



2021 Annual Report

Our mission:

To reduce suffering and improve lives throughout our community by providing food and clothing to those in need.



Message from **LIZ FRIEDENSON**

Executive Director

2021 brought another year of service for Colorado FriendShip (COF). The COVID pandemic continued to impact our world and present some challenges, but we persevered and successfully provided much needed assistance to our community.

The IncrEdibles program supplied bags of healthy, kid-friendly food to 600 food insecure children at local schools every week during the school year. These schools had to adapt to teaching with masks, frequent absences for both students and staff, and the threat of a return to on-line learning. The need was even greater for some children where family members were not able to work. Our weekend food program provided some relief for these families ensuring that they had some nourishment and could focus their limited budgets on other needs.

Our Meals on the Street program continued to serve the homeless in Boulder for the 23rd year. Every Sunday, we served a hot home cooked meal, clothing and supplies to those who attended. Sheltering and other services for the homeless continues to be a challenge for our cities and we see that in the number of individuals that come to us for help on Sundays. Some faces we see every week and others are new, but we make sure to the best of our ability that each week they are well fed and outfitted to survive the outdoor world in which they live.

I continue to be incredibly grateful to our wonderful volunteers, donors, and other supporters. We could not accomplish all that we do, without these dedicated partners. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help others in such great need.

As we enter 2022, Colorado FriendShip will begin its 24th year of service. I hope that you will all continue to join us so that we can carry on our mission, “to reduce suffering and improve lives throughout our community by providing food and clothing to those in need.”



Founded in 1997, Colorado FriendShip (COF) began initially serving in Colorado by providing critically needed food and clothing for disaster situations, with the ability to transport supplies using mobile trailer units.¹ COF has responded to many natural disasters throughout Colorado, as well as, provided some aid to other areas of the country.

CURRENT PROGRAMS:

COF is predominantly a volunteer driven organization. They depend on the support of individuals and businesses throughout Colorado. Because they do not pay salaries, COF is able to purchase more food, and provide more clothing and supplies to help those in need. They work independently and with other Colorado non-profits by having volunteers preparing, delivering and distributing food and clothing to those in need. By doing this on a regular basis, they expand the reach and positive impact of the non-profit community throughout Colorado while better serving individuals in need.



2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

INCREDIBLES

COF partners with elementary schools in Longmont to provide bags of non-perishable food to students on Fridays to take home for the weekend. 80% or more of the students at these schools participate in the free and reduced-cost lunch program.

FOOD PACKS DELIVERED.....20,400

CHILDREN SERVED600 at 11 Schools

**VOLUNTEERS200 packers
11 delivery people**

HOT MEALS ON THE STREET

COF provides hot food and clothing to homeless people every Sunday in Boulder for the past 24 years.

MEALS SERVED2,668

HOMELESS SERVED51 weekly (average)

**VOLUNTEERS123 servers
11 drivers
6 cooks
3 dishwashers**

**DISTRIBUTED391 coats
1,666 pairs-socks
430 pairs-long underwear
294 sleeping bags
698 pairs of pants
283 pairs of gloves
829 Shirts
& more!**

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Donations were collected from various sponsors and partners to provide 500 children at the schools in our IncrEdibles Program with gifts of coats, boots or warm clothing during the December holiday season.

We plan to continue this gift giving program in 2022.

1. Colorado FriendShip (COF) was founded in 1997 as a division of a larger national emergency organization. In 2011, COF formed a separate organization and received its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

VOLUNTEERS

COF is operated almost entirely by volunteers. Approximately 377 volunteers support our programs and services. Volunteers provide administrative support, assist in our weekly food programs, coordinate clothing drives, cook meals, sort clothing and drive our trailers.

Total volunteer hours6,648

Hot Meals on the Street1,330

IncrEdibles1,302

Administrative4,300

DISASTER RELIEF

With a versatile mobility, COF uses their trucks and trailers to bring food, clothing and aid directly to the victims of disasters and provide much-needed support in the aftermath of disaster events.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES • 2021

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	49,851
Individual Contributions	87,507
Foundation Grants	83,438
Other Revenue	9,112
In-Kind Donations (supplies)	27,927

TOTAL 257,834

EXPENSES

Programs and Food	154,841
Fundraising	51,377
Management & General	14,719
TOTAL	272,749

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Abo's Pizza
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Alpine Elementary School
Blue Horseshoe Solutions
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