



2023 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

I am constantly amazed at what our wonderful team at Colorado FriendShip can accomplish. In 2023, we saw our IncrEdibles program grow. We supplied bags of healthy, kid-friendly food to 640 food insecure children across 12 schools every weekend during the school year. The rising cost of food has been challenging for many families and we have had increased requests from our schools to add children to our IncrEdibles program.

As our flagship program, we continue to include high nutrition items in our IncrEdibles food bags such as tuna fish, beef jerky, peanuts, canned fruits, vegetables, milk boxes and peanut butter. We are grateful to be partnering with Beef Sticks for Backpacks who are providing us with 2500 donated, high quality beef sticks every month for our food bags.

We are very proud that our Meals on the Street program continued to serve those experiencing homelessness in Boulder for the 25th year. Every Sunday, we served a hot home cooked meal, and gave out clothing and supplies to those who attended. Sheltering and other services for the homeless continue to be a growing challenge for our cities. We make sure that each week, our visitors are well fed and outfitted to the best of our ability to survive the outdoor world in which they live.

I continue to be incredibly grateful to our wonderful volunteers, donors, and other supporters and thankful to those who join us in helping others in such great need. As we enter 2024, Colorado FriendShip will begin its 26th year of service. I hope that you will all continue to join us to carry on with 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. We depend on the support of individuals and businesses throughout Colorado. Because we are volunteer based, COF is able to purchase more food, and provide more clothing and supplies to help those in need. We 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, we expand the reach and positive impact of the non-profit community throughout Colorado while better serving individuals in need.



2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

INCREDIBLES

This program provides bags of non-perishable food to low-income school children every Friday. These children receive free breakfast and lunch while at school but might have little or no food at home over the weekend. This food helps to fill that gap so the children can return to school on Monday morning ready to learn.

FOOD PACKS DELIVERED.....21,120
CHILDREN SERVED WEEKLY640 at 12 Schools
VOLUNTEERS207 packers
13 delivery people

HOT MEALS ON THE STREET

Every Sunday, COF brings a mobile trailer to Boulder where we serve a hot meal and distribute clothing to the homeless there. We have been serving through this program since 1998.

MEALS SERVED2,347
HOMELESS SERVED44 weekly (average)
VOLUNTEERS118 servers
11 drivers
9 cooks
3 dishwashers

DISTRIBUTED516 coats
2,142 pairs-socks
394 pairs-long underwear
476 sleeping bags
830 pairs of pants
317 pairs of gloves
1,360 Shirts
& more!

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Donations were collected from various sponsors and partners to provide 587 children at the schools we serve with gifts of coats, boots or warm clothing for the holidays. We work with the staff at the schools so that each child can choose the item/size that they need. We deliver the gifts directly to the school for distribution to the children.

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 443 active 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 hours5,865
Hot Meals on the Street1,325
IncrEdibles1,140
Administrative3,400

DISASTER RELIEF

Did you know that the original mission at Colorado FriendShip was disaster relief? Yes, before IncrEdibles and our other programs, COF brought assistance to those in need after the many Colorado disasters including: Marshal Fire, Boulder, 2021; Front Range CO Floods, 2013; Hurricane Sandy, NY, 2012; High Park Fire, 2012; Four Mile Canyon Fire, 2010; Windsor, CO Tornado, 2008; Tornado in Holly, CO, 2007; Jamestown, CO Fire, 2003.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES • 2023

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	32,726
Individual Contributions	84,342
Foundation Grants	143,075
Other Revenue	10,547
TOTAL	270,690
In-Kind Donations (supplies)	56,498

EXPENSES

Programs and Food	205,577
Fundraising	50,420
Management & General	26,061
TOTAL	282,058

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Beef Sticks for Backpacks

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Beef Sticks for Backpacks
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