

SHARING THE HARVEST

OUR MOBILE MARKET PROVIDES EMERGENCY FOOD FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

When our Mobile Market stopped by Xaiver's neighborhood, the seven-year-old happily helped his mom carry a bag of food because it had one of his favorite meals in it — pizza. "I love pizza because of the cheese and the crust," he told us. "Food makes me feel happy because it gives me more energy."

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— Xaiver



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Xaiver's mom, Shayla, and her spouse were both temporarily laid off from their jobs. She is a senior caregiver and her partner does local roofing work. Shayla said they've been struggling to afford enough food for their entire family. She would often go without meals to make sure all four of her children were never hungry. "We had to change everything," she said. "As a mom, I was stressed and depressed. I was like, 'What are we going to do and how long is this going to be?'"

After receiving emergency food bags from our Mobile Market, she felt relieved. She was able to take home multiple bags filled with boxed goods, canned fruits and vegetables, protein bars, peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches, and Xaiver's favorite, pizza. "It's so nice because we can walk up. We don't have to drive anywhere or go anywhere. We tell them how many people are in our family and they give us what we need," she said.

Shayla expressed gratitude for the community, especially for the neighbors who have rallied around us to help provide food for her family. **"I appreciate everything that Care and Share has done to help us out — and to the people who are stepping up to help other people, thank you. It takes a lot off me and helps me out knowing that my kids are able to eat."**



A NEW WAY OF FIGHTING HUNGER ACROSS SOUTHERN COLORADO

Think of our new Mobile Market like a grocery store on wheels. The adapted beverage truck is designed to allow our team to take food directly into hard-to-reach neighborhoods with high concentrations of need and limited resources, like the mobile home community where Xaiver and his family live. Because of the effects of the pandemic, this new method is needed now more than ever as we witness increasing needs across our service area.

Care and Share is currently distributing 35% more food than normal to the 31 counties we serve. Studies show that the food insecurity rates in the El Paso and Pueblo counties are expected to increase by at least 5% through the end of the year. We want to thank the community for helping make our Mobile Market possible!



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COMMUNITY CARES

As we navigate the new reality of life with COVID-19, we have been especially inspired by all the ways our community is coming together to support each other.

If you, your family, or your organization want to get involved with our mission, please contact Brenda Spector at BrendaS@careandshare.org or visit careandshare.org/get-involved.



Aiden hosted a lemonade stand in his neighborhood to raise money for Care and Share and the neighbors we serve. Keeping social distancing in mind, he welcomed family, friends, and neighbors and raised \$110 dollars which will translate into 880 meals for our neighbors in need.



The Switchbacks FC brought some hometown spirit to our Distribution Center during a group volunteer day. Even Ziggy the mountain goat helped assemble food boxes for our neighbors in need, and food bags for our COVID emergency home-delivery service, for neighbors who were restricted to their homes due to heightened health risks.



Ent Credit Union supplied us with reusable bags to create emergency food kits for seniors. In addition, they provided us with generous funding to help us continue to feed more neighbors in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



September is Hunger Action Month! This year we are ramping up our Hunger Action Month efforts to feed more neighbors in need. Join us and our 200 Feeding America network food banks across the country. There are a few ways you can participate:

1. Host an in-person food drive.
2. Start a virtual fund drive.
3. Raise awareness about our cause on social media.

Together, we can help make sure that every child, adult, or senior experiencing hunger in Southern Colorado doesn't have to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

Learn more at careandshare.org/hungeractionmonth.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

It is because of you — our tremendously supportive community — that in times of crisis, Care and Share is able to mobilize and respond swiftly. To all of you who stand beside us in our efforts to increase access to healthy food, you make possible incredible feats, and we owe you each a debt of gratitude. **Thank you for rallying behind us throughout the year and in times of distress. You are all hunger-fighting heroes!**

As of the time of printing, we recognize these contributors:

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THANKS TO OUR MEAL MAKERS

We'd like to thank our 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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