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Message from LIZ FRIEDENSON Executive Director

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2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

INCREDIABLES
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 SERVED ...............600 at 11 Schools
VOLUNTEERS ....................200 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 SERVED ..............2,668
HOMELESS SERVED ......51 weekly (average)
VOLUNTEERS ...................123 servers
                                   11 drivers
                                   6 cooks
                                   3 dishwashers

DISTRIBUTED ...............391 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.

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 hours ...........6,648
Hot Meals on the Street ........1,330
IncrEdibles .......................1,302
Administrative ....................4,300

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 227,749

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.
MAJOR DONORS:
- Stapp Interstate Toyota
- Rocky Mountain Christian Church
- Virginia Hill Foundation
- 1st American Insurance Agency
- Pierce Family Foundation
- Kulynych Family Foundation
- Joy in Childhood Foundation (Dunk’n Joy)
- Bank of America
- AEC Trust
- Anchor Point Gift Fund of Bradley A. Feld & M. Amy Batchelor (Community Foundation of Boulder Co.)
- Denver Active 20/30.
- Abo’s Pizza
- Rotary Club of Niwot

COLLABORATION:
- 1st American Insurance Agency
- Abo’s Pizza
- Alpha Phi Omega of CU Boulder
- Alpine Elementary School
- Blue Horseshoe Solutions
- Boulder Flatiron Rotary Club
- Boulder Valley Rotary
- Burlington Elementary School
- Coats for Colorado
- Colorado Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (COVOAD)
- Columbine Elementary School
- Cornerstone Home Lending, Inc.
- Dairy Queen Grill and Chill
- EMI Sportswear
- Fall River Elementary School
- FEMA
- French Quarter Photography
- Harvest of Hope Pantry
- Indian Peaks Elementary School
- Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce
- Longmont Digital Printing
- Longmont Helping Hands
- Loveland Church of Christ
- Mead Elementary School
- Mountain View Elementary School
- Northridge Elementary School
- Rocky Mountain Christian Church
- Rocky Mountain Elementary School
- Rotaract Club of CU Boulder
- Rotary Club of Niwot
- Sandborn Elementary School
- Sock It To ‘Em
- Stapp Interstate Toyota
- Street Dog Coalition
- Sunflower Bank
- The Referral Partnership (TRP)
- Timberline K-8 School
- Tran’s Martial Arts
- Vejrostek Tax and Financial