

SHARING THE HARVEST

A REASON TO GIVE THANKS

This past year, as the holidays began to roll around, Brittany wasn't sure her family would be able to celebrate in the traditional way. Even though both she and her husband work — he has his college degree and works for a local bank, and she manages a movie theater — they still struggle to make ends meet. They stretch every dollar to make sure their son and daughter have enough to eat — even if that sometimes means going without heat and special Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

"Holiday meals are expensive," Brittany said, "and they're not in our budget. I knew we would eat on those days, but I was planning on serving grilled cheese sandwiches or spaghetti. I've never been able to buy a turkey."

So, when Brittany discovered the Care and Share partner food pantry near her home was distributing complete thanksgiving meals — including an entire turkey — she was overjoyed.

"For Christmas and Thanksgiving this year, we got to eat meat, and it was such a luxury!" Brittany said. "We also got cranberries, potatoes, pumpkin pie ... the entire meal. My son was so excited and kept saying, 'I love turkey!' **There was something so magical about being able to sit at the dinner table with my family and enjoy that holiday meal.**"



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"As a mom, it makes me feel bad when I can't provide my children with things other families seem to take for granted — like holiday meals," Brittany continued. "It's heartbreaking. But because of the food pantry, I could provide that for them this year. I'm grateful, it has been such a huge blessing."



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mary Murray feels strongly that no child in this country should ever be hungry. She first learned about Care and Share while working as a leader in giving for United Way, and throughout the years she made financial contributions. After she retired, she finally had time to volunteer and knew that Care and Share was where she wanted to be. She said that we were “near and dear to my heart to put my time into.” Mary volunteers for the Send Hunger Packing program, which had been a favorite of hers for a long time. As a volunteer, Mary helps to fill bags with food that children can take home on Fridays during the school year. During the summer months Mary volunteers at the Welcome Desk, which allows her to greet and interact with Care and Share’s partner agencies. **She says that all of the people she has met as a volunteer have been wonderful and that it’s a great place to volunteer. If Mary had to describe her experience in one word it would be “rewarding.” She says, “It is very rewarding to be able to contribute to the community that you live in.”**

CARE AND SHARE’S ENTERPRISE ZONE STATUS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31ST, 2019

For more than a decade, Care and Share has had the privilege of being part of the El Paso County Enterprise Zone Program, which provides a state tax incentive to donors who contribute through the program. Due to changes at the state level, this partnership is coming to an end. We are grateful for all we have been able to accomplish over the years thanks to our dedicated donors who capitalized on this rewarding tax incentive.

The good news is there’s still time to make an Enterprise Zone contribution in 2019! Care and Share’s status as an Enterprise Zone Project does

not expire until December 31st, 2019, so you can still take advantage of the tax incentive through the end of the calendar year. To learn more about how the program works, visit our website at careandshare.org/how-to-donate or call Emily Brown at 719-434-5721.

We recognize that tax credits are not the only reason to invest in Care and Share. More likely, it is a shared belief that no one should go hungry. With our community by our side, Care and Share will continue to close the gap between hunger and abundance.

'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE — AND GIVE BACK!

Looking for great ways to fight hunger this holiday season? We have plenty! You can make a generous gift, host a food drive, sponsor a virtual food drive, launch an online fundraiser, or participate in one of our special holiday events!

Harvest of Love



TAKE A TURKEY TO WORK DAY

HARVEST OF LOVE is back and is a great way to get your kids involved in the holiday spirit of giving. Across the Pikes Peak region, area schools will be hosting fundraisers, food drives and events to raise money for our neighbors in need. In addition to our school drives from **November 1st through the 22nd**, you're invited to take nonperishable food to any area King Soopers locations in Colorado Springs, Monument, and Pueblo and leave it in the bins near the entrance to support the food drive. Our heartfelt thanks to Hertz for being our transportation partner for the food drive.

TAKE A TURKEY TO WORK DAY is back! How can you help? There are three ways — organize your office team to bring in frozen turkeys the morning of **Friday, November 22nd** and deliver them to the participating King Soopers. Secondly, you can participate personally by visiting us the day of with your turkey. Thirdly, you can make a donation online right now by visiting careandshare.org/turkey.

Frozen turkeys can be taken to the nearest participating King Soopers any time from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22nd! Addresses listed below. Be sure to listen to any of the following stations: 95.1 Nash FM, 92.9 Peak FM, 98.9 Magic FM, 98.1 KKFM, 740 KVOR, and Xtra Sports 1300 to hear updates throughout the day as well as our Facebook page. Thanks to CenturyLink for being our transportation partner for the event.

Colorado Springs Locations

North: 9225 N Union Blvd. 80920
East: 7915 Constitution Ave. 80951
South: 815 Cheyenne Meadows Rd. 80906
West: 3520 Centennial Blvd. 80907

Pueblo Locations

North Pueblo: 102 W. 29th St. 81008
South Pueblo: 3050 W. Northern Ave. 81005



EMPTY STOCKING FUND helps local health and human service agencies in the Pikes Peak Region serve families in crisis and assist others in attaining self-sufficiency. Care and Share is proud to be a recipient agency. **The 36th annual campaign begins Thursday, November 28th, 2019.** Learn how you can help at: emptystockingfundco.org/partner-agencies.



COLORADO GIVES DAY is **Tuesday, December 10th**. Join this statewide effort to help thousands of neighbors in need. Your gift will go even further because a portion of donations are matched by a \$1 Million Incentive Fund! Schedule your gift starting November 1st at: coloradogives.org/careandshare/overview.



HOST A HOLIDAY CARE DRIVE is an easy way to give back this holiday season. It's simple — collect food, raise money, and bring your items to the food bank at the end of the drive. Learn more about our virtual food drives by going to careandshare.org/getinvolved.



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Your support in any one of these efforts will take a hard decision off someone's plate. **A few meals for a family in need might be what it takes to keep the lights on or receive important medical care.** So this year, let's get food to those in need and eliminate some tough choices.

GIVE IN HONOR/MEMORY

Honor a loved one with a donation that feeds neighbors right here in Southern Colorado. Provide us with their name and address and we'll send them or their family a letter sharing the news about your gift.

Visit careandshare.org/more-ways-to-give-2/ to learn about additional ways to give.



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.

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Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation

Walmart Fight Hunger Spark Change
Campaign through Feeding America

Morgan Stanley through Feeding America

Starbucks through Feeding America

Cargill through Feeding America

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***For more information about donating to
Care and Share Food Bank, contact Becky
Treece, Giving Director, at 719-434-5729
or at BeckyT@careandshare.org.***

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE!

We invite you and your guests to join us for some holiday cheer, to toast accomplishments you've made possible, and to celebrate the coming New Year! Light refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres served.

**Thursday, December 5th
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

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