Jack walked into Care and Share’s volunteer orientation in September of 2013 with the purpose of renovating his life after a difficult divorce. As soon as he saw the positivity and passion of the Care and Share team, he knew he found the right place.

Jack became a frequent volunteer and with his consistent hands-on involvement, he is now a lead volunteer. Jack loves knowing that he plays a critical role in providing meals for those who do not have access to enough food. He says, “Most of us can go to a restaurant or a store and buy anything at any time, so I can’t even comprehend the fact that someone has to wait for food or go without it.” Jack’s positive interactions with staff, volunteers, and partner agencies truly set him apart. He enjoys it when people come back to volunteer because of the positive impact he has had on them.

While “putting two juices in every box can seem monotonous and boring” to other people, Jack likes the process of packing nutritious food for his neighbors in need. Even as a full-time financial advisor, he always finds time to volunteer because he sincerely believes in Care and Share’s mission and appreciates the people who are making it possible. “Everyone seems driven to it. They truly want to be here.” But the mission of Care and Share would not be attainable without committed volunteers like Jack who devote themselves to the belief that no one should go hungry.

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WHY I VOLUNTEER
Andrea, volunteer at Fishes and Loaves Pantry

Andrea is full of smiles and loves helping others, especially seniors. She spends time volunteering each week at Fishes and Loaves Pantry in Colorado Springs. One of her favorite couples comes in each week to receive food from the pantry. Struggling with poor health and a very low, fixed income, this couple often reaches the end of the month with little money left for food. Without Fishes and Loaves, they don’t know what they would do. Andrea said they are so appreciative each time they visit the pantry.

Andrea is a senior too, so she understands the challenges that come along with getting older. She said that serving clients “gives me a greater appreciation of how fortunate I am.”

FEED OUR NEIGHBORS

1 in 4 children are hungry in Southern Colorado.

If you’re waiting for the right time to make your gift, this is it. Become a monthly donor now by joining Feed Our Neighbors Circle.

Who wants children to go hungry? Not you and not us! Your support is vital to helping get food to children so they can learn and grow. It’s just that simple.

Every $1 you invest today will provide 8 meals.

Together, we can solve hunger.

Thank you!

Ashton from Gunnison, CO

Ashton and his girlfriend have been volunteering at the Gunnison Country Food Pantry since they moved to the area. They love to volunteer and to feel like they are part of the community. Ashton says that giving back is “the best feeling in the world.” They also receive food from the pantry.

Their finances were stretched to the limit when Ashton’s brother died and they had to spend what little they had in savings to travel to his funeral. Even though Ashton and his girlfriend both work, they don’t make quite enough to make ends meet. They are “right on the poverty line.”

Pass on your life experiences by leaving a legacy.

Construction Truck Driver Frank remembered Care and Share in his trust today. One day his charitable gift will provide the right food so that Southern Coloradans can live a healthy, active life.

Please contact Stacy Poore at 719-434-4679 or stacy@careandshare.org to learn more about charitable opportunities.

Make a Monthly Gift
www.careandshare.org
Thank you!
Colorado Gives Day was December 8th and our goal was to raise $18,000 through online giving. So how did we do?

Online donors came through in a big way! Thanks to the support of our generous friends, we raised $26,980 in one day. With the FirstBank Incentive Fund, our grand total was $27,783.60, which will help us procure more than 230,000 meals for our neighbors at risk of hunger.

We are always so amazed and humbled by the generosity of our community. We truly cannot thank you enough for your participation in this vital campaign and for sharing in our belief that no one should go hungry.

With enormous gratitude,
The Care and Share Team

Recipe for Hope

MARCH 10, 2016 | 12 NOON
THE BROADMOOR HOTEL
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
POWERFUL STORIES OF HOPE.

I can still feed my family the way I was accustomed to feeding them without worrying about my grocery bill. It is so important that I feed fresh products to my family.

Jorja

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 and safer, more stable, and more vibrant for us all.

How We Work

Have you heard about food recalls? Oftentimes, food recalls occur due to an undeclared allergen on the product packaging. That error makes the food potentially unsafe for a small percentage of the population, although it generally means that food product is still safe to eat for most people.

In October 2015, General Mills Corporation recalled a large quantity of Gluten-Free Cheerios cereal because wheat flour was accidentally used in the production process; however, the cereal was healthy and wholesome for those without a gluten allergy.

Here’s a win-win situation: with this food recall, the Food Safety and Donor Services team at Feeding America worked with General Mills to create a special label for the cereal and shipped truckloads of Cheerios to food banks throughout the country, including to us! We asked our volunteers to help us relabel the packaging at our warehouse. We then provided the cereal to our partner agencies across Southern Colorado who serve our neighbors in need. When it all comes together, it is amazing what can happen. Together we can solve hunger!
Harvest of Love

As you read last quarter, Harvest of Love was taking place in area schools. This year’s campaign was impressive! 96 participating schools raised the equivalent of 1.2 million meals for families across Southern Colorado!

Thank you to Hertz for supporting this drive by providing transportation and to our media partner, KKTV 11 News, for sharing the news with their viewers and encouraging them to donate.

- **Cornucopia Award (Highest Overall Total):** Doherty High
- **High School Winner:** Cheyenne Mountain High
- **Middle School Winner:** Jenkins Middle
- **Elementary School Winner:** Scott Elementary
- **Non-traditional School Winner:** Springs Studio for Academic Excellence
- **Giving Goblet (Most Improved):** Liberty High

Thanks to our Funders!

The support of our grant makers is integral to the work that we do every day. We would like to thank the following grant makers, who recognize the mutually beneficial partnership of strengthening programs, services, and partner relationships. THANK YOU for your support!

**October Grant Makers**
- Black Hills Energy
- Boettcher Foundation
- Colorado Department of Human Services
- Virginia Hill Foundation
- William & Betty Osborne Trust Fund

**November Grant Makers**
- Delta Omega Zeta of USC – Pueblo
- Deluxe Corporation Foundation
- Garone-Nicksick Foundation
- Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation
- LexisNexis
- R.M. Watts Foundation
- T. Rowe Price
- TJX and the TJX Foundation
- The Frank Lamb Foundation
- Used Car Dealers of Colorado City
- Walter and Lucille Timme Foundation

**December Grant Makers**
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- Jennie and Albert Gersick Foundation
- Mabel Horrigan Foundation
- Pueblo City & County Foundation
- The Hester and Edwin Giddings Foundation
- The Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation
- The USAA Foundation
- U.S. Bank Foundation

**Business Champions**

Does your company want to take action in the fight against hunger? There’s no better way than to become a Business Champion. Recognition is given to businesses who give unrestricted gifts of at least $500. To become a Business Champion, visit www.careandshare.org on Ways To Give.

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!

**After School Heroes ($6,000 to $15,000)**
- 2 anonymous donors
- Spectrum AMT
- Woodford Manufacturing Charities, Inc.