



2025 Annual Report

Our mission:

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



Message from Jim Weglarz

President, Board of Directors

Colorado FriendShip experienced both a challenging and remarkably successful year in 2025. As we began the year, we all recognized that the previous year had been difficult, ending with a deficit of about 10% between our revenues and expenses. We attributed this shortfall primarily due to the challenging economy, which negatively affected donations and grants, combined with rising food costs—especially for our IncrEdibles program.

Despite these difficulties, our team immediately began working early in the year with countermeasures to ensure the successful continuation of all our programs, including Meals on the Street, without major interruptions in serving those in need. While continuing our regular fundraising plans, we also created new initiatives to meet this daunting challenge.

Our first key effort was the Emergency Response Budget Initiative. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who supported this campaign, which resulted in over \$20,000 in additional donations. We also received a large, generous in-kind food donation of nutritious soup product for our IncrEdibles food bags. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kettle & Fire for this contribution, which significantly reduced our near future food costs by approximately \$50,000.

In addition, we held a very successful six-day food drive in partnership with Sam's Club to support our IncrEdibles program which allowed us to reduce our fall food purchases by approximately 50%. As a final positive result, our yearly closing cash balance in 2025 was an impressive 26% increase over 2024, ensuring a strong financial start in the new year.

Once again, please accept our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for your continued support. Your generosity made it possible for us to pursue our mission—to serve those in need—with strength, compassion, and gratitude throughout this past year.



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.



2025 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.....20,150
CHILDREN SERVED WEEKLY650 at 12 Schools
VOLUNTEERS164 packers
15 delivery people

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 SERVED2,621
HOMELESS SERVED51 weekly (average)
VOLUNTEERS124 servers
8 drivers
10 cooks
4 dishwashers
4 drink makers
10 trailer loaders

DISTRIBUTED533 coats
1,538 pairs-socks
662 underwear
276 sleeping bags
793 pairs of pants
168 pairs of gloves
1,256 Shirts
& more!

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Donations were collected from various sponsors and partners to provide 428 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 421 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 hours6,323
Meals on the Street1,341
IncrEdibles1,158
Administrative3,450
Food Drive336
Holiday Gift Program38

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 • 2025

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	40,027
Individual Contributions	107,042
Foundation Grants	100,566
Other Revenue	11,331
TOTAL	230,554
Closing Balance (12/31/25)	129,495
In-Kind Donations (supplies)	104,157

EXPENSES

Programs and Food	165,600
Fundraising	36,500
Management & General	21,400
TOTAL	223,500

2025

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Stapp Interstate Toyota

C&S Pierce Giving Fund

Virginia Hill Foundation

J.M. Smucker Co.

St. Vrain Valley School
District Foundation

The Edmund T. & Eleanor
Quick Foundation

JK Mullen Foundation

Pierce Family Foundation

Rotary Club of Niwot Foundation

Beef Sticks for Backpacks

Evertree Insurance Services

COLLABORATION:

1st Presbyterian Church
of Brighton

Abo's Pizza

Alpha Phi Omega of CU Boulder

Alpine Elementary School

ARC

Avanade

Beef Sticks for Backpacks

Boulder Flatiron Rotary Club

Boulder Valley Rotary Club

Burlington Elementary School

Coats for Colorado

Colorado Voluntary Organization
Active in Disaster (COVOAD)

Columbine Elementary School

Conscious Alliance

Dairy Queen Grill and Chill

Evertree Insurance Services

Fall River Elementary School

FEMA

French Quarter Photography

Gafner Hospitality Group

Gateway Fun Park

Guardian Storage

Indian Peaks Elementary School

J.M. Smuckers Co.

Kettle and Fire

Keturah's Baking Diaries

KidsPak

Kuper Wine Bar

Longmont Area Chamber
of Commerce

Longmont Digital Printing

Longmont Downtown

Development Authority

Longmont Helping Hands

Longmont Rotary

Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary

Main Street Elementary School

Mead Elementary School

Mountain View Elementary School

Northridge Elementary School

Regal Foundation (Cinema)

Rocky Mountain Christian Church

Rocky Mountain Elementary School

Rocky Mountain Pumpkin Ranch

Rotaract Club of CU Boulder

Rotary Club of Niwot

Sam's Club

Sandborn Elementary School

Sock It To 'Em

Stapp Interstate Toyota

Streetscape

Subaru's Operation Warm

Sunflower Bank

The Community Project (TCP)

The Referral Partnership (TRP)

Timberline K-8 School

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Wyatt's Wet Goods