

Winter 2014

Choices: Heat or Food?

Dear Friends:

With the winter months upon us, many people will be struggling to make the choice between heating their homes and putting food on the table. More than 165,000 individuals living in Southern Colorado are food insecure; this means they lack consistent access to enough food at some point during the year.

Care and Share Food Bank, as the sole food bank for Southern Colorado, has been serving the food insecure for more than forty years. During our last fiscal year, we provided food for more than 104,000 individuals annually.

With widespread community support, we are working to make sure that those in need are made aware of the help available to them, through our more than 340 partner agencies—food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters—that provide emergency food assistance.

Together, we can provide hope to people in need. With your support, Care and Share Food Bank is committed to finding solutions to end hunger in Southern Colorado. Thank you.



Lynne Telford
President and CEO

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Empty Stocking Fund Reminder



The 30th annual Gazette-El Pomar Foundation Empty Stocking Fund provides resources for local health and human service agencies in the Pikes Peak region on the front lines of helping people in crisis and assisting others in attaining self-sufficiency.

The 2013-14 campaign will be held Thanksgiving Day through January 17, 2014. Thanks to contributions by The Gazette, El Pomar Foundation and Wells Fargo, 100% of the funds go directly to agencies to support those in need. Donations to the Empty Stocking Fund transform lives.

Every dollar donated to the Empty Stocking Fund grows up to 45.3 percent through matching funds.

- Bruni Foundation - Matches \$10,000 for every \$100,000 raised
- El Pomar Foundation - Matches \$1 for every \$3 raised

Care and Share is a recipient of the Gazette-El Pomar Foundation Empty Stocking Fund. Just \$15 can provide 150 pounds of food—the equivalent of 125 meals! For more information or to donate, visit <http://fillanemptystocking.org/recipient-agencies/>

Harvest of Love Recap



Harvest of Love occurs from November 1st through the 22nd. Each year, Colorado Springs area schools join alliances with Care and Share Food Bank to meet our mission of bridging the gap between hunger and abundance.

Harvest of Love is Care and Share's largest annual food drive. KRDO News Channel 13 and KRDO News Radio has been a longtime supporter of Harvest of Love. All of the money and food collected during this timeframe are 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 a little more than 1.25 million meals - to be distributed throughout Southern Colorado.

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



Quick Facts:

Care and Share Food Bank is a Southern Colorado-based regional distribution center of locally and nationally donated and purchased food. Through a multitude of food procurement methods, Care and Share receives food into our warehouse. The food is then distributed to more than 340 pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, senior centers and other human service agencies, who give the food directly to the people in need.

- **Our service area includes 31 counties covering 52,000 square miles**
 - **We partner with more than 340 agencies to distribute food**
 - **27% of those served by Care and Share are children**
- **75% of those served by Care and Share are living below the poverty line**



GOAL: \$11,000



Colorado Gives Day Recap

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!

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. 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. Opportunities range in cost from \$500 for our Pallet Partner program to up to \$15,000 to become a Sunrise to Sunset supporter and help us operate our business for a day. All support opportunities come with a wide array of benefits for your organization. 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

CraftWorks Restaurants
(Old Chicago, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery)

After School Heroes

Ameriprise Financial
Chromatic Technologies, Inc.
Conoco Phillips
Noodles & Company
Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.
Red Rock Church
Wells Fargo

Lunchtime Full Plate Provider

Santa's Workshop
Zurich's Colorado Springs, CO Office

Morning Kick Starter

Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

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



Volunteers

Care and Share is a proud recipient of a \$25,000 grant through the Feeding America Strategic Partnership Investments program in conjunction with Morgan Stanley to fund our Send Hunger Packing program. Send Hunger Packing helps to ensure that kids are fed during the weekend when they aren't in school. This grant is the second we have received this year from Morgan Stanley, bringing their total support to \$75,000.

Send Hunger Packing program works by putting nutritious food directly into the hands of children and their family members at risk of hunger by filling backpacks with staples such as peanut butter, milk and cereal, bread, and canned goods every Friday afternoon during the school year. This program makes it possible for children who usually receive reduced or free lunch at school to receive the nutrition they need even when they aren't in school.

We are honored to receive both money and time from Morgan Stanley. Clarke Octigan, Managing Director at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, said that "Morgan Stanley encourages all of our employees to give back to the communities where we live and work, and we are

excited to be able to again extend a helping hand to Care and Share. Many of us are volunteers at Care and Share so we know the good work that takes place here, and we are proud that our firm has been able to bring a second grant to this important community organization."

Thank you Morgan Stanley—you are a true champion against childhood hunger!



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 or 719-434-4679.



Child Hunger: How great is the need?

We have shared before that one in five Southern Colorado children are at risk of hunger, which equates to more than 58,000 children who need our help.

We know that well-nourished children are better able to learn and are more likely to grow up prepared to be successful contributors in their community...Care and Share Food Bank is committed to ending childhood hunger through services such as Healthy Kids Clubs, Send Hunger Packing and the Summer Food Service Program.

For a child, hunger does not take a weekend off, a winter break or a summer vacation. With your help, Care and Share has the ability to assure that no child in Southern Colorado goes hungry. Because it is assumed that children in need are accessing multiple programs to help meet their food needs, resources must be available at the times when children need them most.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that children have the fuel they need to grow healthy and strong.

If you have any questions about our children's nutrition programs, please feel free to contact Jennifer Marino, Programs Director at 719-434-4676 or at jennifer@careandshare.org

How has your support helped us to accomplish our mission this year?

Quick Facts:



Healthy Kids Clubs

Number of Sites: 24
Number of Snacks Distributed: 101,383
Number of Meals Distributed: 3,549



Send Hunger Packing

Number of Sites: 38
Sites goal for 2014: 40
Number of Weekend Packs Distributed: 21,960



Summer Food Service

Number of Sites: 40
Number of Snacks Distributed: 33,733
Number of Meals Distributed: 26,072

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.

October Grant Makers

Boeing Employees Community Fund - Send Hunger Packing
Connecting Point Marketing Group - 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
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



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