



2024 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

2024 was Colorado FriendShip's 26th year of serving those in need in Colorado. It was a challenging year, as we saw prices dramatically increase along with the demand for our programs from a population that is also struggling to deal with increased costs.

COF had an ambitious approach to revenue projections last year while maintaining a disciplined control over expenses and budget lines, which finalized in a reduction of our cash reserve.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have adopted a more conservative and cautious approach to our revenue forecast along with some new and exciting fund-raising programs to achieve a balanced budget this year.

Despite the challenges, COF continued to successfully provide our full programs to the community. Our Hot Meals on the Street program served 2775 meals to unhoused individuals along with other necessities. Through our IncrEdibles program, we provided 22,100 bags of food for 650 food-insecure children at 12 local schools, offering good nutrition over the weekend and a return to school on Monday mornings ready to learn. In addition, we provided holiday gifts of coats, boots, clothes, and pajamas to 414 children in our IncrEdibles Program to help brighten and warm their holidays.

We are so grateful for our wonderful volunteers who provided more than 6,100 hours to assist in the management of our programs, pack bags, serve food, sort clothes, prepare meals, organize our warehouse, wash dishes and so much more. We also look to the community to help us fund these necessary programs. We ask our local businesses, organizations, and individuals to continue to support us so that we can fulfil 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.



2024 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.....22,100
CHILDREN SERVED WEEKLY650 at 12 Schools
VOLUNTEERS188 packers
15 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 SERVED2,775
HOMELESS SERVED53 weekly (average)
VOLUNTEERS117 servers
9 drivers
12 cooks
3 dishwashers

DISTRIBUTED419 coats
2,028 pairs-socks
322 pairs-long underwear
394 sleeping bags
693 pairs of pants
220 pairs of gloves
1,525 Shirts
& more!

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Donations were collected from various sponsors and partners to provide 414 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 367 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 hours6,152
Hot Meals on the Street1,380
IncrEdibles1,372
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 • 2024

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	31,176
Individual Contributions	79,716
Foundation Grants	109,892
Other Revenue	9,769
TOTAL	230,554
In-Kind Donations (supplies)	61,408

EXPENSES

Programs and Food	212,730
Fundraising	48,650
Management & General	18,708
TOTAL	280,089

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MAJOR DONORS:

Syla Foundation	Rotary Club of Niwot Foundation
Stapp Interstate Toyota	The Edmund T & Eleanor Quick Foundation
Western Digital Corporation Fund	Albertsons Safeway Foundation
Denver Broncos Foundation	Lynn & Helen Clark Fund
AEC Trust	Edward Madigan Foundation
C&S Pierce Giving Fund	The Kroger Co. Foundation
Greenlee Family Foundation	Pierce Family Foundation
Evertree Insurance Services	Beef Sticks for Backpacks

COLLABORATION:

1 st Presbyterian Church of Brighton	Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce
Abo's Pizza	Longmont Helping Hands
Accenture	Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary
Alpha Phi Omega of CU Boulder	Main Street Elementary School
Alpine Elementary School	Mead Elementary School
Beef Sticks for Backpacks	Mountain View Elementary School
Boulder Flatiron Rotary Club	Northridge Elementary School
Boulder Valley Rotary	Regal Foundation (Cinema)
Burlington Elementary School	Rocky Mountain Christian Church
Carollo Engineers	Rocky Mountain Elementary School
Coats for Colorado	Rotaract Club of CU Boulder
Colorado Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (COVOAD)	Rotary Club of Longmont
Columbine Elementary School	Rotary Club of Niwot
Dairy Queen Grill and Chill	Sandborn Elementary School
Evertree Insurance Services	Sock It To 'Em
Fall River Elementary School	Stapp Interstate Toyota
FEMA	Street Dog Coalition
French Quarter Photography	Streetscape
Gateway Fun Park	Subaru's Operation Warm
Guardian Storage	Sunflower Bank
Indian Peaks Elementary School	The Community Project
KidsPak	The Referral Partnership (TRP)
Kuper Wine Bar	Timberline K-8 School
Longmont Digital Printing	Vejrostek Tax and Financial