



Care and Share Food Bank Hosts Open House & Ribbon Cutting at Newly Expanded Pueblo Facility

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Pueblo, CO (Monday, March 28, 2016) – According to Feeding America’s *Map the Meal Gap*, nearly 22,000 people living in Pueblo County are at risk of missing at least one meal every day. The same study reports that there are more than 171,000 people in need of food throughout Care and Share Food Bank’s 31-county service area. This startling fact prompted Care and Share to launch *Within Reach*, a five-year plan to provide access to food for *all* Southern Colorado neighbors at risk of hunger every day.

Understanding that we and our 40 partner agencies in Pueblo County need to reach more neighbors at risk of hunger, we embarked on a campaign to expand our Pueblo facility. The expansion will allow us to engage more volunteers, distribute more food, host more nutrition education classes, and better meet the needs of the community. Thanks to the generosity of the Pueblo community, as well as the support of several key foundations and organizations, we have recently completed this campaign.

We invite the community to the food bank, located at **100 Greenhorn Drive**, on **Thursday, March 31st** for an open house and ribbon cutting from **5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**

“Our organization is committed to providing access to food for our neighbors in need. Expanding our reach in the Pueblo community, which is one of the largest cities in our service area, is essential to our ability to get more food to more people. We are so pleased to have received the support necessary to complete this important project.” said Lynne Telford, President and CEO, Care and Share Food Bank.

To learn more about *Within Reach* and Care and Share Food Bank visit www.careandshare.org.

About Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado

At Care and Share Food Bank, we believe that no one should go hungry. Every day, we provide food to our partner agencies across Southern Colorado to serve families, children and seniors in need because well-fed communities are safer, more stable, and more vibrant for us all. Care and Share is also a member of Feeding America, a national food bank association. Every year, Care and Share distributes more than 21 million pounds of food throughout 31 counties in Southern Colorado to more than 300 partner agencies.