to be a success. Congratulations to all of the 109 participating schools! With your help, Care and Share received more than 1.5 million pounds of food – that's more than 1.25 million meals to be distributed throughout Southern Colorado.

## Congratulations to the following award winners:

**Cornucopia Winner** recognizing the school that raises the overall largest amount of food and money, Doherty High School- 464,231 pounds collected.

**Giving Goblet** recognizing the school with the largest percentage of increase over 2012 is Falcon Virtual Academy – a 6,635% increase.

**Grade Level Winners** recognizes elementary, middle, high school, charters and/or private school overall winners:

Scott Elementary- 58,568 pounds  
Cheyenne Mountain Junior High- 42,445 pounds  
Cheyenne Mountain High School- 198,287 pounds  
Imagine Indigo Ranch- 13,012 pounds

**You made this happen** - we look forward to collaborating in such a meaningful way again in November 2014!

Care and Share Food Bank invites you to



# Recipe for Hope




March 6, 2014

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. | Lunch commences promptly at 12:00 noon

The Broadmoor Hotel | International Center  
1 Lake Avenue | Colorado Springs, CO

Please join us for a powerful story of hope. Every day Care and Share Food Bank and its partner agencies provide food assistance to thousands of individuals and families in Southern Colorado. Learn more about Care and Share's programs and accept our invitation to invest in Care and Share's mission of bridging the gap between hunger and abundance.





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## Turkey Team Recap

Each year, we rely on our community to donate frozen turkeys for thousands of families throughout Southern Colorado to enjoy for the holiday season. We are so thankful for the generosity and commitment that our neighbors display to

ensure turkeys are available to those who are in need. We distributed 8,368 turkeys to the 88 partner agencies that made requests.

We know the only way to serve the community with such demand is to collaborate with likeminded organizations to collectively have a stronger community-wide partnership. We expanded the 10,000 Turkey Team efforts with Springs Rescue Mission to include Security Service Federal Credit Union and Sky Sox Baseball as well as our returning friends at KLite 106.3 FM and Panera Bread. Two Men and a Truck and CenturyLink were our steadfast transportation partners, moving those 8,000 plus turkeys from many various points throughout the community to our warehouse.

We cannot thank our partners enough for their collaboration and you for allowing us to serve in the way we did. It is your generosity that feeds so many during the holiday season.

## Trash or Treasure?

### Zero Waste Program

Think about how much food you discard because it spoils or expires. With the prices we pay for food and the knowledge that people are hungry, it is frustrating when we must throw away any amount of food. Picture how challenging the problem would be if you, like Care and Share, had a 9,000 square foot refrigerator and a 50,000 square foot pantry. Ensuring the least amount of spoilage possible is an important focus of our work.

Care and Share invests significantly in our Zero Waste Program. We recycle cardboard, plastic, and lumber. If food does expire, we share it with farmers and animal sanctuaries that use it to feed the animals in their care. We compost and we are experimenting with growing food and livestock from our food waste stream. We feel a responsibility to ensure that we do not contribute to the problem of waste and therefore, our waste as a percent of

overall inventory is less than half of one percent!

We have been growing our recycling program, actually bringing revenue to the food bank by selling waste cardboard, plastic, lumber, and other materials. The money raised from the sale of waste allows us to buy food. We are feeding people with money we make selling what might have otherwise ended up in a landfill. You will hear more about these efforts in the future as we explore how to turn our recycling efforts into a social enterprise, bringing food security to many with the money we can raise through our Zero Waste efforts.

To participate in our survey so that we can learn about your recycling needs or interests, please visit <http://careandshare.org/AboutUs/Recycling>, and click on the survey link at the bottom of the page.

## Bridge the Gap Business Team Building

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. 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](mailto:stacy@careandshare.org) or 719-434-4679.

## Service Area Region Spotlight

### HOW WE FIGHT HUNGER IN SOUTHWEST COLORADO

Last year, Care and Share provided more than 510,000 meals in Southwest Colorado.



Care and Share partnered with 5 Send Hunger Packing sites to distribute 2,526 backpacks last year.



Care and Share partners with 28 agencies in Southwest Colorado.



1 in 7 neighbors in Southwest Colorado are food insecure.



# Thanks to our Funders!

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 direct services and only \$0.05 goes towards administrative costs.

## October Grant Makers

Boeing Employees Community Fund - Send Hunger Packing  
Connecting Points-Send Hunger Packing  
Feeding America Strategic Partnership Investments program in conjunction with Morgan Stanley - Send Hunger Packing  
Southern Colorado Community Foundation - Pueblo Operating Support  
The Virginia Hill Foundation - Children's Nutrition Initiative  
TJX and the TJX Foundation - Children's Nutrition Initiative  
WaterStone Support Foundation - Disaster Relief

## November Grant Makers

Anschutz Family Foundation - General Operating Support  
Community Safety Foundation - General Operating Support  
LexisNexis - Truck Tires  
Sam's Club 8272 - El Paso County Hunger Relief  
The Fund for Intergalactic Harmony - General Operating Support  
Wal-Mart Foundation - Children's Nutrition Initiative

## December Grant Makers

Carl W. Carrie Mae Joslyn Charitable Trust - El Paso County Hunger Relief  
Creel - Harison Foundation-Pueblo Operating Support  
Cypress Semiconductor Corp. - General Operating Support  
Envision Management LLC - General Operating Support  
H.A. & Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust - Holiday Food Distribution  
Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation - General Operating Support  
Holland & Hart Foundation - General Operating Support  
Jackson Foundation - Pueblo County Hunger Relief  
Jennie and Albert Gersick Foundation - Pueblo Operating Support  
Mabel Horrigan Foundation - General Operating Support  
Pikes Peak Community Foundation - General Operating Support  
The Buettner Family Foundation for Leigh and Al Buettner - General Operating Support  
The Carl George Bjorkman Foundation - Zero Waste Program  
The Eugene C. and Florence Armstrong Family Foundation, Inc. - General Operating Support  
The Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation - Holiday Programs and Gift Baskets  
T. Rowe Price Foundation - General Operating Support  
U.S. Bank Foundation - General Operating Support

To learn more or to make a donation to Care and Share Food Bank visit [www.careandshare.org](http://www.careandshare.org).

## Feed Our Neighbors Circle: Fight Hunger Year-Round

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

Become a member of the Feed Our Neighbors Circle, Care and Share Food Bank's recurring monthly donor giving program. This is the most sustaining force in individual giving. It helps us to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance and makes so many of our programs possible.

You can become a member by making a recurring monthly or quarterly gift. There's no easier way to help fight hunger.

To get started, you can join by establishing recurring gifts at [www.careandshare.org](http://www.careandshare.org)! If you prefer to enroll by email or phone, or for more information, contact Allan Siracusa at 719-434-4680 or [allan@careandshare.org](mailto:allan@careandshare.org).



We are pleased to announce that Cooking for a Cause will be back beginning March 13, 2014. These chef table experiences were so successful and popular that we have added two additional experiences for 2014. Save these dates now because each of the events will sell out just as they did in 2013.

March 13th  
April 10th  
May 8th  
June 12th  
July 10th  
August 14th  
September 11th  
October 9th

Cooking for a Cause will again be offered at the tremendous value of \$40 per person. Powers Liquor Mart is sponsoring our wine pairings again and we will announce the stellar line up of chefs in January. For more information or to preorder your tickets, please contact us at [events@careandshare.org](mailto:events@careandshare.org) or 719-434-4679.



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