A close-up portrait of a middle-aged man with a mustache, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark blue t-shirt. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage.

We believe
that no one
should go
hungry.

Every day, we provide
food to our partner
agencies across
Southern Colorado to
serve our neighbors in
need because well-fed
communities are better
for us all.



CARE AND SHARE
FOOD BANK FOR SOUTHERN COLORADO

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2014-2015 Annual Report

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Knowing that I could come to the free mobile food pantries to get fresh produce and other items, I could still feed my family the way I was accustomed to feeding them without worry about my grocery bill.

Dear friends of Care and Share,

It is our pleasure to present to you the 2014-15 Care and Share Food Bank Annual Report, which highlights the first year of our five-year plan: Within Reach. This was a year of milestones, all of which were only possible because of your support. We provided access to food for more people than ever before. A record number of volunteer hours were invested in achieving our mission. Through important collaboration, with more than 300 Southern Colorado partner agencies, we provided more than 17 million meals to our neighbors in need.

We partnered. We provided. We served. We educated. With your partnership, we made a difference. At Care and Share Food Bank, we believe that no one should go hungry. We are grateful that you too share this belief, as well as our vision for a future where all of our neighbors in need have access to the food they need to thrive.



Lynne Telford
President and CEO



Jim Hendren
Chief Governance Officer



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One in six Southern Coloradoans are at risk of hunger. Care and Share helps assure they have access to enough healthy and nutritious food to thrive. We know that children without adequate access to food cannot develop successfully, families cannot plan for their future, and seniors find it more difficult to remain independent.

Financials

Revenue and Support

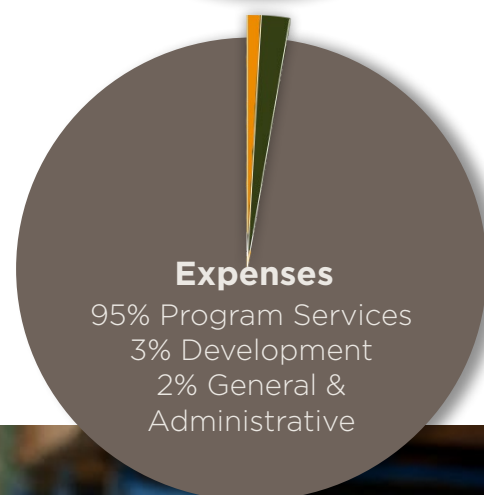
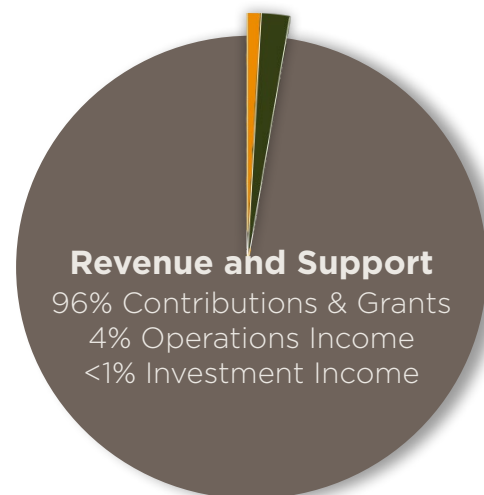
Contributions and Grants*	\$36,718,789
Operations Income	1,412,870
Investment Income	2,879
Total Support and Revenue	\$38,134,537

Expenses

Program Services	
Warehousing and Distribution of Food	\$35,564,955
Support Services	
Development	1,015,821
General and administrative	780,479
Total Expenses	\$37,361,255

Change in net assets	\$773,282
Net assets, Beginning of Year	9,132,464
Net assets, End of Year	\$9,905,746

*Includes the value of donated food.



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I think it's important to find something you really believe in that you are passionate about and then commit to it. I do think that consistency is a huge part of commitment. Food is such an essential, such a fundamental need, that to me there can be nothing more important than the commitment to food for everyone.



Weddell Family | Donor since 1995

Colorado Springs, CO

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The Basics

We were able to reach 122,710 of the 171,000 people who are food insecure through our partner agencies, which includes meal sites, shelters, food pantries and senior centers across 31 Southern Colorado counties. Food insecurity, the inability to consistently access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for a healthy life, can happen to anyone.

Last year, we distributed more than 21.4 million pounds to our food bank and agency partners, which equates to more than 17 million meals.

Our food comes from a variety of sources. We partner with local farmers, retailers, and grocers to pick up perishable products daily. We also partner nationally with Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief charity, to secure truckloads of donated products.

Buying power and efficiencies in procuring food allow \$0.95 of every dollar donated to Care and Share go directly to food and food distribution programs. For every dollar donated, we procure 10 pounds of food. This is the equivalent of 8 meals. Only \$0.05 of every dollar is used for fundraising and administrative costs.

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For me, the kindness and compassion that Elizabeth has shown... and Wanda... and the staff at West Side Cares, almost means more to me than the food.



Roxanne | Colorado Springs, CO

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Last year our partner agencies served 122,710 individuals at risk of hunger. Every day, these agencies are on the front lines serving individuals, families, and seniors in need.

Emergency Food Pantries
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Residential Programs
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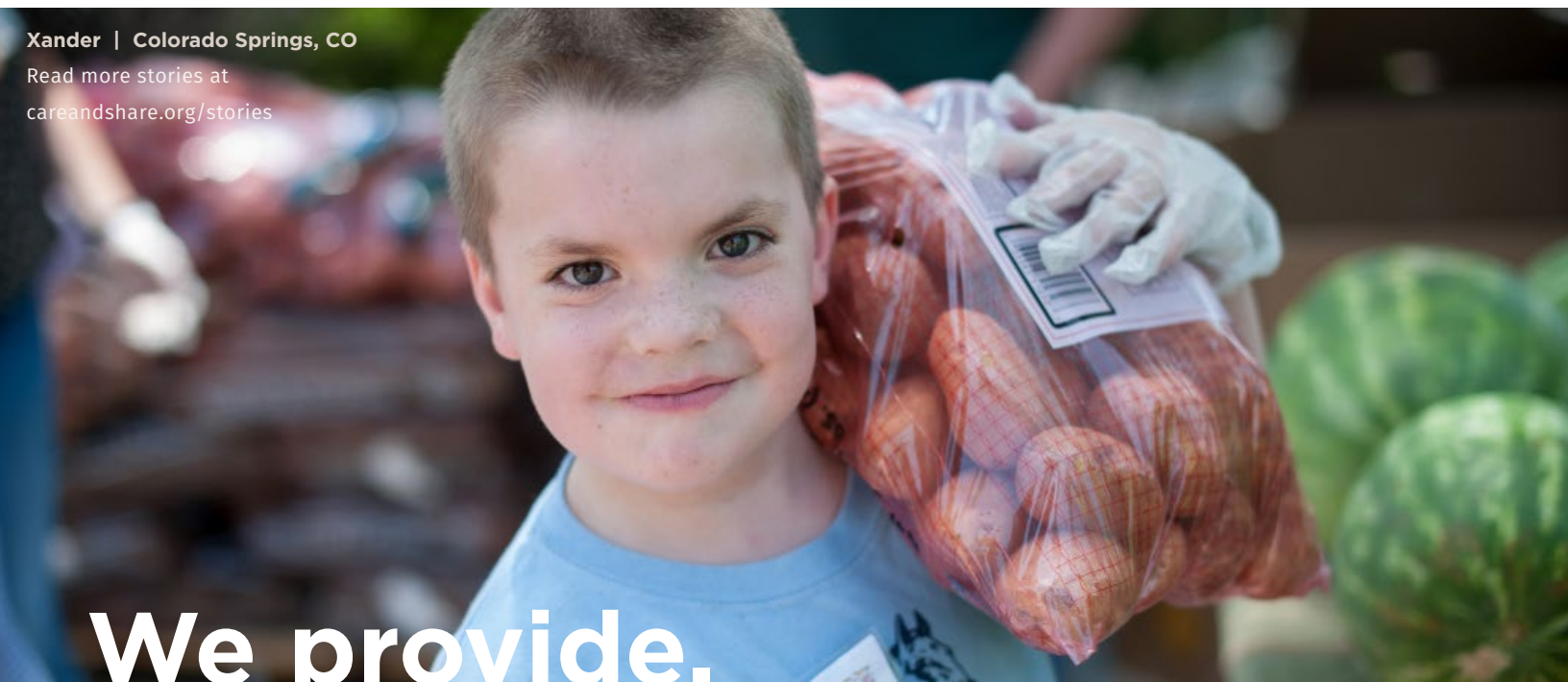
Meal and Snack Sites
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In 2014, we served an average of 230 families, comprised of 364 adults and 192 children, each month. Gifts of time, effort, food, and financial contributions pour into the pantry. More than 150 volunteers worked over 6,200 hours in the past year to serve those in need by providing food assistance in a kind, confidential and supportive environment. The pantry has little doubt that the Feeding America program, local vendors, community groups which sponsor regular food drives, and individuals with big hearts will meet the need. Receiving monthly Care and Share Food Bank T&FAP allocations means the difference between continually scrounging for food and stepping up to meet our county's need. Gunnison Country Food Pantry is proud to count the good people at Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado among the best of our friends.

Katie Dix
Gunnison Country Food Pantry
Care and Share Partner Agency



We provide.

Children's Nutrition Initiative is aimed at alleviating childhood hunger when kids are out of school. We partner with schools, community centers, school districts, and cities to reach kids when they are most vulnerable: after school, on the weekend and in the summer.

Send Hunger Packing

Backpacks Distributed: 24,099
Meals Provided: 286,531
Families Served: 1,358

Healthy Kids Club

Snacks Provided: 113,260
Meals Provided: 13,829
Children Served: 3,943

Summer Food Service Program

Snacks Provided: 26,135
Meals Provided: 30,843
Children Served: 1,998

Care and Share Food Bank administers the USDA's **The Emergency Food Assistance Program** and the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program** which provide commodity boxes to individuals and seniors living on a severely fixed income.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

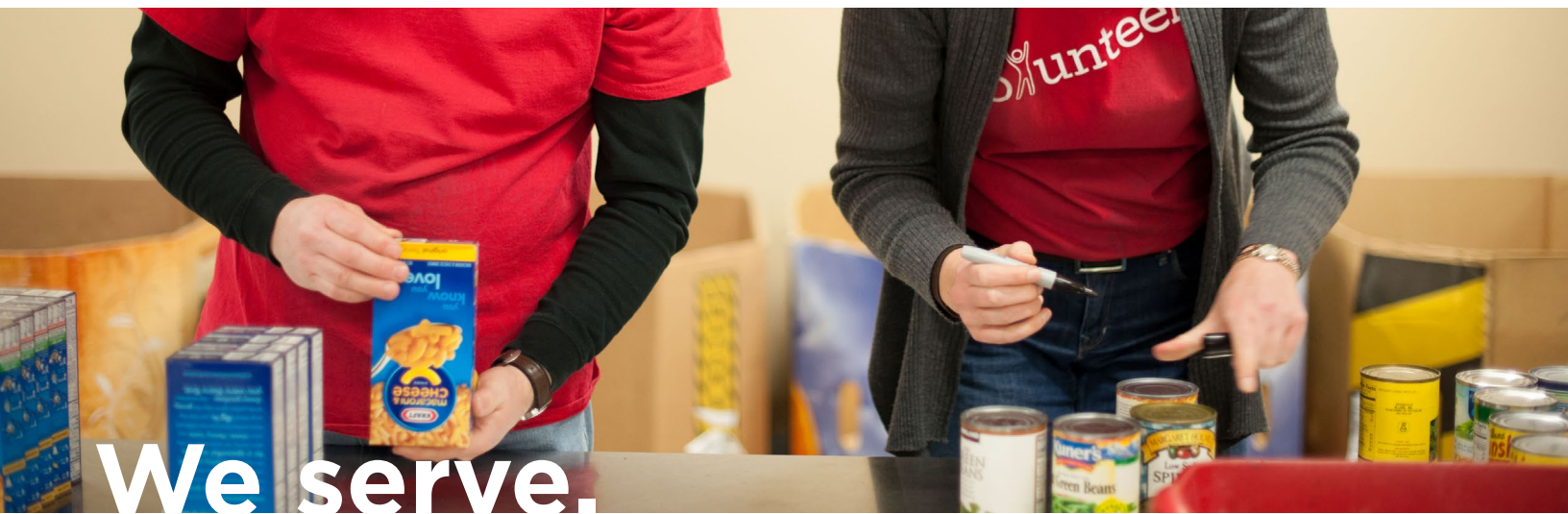
Pounds Distributed: 3,581,169
Meals Served: 38,218
Individuals Served: 26,978

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Boxes Distributed: 27,035
Seniors Served: 2,446

Mobile Food Pantries travel to low-income neighborhoods and communities in rural areas and distribute both non-perishable and perishable food items.

Pantries Conducted: 219
Pounds Distributed: 1,006,500
Neighbors Served: 69,811



We serve.

Care and Share **volunteers** serve six days a week and are the backbone of our operation. We love putting our volunteers to work throughout our food bank in unique and creative ways from office support to helping unload retail store donations.

Volunteer Instances: 11,531
Volunteer Hours: 42,204

“*I know it's a cliché but it's true here. I mean, you guys act like a family. I love being a small part of it. And I love the efficiency here. We don't waste anything; we recycle everything. Everything is about the dollar to buy more food to feed more people.*

Jack
Volunteer since 2013



We secure.

We buy and receive donated food, like produce, cereal, canned foods, frozen foods, pasta, rice, and meat from growers, ranchers and brokers throughout the country. We highly value these important relationships that enable us to put food on the table of our neighbors in need.

Produce Secured Locally: 4,584,650 pounds
Percent of Pounds Distributed Classified Highly Nutritious: 83%



Rarea | Colorado Springs, CO

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We educate.

Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters empowers families at risk of hunger with the skills, knowledge and confidence to make healthy and affordable meals.

Classes Taught: 34
 Volunteer Instances: 125
 Participants: 589

Care and Share conducts outreach for the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**, formerly known as food stamps, to assist and inform clients applying for benefits.

Clients Served: 773
 Meals Attributed to Outreach: 266,127
 Benefits Generated: \$524,149



We recycle.

As an organization that distributes millions of pounds of food each year, we have the capacity to create a significant amount of waste. To mitigate this, we recycle cardboard, shrink wrap, and pallet lumber. These materials are baled and sold to create an additional revenue stream, enabling us to acquire more food.

Waste Diverted from Landfills: 87%
 Spoilage/Waste as a Percentage of Pounds Received: 0.49%



Mission

Our **vision** is an end to hunger in Southern Colorado.

Our **mission** is to provide food, partnering opportunities, and education to combat hunger and food insecurity in Southern Colorado communities.

Our **core purpose** is to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance.

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