# colorado FriendShip



#### Mobile Food & Clothing

In one of the wealthiest counties in America, many are in need of the most basic necessities.

For 15 years, Colorado FriendShip has delivered food and clothing to low-income and poverty-stricken children and families, and the homeless and indigent in Boulder County.

The need is great and Colorado FriendShip is growing to meet that demand.



### **OUR WORK**

50 million people in the U.S. are hungry or don't know where their next meal is coming from, and 16 million of them are children. -U.S. Department of Agriculture



"We help support hundreds of Boulder County residents with the respect and care we believe all people deserve."

– Jim Weglarz Colorado FriendShip Board of Directors



## In the Schools and On the Street

To think that one child would go to bed hungry somewhere in this country is heartbreaking... to know how many do is virtually incomprehensible.

 Katie Couric, television newscaster



## IncrEdibles Food Backpacks: For kids like Roberto.

Roberto lives with four siblings and his mother in a small apartment in Longmont. Though his mother works three jobs, she can barely keep food on the table.

Luckily, Roberto and his siblings qualify for free school breakfast and lunch programs. But on weekends, they often don't have enough to eat.

For Roberto and many other elementary students, IncrEdibles supplies a reliable source of food on the weekend. Every Friday, Roberto leaves school with a backpack filled with healthy, kid-friendly food – enough to last until Monday and enough for his siblings who attend other schools.



"Colorado FriendShip's IncrEdibles program has improved attendance and helped bring students back to the classroom nourished, attentive and ready to learn."

– Stephen Hoel, Principal, Rocky Mountain Elementary School, Longmont



#### "We give them a meal, with a big dash of hope."

- Liz Friedenson, Executive Director

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## Hot Meals on the Street: For guys like Pete.

Since losing his job, and then his home and family three years ago, Pete's home has been the alleys of Boulder. Colorado FriendShip welcomes Pete to a hot dinner and conversation at Hot Meals on the Street in and around Boulder.

From Colorado FriendShip's mobile trailer, Pete gets a hearty, hot meal and some extra food to take with him. The trailer's clothing closet supplies jackets and socks in the cold weather and clothes that are neat enough for a job interview.

## Mobile Food Pantry: For families like Carol's and Ed's

Carol and Ed are good parents. They dote on their two children and want the best for them. Carol works as a nurse's aid. Ed is a day worker, taking odd jobs while he searches for permanent work.

They can't afford the nutritious food their growing children so badly need. Carol and Ed get healthy food for the family through Colorado FriendShip's Mobile Food Pantry. For them, Colorado FriendShip is a lifeline that will see them through a rough time.



"The average family earning minimum wage spends 141 percent of their income struggling to meet basic needs - food, shelter, clothing."

– U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty.

Every weekend during the school year, low-income kids take home backpacks full of high-quality, healthy, kid-friendly food through Colorado FriendShip's IncrEdibles Food Backpack Program.

Our Hot Meals on the Street program brings 5,000 healthy, nutritious meals a year and new clothing to the homeless. Without our help, these people would go hungry.

Our Mobile Food Pantry distributes high-quality food and clothing to disadvantaged families in Boulder County and to victims of natural disasters, abuse or violent crimes.

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Our greatest partners, without whom we could not exist, are people just like you who make donations and volunteer so that we can carry out our vital mission.

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