

More Than a Thanksgiving Turkey

This holiday season will be like none we've ever experienced. Because of the pandemic, it will be more difficult for families to be able to celebrate the joys of Thanksgiving. More neighbors will be looking to Care and Share for help to provide a holiday meal for their family.

Nilsa's is one of those families. Last year, she found out about a Thanksgiving turkey distribution at a partner food pantry through a "moms group" on social media. And she knew she had to be there to help feed her 3-year-old son, Ian. "If I didn't have this turkey and this food... We probably wouldn't have anything this Thanksgiving."

"If I didn't have this turkey and this food, it would be really hard to figure out what I'd be doing. We probably wouldn't have anything this Thanksgiving," she said at the time. Self-employed, Nilsa often needs to make tough choices between food and bills especially during the holidays. "It's helpful because turkeys are \$25 or more, and it's a struggle during the holidays to manage," she said.

While the holiday season will look and feel different this year, we are committed to providing nourishing meals to our neighbors in need—including



Thanks to friends like you, Nilsa has everything she needs for a Thanksgiving dinner for her son Ian and her family.

Thanksgiving turkeys. For many of the families who receive the food you help provide, it's more than just food. It's a chance for belonging, normalcy, and hope.

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Every one of our neighbors deserves the chance to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with their family. Thanks to the support of our network of partner food pantries, we're able to get holiday meals and turkeys onto the tables of children, families, and seniors across Southern Colorado - just in time for Thanksgiving.

The Food Bank Network of San Luis Valley is part of our network. They have been a partner agency of Care and Share's since 1993.

"Through Care and Share, we get thousands of pounds of fresh produce that we can then distribute to our 15 pantries across the San Luis Valley," said Lyndsey Williams, Executive Director of Food Bank Network of SLV. "Our partnership has bolstered the amount of food and the variety of food we provide to our neighbors."

The San Luis Valley is considered a region experiencing persistent poverty—with its impacts rippling across several generations. 1 in 4 people in the area are

considered food insecure, which is higher than the state-wide average.

Williams says the holiday season is a special time of the year for their team. Last year, they were able to provide 812 families with Thanksgiving meals, including full-size turkeys, which was made possible by generous Care and Share supporters like you.

"For me, this time of year is about being able to give families who live in the San Luis Valley—recognized as Ute and Apache land—the opportunity to sit down with their family and experience that moment," said Williams. "It's a dignified experience. They don't have to worry about having to skip Thanksgiving in order to pay other important bills."

We are grateful for our partnership with the Food Bank Network of San Luis Valley and for their support in helping us feed our neighbors in need!

You might be wondering what Take A Tu For the latest updates on this annual comm

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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!

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 37th annual campaign takes place November 26th, 2020 through January 22nd, 2021. Learn how you can help at: careandshare.org/events/empty-stocking-fund





is Tuesday, December 8th. 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

as 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/get-involved**



Did you know? For just \$10, Care and Share can provide a turkey to a neighbor in need. Make an online donation at careandshare.org/turkey



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Thanks to Our Meal Makers

We'd like to thank this guarter'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.

- Amazon
- BKD Foundation
- The Bright Mountain Foundation
- The Broadmoor Hotel
- Butterfield Foundation
- Comanche Solar PV, LLC
- Covington Homes, LLC
- El Paso County Emergency Food & Shelter Program
- El Pomar Foundation
- Enterprise Holdings Foundation
- Feeding America
- Gill Foundation

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- Lyda Hill Philanthropies
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- SUEZ North American Foundation through Feeding America
- Walmart Fight Hunger Spark Change through Feeding America
- Zurich US Foundation

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Honor a loved one with a donation that feeds neighbors throughout Southern Colorado. Provide us with their name and address and we will send them a letter sharing the news about your gift.

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



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



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