



Hunger's *Hope*

Winter 2023

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Cold Weather Shelter Meals

You often hear the phrase, “teamwork makes the dream work.” We full heartily agree with this statement. Any social issue, be it housing stability, homelessness, or hunger, is too large for any one person or organization to address. It takes collaboration from many sources to adequately serve those in our community who struggle to make ends meet.

Recently, Weld Food Bank partnered with United Way of Weld County to provide dinner meals for the Cold Weather Shelter. Opened in mid-November until early April, the shelter houses individuals experiencing homelessness overnight to give them a safe and warm environment away from the elements. While there, they receive a freshly prepared dinner provided by us.

Our kitchen staff plans meals focused on variety and well-balanced nutrition. Every day, 80 meals are cooked and packaged at our facility before being picked-up and delivered by United Way volunteers. By the end of the season, we will have provided over 10,000 meals to the Cold Weather Shelter.

This is an important collaboration with one of our longest standing partners in the community. While United Way works to connect homeless individuals with resources to help them move out of their housing instability, we make sure they have something to eat. That's teamwork at its finest! **To learn more about how we serve our community, visit weldfoodbank.org**



Halliburton Charity Golf Tournament

We were honored to be selected as one of the nonprofit beneficiaries at the Halliburton Charity Golf Tournament in 2022! We enjoyed being onsite to meet with industry leaders and other nonprofits. Throughout the day, golfers were able to choose from several nonprofits to make a donation. In total, over 153,000 meals were provided through the generosity of Halliburton and the tournament's participants. **Thank you to Halliburton for taking time out of your busy holiday season to think of our neighbors in need!**



PDC Energy Gives Holiday Meals



Our partners at PDC Energy brought holiday cheer to Centennial Elementary in Evans by donating a full Thanksgiving Meal to every family at the school! Along with turkeys, potatoes, green beans, and all the other fixings, countless smiles were handed out to those both giving and receiving the food. Afterwards, the school sent thank you cards from the students. Many of the children were grateful not just for their food, but that everyone in the school was able to have a delicious holiday meal. **PDC Energy, thank you for filling hearts and tummies this past Thanksgiving!**



Small but Mighty

The Town of Severance held their 5th annual Turkey and Food Drive. Residents came out in force and gave a record-setting 14,950 pounds of food and financially gave an additional 13,928 meals! The food came at an important time, as we continue to experience historically high numbers with more families seeking our services. This annual food drive is a perfect example of the timeless saying, "it takes a village." **Thank you to the Town of Severance for standing against hunger!**



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Nutrien

We invite you to join Nutrien Ag Solutions and other community leaders at our signature fundraiser, Stone Soup on April 1 at the Island Grove Event Center! This event turns 21, and to celebrate, we're bringing Las Vegas to Weld County. You will enjoy a delicious dinner, live music, and bidding on a wide variety of auction items. There are several ways you can be involved in this wonderful event. Sponsor a table for your family, service club, church, or business. Donate a silent auction item for guests to bid on throughout the night. Purchase individual tickets to enjoy the evening with a friend or family member. **For more information on how you can be a part of this special evening, please contact Mikaela Sandridge at mikaela@weldfoodbank.org, or call 970-356-2199 x312.**



The Weld Trust Bolsters Our Backpack Program

Of all age groups, hunger impacts children the hardest. When a child lacks enough food, it can impact their well-being and development for the entirety of their lives. Through our child programs, we work to serve every child in need in Weld County throughout the year. One of those programs is our Backpack Program, which provides food for children over the weekend when school meals are unavailable. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we were able to secure funding to extend this program beyond the school year and into the summer. This is thanks to the generous support of The Weld Trust, whose funding priorities include hunger.

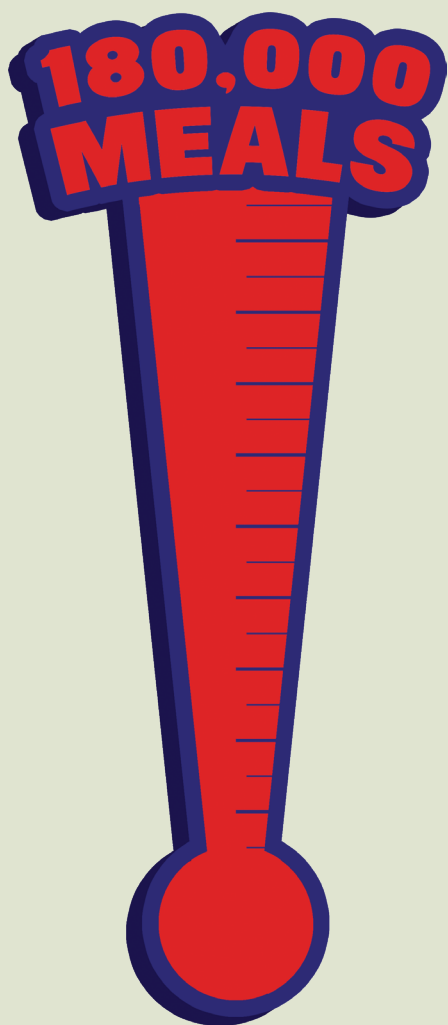
We are grateful The Weld Trust has continued to partner with us to ensure people of all ages in Weld County have the food they need!



Agency Highlight: Aims Arty's Pantry

Weld Food Bank partners with other nonprofit agencies to fight hunger across Weld County. Through these partners we are able to reach more people than we ever could with only our warehouse.

One of our newest agencies is Arty's Pantry at Aims Community College. The cost of higher education continues to rise, but for many people a degree is the resource they need to better support themselves and their families. This can make budgets very tight for those working to improve their lives. Through Aims Arty's Pantry, we are able to work with the college to provide food assistance for their students, who are often members of working families. Additionally, Aims has become one of our larger distribution sites for the Farms to Families program, which helps to provide healthy, perishable foods to the people they serve.



Varra Companies \$30,000 Match Return

This past Thanksgiving week, Varra Companies once again offered to generously match every financial donation up to \$30,000 total. The resounding response from the community helped to exceed the goal! This gift turned 90,000 meals into over 180,000, at a time when our services are needed more than ever. **Thank you to everyone who donated to help your neighbors in need. Most importantly, thank you to Garrett Varra and Varra Companies for offering this incredible match!**

Produce Partners: MARTIN PRODUCE

Weld Food Bank is focused on providing as many healthy food options as possible through our programs and nonprofit agency partners. As such, last year, 4.1 million pounds of produce went out to families in need. This is possible in large part through the support of local farmers, like Martin Produce.

This storied farm was started in 1939 by Dorothy Martin Zabka's father, who unfortunately passed away 7 years later, leaving Dorothy to take over at the age of 16. Along with running a very successful farm for nearly 7 decades, she was also the first and only female mayor of Greeley in the 1960's. Most importantly, she and her husband Dewey made giving a top priority. As Donor Champions, they donated millions of pounds of potatoes, onions, and other product for many years to help us combat hunger in their community. Even after stepping away from farming, Dewey gave thousands of pounds of produce he purchased on his own after hearing about the shortage we were facing.

We are honored to have partnered with Dorothy & Dewey Zabka and Martin Produce to feed our hungry neighbors!





Hope for the Holidays Food Drive



Our Hope for the Holidays Food Drive returned on November 19th, and **the community showed up in a huge way. Overall, we collected over 20,000 pounds of food, which included 439 turkeys.** The support did not stop there, and through financial donations that day, over 24,000 additional meals were provided. A special thank you to Sam's Club, all King Soopers, and all Walmart locations for allowing us in front of your stores that day.



Beaujolais Nouveau 2022

The annual Beaujolais Nouveau holiday fundraiser, hosted by Saint Patrick, was held on November 17th at Zoe's Cafe & Events. Guests enjoyed the Beaujolais Nouveau wine, delicious appetizers prepared by Weld Food Bank's chef Dean Brucker, and special music live music. **This event raised a record amount that will provide over 90,000 meals in our community! Thank you Saint Patrick for putting on an amazing event to help your neighbors in need.**



Beacon of Hope: Brian Cosper

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Weld Food Bank. Their dedication to our mission is evident from the thousands of pounds of produce bagged every day to the hundreds of carts of food given to families to even the simple tasks of recycling cardboard. Brian Cosper regularly does all three of those tasks when he's volunteering with us multiple days a week. From the moment he began volunteering, he showed how willing he is to jump in and lend a hand with any task! It's not cliché to say that Brian is like family, and in just the span of a year, he has given over 400 hours to help us fight hunger. **Thank you, Brian, for your dedication and being a beacon of hope in our community!**

PLANNED GIVING
YOUR LEGACY
Your Way



Planned charitable giving is something we all can do ... it's not just for the wealthy.

Like so many people, you'd like to know that the causes and organizations you care about today will continue to thrive in the future. And with just a little planning, you can help make that a reality.

A planned charitable gift can be simple, easy to do, and can benefit you and the charitable organization you would like to support. It can also help ensure your philanthropic wishes are honored and allow you to leave a lasting legacy of hope.

WHAT EXACTLY IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving is the transfer of a designated portion of your assets to a charity of your choice during your lifetime or as part of an estate plan. You make it your personal plan by determining what you care about most, then deciding what you want your future charitable gifts to impact.

BENEFITS

- 1 You can leave a lasting legacy to causes that are important to you.
- 2 Depending on the type and amount of your gift, it may lessen the tax burden for you and your family.
- 3 Because planned gifts are so flexible, they can work to benefit both you and all chosen beneficiaries; existing side by side with other personal priorities.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DIFFICULT

Planned giving doesn't have to be difficult, you don't have to be wealthy to do it, and there are a variety of ways to leave a meaningful legacy. Always consult your financial/legal advisor when planning.

FIVE COMMON APPROACHES TO GIVING

1 Beneficiary Designations: Most retirement plans, annuities, and life insurance policies let you decide in advance how your assets will be distributed after your death. They do this by asking you to designate beneficiaries, such as your favorite charity, on a beneficiary designation form.

2 Donor-Advised Funds: Donor-advised funds are one of the fastest-growing, easiest, and most tax-advantageous ways to give to charity. They allow donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then direct grants from the fund to their favorite charity whenever they choose. Donors can contribute to the fund as frequently as they like.

3 Gifts from an IRA: A simple, cost-effective way to benefit a charity of your choice and receive tax benefits is to use an IRA Charitable Rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution). If you are 72 years old* or older, every year, you can ask your IRA administrator to transfer up to \$100,000 directly to a non-profit of your choice. Because your gift goes directly to a qualified charity, the IRA distribution is excluded from your adjusted gross income for income tax purposes.

4 Gifts of Appreciated Stock: You may be able to maximize your gift and your income tax deduction by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to a charity.

By donating appreciated stock directly to the charity, the donor avoids recognition of capital gain and eliminates any income tax resulting from the sale of the stock.

5 Living Trust or Will: Making a gift through your will or living trust is one of the easiest ways to give into the future. With your Legal Advisor's assistance, you can include language designating family, friends, or your favorite charity as part of your estate plan. Even a small percentage can have a big impact.

Where to begin if you would like to leave a lasting gift to Weld Food Bank:

- Determine what you want to accomplish with your charitable gift.
- Contact Weld Food Bank for additional information and to discuss how your wishes can make a lasting impact. Please contact: Stephanie Gausch | 970-356-2199 x304
- Meet with your Financial Planner/Legal Advisor to decide the best approach to achieve your goals.



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Save the Date



May 13

Participate in the nation's largest food drive! You can leave a bag of shelf stable grocery items by your mailbox for your postal worker to pick up and deliver to the food bank.

June 5 – June 23

Have your company join in the fight against hunger through a friendly competition to see who can donate the most food, money, and volunteer hours.

Last year, over 432,000 meals were provided through Compete to Beat Hunger. An informational kickoff lunch will be Wednesday, May 17th at noon at our warehouse. **Email info@weldfoodbank.org or call 970-356-2199 to sign up.**



September 8

The 7th Annual Hops for Hunger will once again take place at Boardwalk Park in Windsor, CO. Attendees will enjoy a wide selection of local craft beers and delicious food. All proceeds will support our direct service programs in the Windsor community. **For more information and to purchase tickets visit weldfoodbank.org/hops or call 970-356-2199.**

