

SHARING THE HARVEST

SUMMER HUNGER

As we approach summer, a time when families lose access to vital school food, the community looks to Care and Share to provide reliable, accessible, nutrition for hungry families in Southern Colorado.

When the school year ends and summer begins, **45,000 children across Southern Colorado may be left unsure of where their meals will come from.**

Your support will allow us to implement summer programming across Southern Colorado, and helps us fill thousands of children's empty pantries, plates, and stomachs with the nourishment they need to achieve their goals.

Over the course of the summer Care and Share will be conducting the following programs to ensure that children have the food they need to thrive:

Summer Mobile Food Pantries are weekly or bi-weekly food distributions in a farmers market style. Our refrigerated box-trucks deliver fresh produce, bread, and non-perishable staples — such as canned protein, pasta, soups, canned fruits and vegetables — to convenient community locations.

Summer Food Service Program offers free snacks and meals to kids during the summer when they don't have access to the school cafeteria. Meal sites can be at schools, parks, community centers, churches, camps, or wherever kids are gathering.

Summer should be a time when children enjoy time to play and grow during a break from the routine of school. With access to the food they need to thrive through summer programming, we can create stronger, more well-fed Southern Colorado communities where every child can continue their healthy development over the summer months.



STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE 2019



It's back! Stamp Out Hunger — the largest single-day food drive across the nation — is right around the corner. **On the morning of Saturday, May 11, help our neighbors in need across Southern Colorado by leaving a sturdy bag of non-perishable food next to your mailbox.**

Your letter carrier will pick it up that same day and deliver it to Care and Share's distribution center or a partner organization. **Our goal this year is to raise 100,000 pounds of food!** With help from our letter carriers, and of course YOU, we know we can do it! Visit www.careandshare.org/stampouthunger to learn more.



A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

We are still grinning cheek to cheek, thrilled over the success of the 2019 Recipe for Hope luncheon! It was another record-breaking year for us. Through the support of our generous donors, **we raised enough funds to acquire 3.4 million meals for our neighbors struggling with hunger throughout Southern Colorado.** But this isn't just Care and Share's success, it's the community's. More than 1,200 people came to the event — table captains, guests, and sponsors. Our amazing speakers, Shawn Gullixson and Xander, delivered heartfelt and moving speeches.

If you attended, we hope it was as inspirational for you as it was for us. If you'd like to attend next year, please connect with **Jaime McMullen Garcia, Chief Philanthropy Officer** at jaime@careandshare.org.

Thank you to our Recipe for Hope 2019 sponsors: El Pomar Foundation, Ent Credit Union, Central Bancorp, The Farm, Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP, Folium Biosciences, and the Kuklenski Family. **We would also like to thank** our friends from GE Johnson, Cordera, Northfork, The Faricy Boys, Classic Homes, Kirkpatrick Bank, and others who came together to provide a special match opportunity.



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KING SOOPERS ZERO HUNGER ZERO WASTE INITIATIVE

“We know that eliminating hunger in the communities we serve can’t be accomplished without great partners like Care and Share.”

—ADAM
WILLIAMSON

Food rescue is a big part of the work we do, and we can’t do it without loyal partners like King Soopers! Care and Share drivers stop by local King Soopers stores multiple times a week to pick up food donations that make it onto the plates of our neighbors in need.

In 2017, King Sooper’s parent company, Kroger, launched the Zero Hunger | Zero Waste initiative, which aims to reduce food waste and eliminate hunger. Care and Share has been a long-time partner of King Soopers and City Market. **Since 2013, we have received nearly four million pounds of donated food, which includes more than 300,000 pounds of fresh product and 1.3 million pounds of meat.**

Strengthening our partnership even more, Adam Williamson, Director of Corporate Affairs for King Soopers and City Market, recently joined Care and Share’s Board of Directors. “As a company, Zero Hunger | Zero Waste means so much to us,” said Williamson. “We know that eliminating hunger in the communities we serve can’t be accomplished without great partners like Care and Share.”



CRISIS RESPONSE

We are crisis response experts.

When disaster strikes, Care and Share is at the ready to make sure hunger does not further complicate a community crisis. We focus on getting nutritious food to those in crisis — purchasing and transporting much-needed items — never knowing when the emergency will pass or when the next might arise. We do all of this work while continuing to distribute food to our 276 partner agencies across 31 counties of Southern Colorado.

Support of Care and Share allows us to maintain fluidity for challenging occasions like natural disasters while meeting the complex needs of the communities we serve. Beyond our day-to-day operations, we must remain nimble so we can respond when called upon to ensure our neighbors have the food they need to thrive, especially in times of turmoil.

FEED OUR NEIGHBORS CIRCLE

Join our sustaining donor society, *Feed Our Neighbors Circle!* Hunger is a year-round challenge for our neighbors in need. Through your monthly support, we can continue to provide consistent access to food for them. Payments can be set up through our website and automatically withdrawn from your bank. **Just \$10 a month can provide 80 meals.** Visit www.careandshare.org/donate.

WHO WE SERVE: BEAU

Beau, a 4th grader at Queen Palmer Elementary, knows it's hard to focus or have energy when he's hungry. "My tummy speaks to me and says, 'Feed me, feed me, feed me,' and it never stops and it's annoying," he told us.



One of the ways Beau and his family are able to get enough food is through Care and Share's Send Hunger Packing program, which is part of our Children's Nutrition Initiative. Each week, a group of volunteers come to Care and Share's distribution center to pack dozens of bags with food items like peanut butter, pasta, canned meats, fruits, and vegetables. Those bags then make their way to schools we partner with across Southern Colorado. Students like Beau pick up the food bags at the end of each school week to take home and share with their families over the weekends.

Last year, we distributed more than 15,000 of these food bags to kids and families in need. Beau gets excited when he picks up the bag to take home. **"It just means that good things are going to happen and the food's delicious ... It means everything to me,"** Beau said. **"Because of this food, I feel so awesome, awesome!"**

THANKS TO OUR MEAL MAKERS

We'd like to thank this quarter's Meal Makers — foundations, corporations, and organizations that rally around our work — for their essential role in helping us provide thousands of meals to our neighbors in need.

November

El Pomar Foundation
Red Nose Day Child Hunger Grant
The Ventimiglia Family Foundation
The Virginia W. Hill Foundation
Unilever through Walmart's Fight Hunger.
Spark Change Campaign
Walmart Foundation

December

ClarkArt, LLC
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Kum & Go
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January

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