

# Hunger's Hope

Annual Report Edition  
Fall 2023



## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work



Three years ago, we were certain the need brought about during the COVID-19 pandemic would be the highest we would see in our lifetime. It appeared we were right when the number of people accessing our programs decreased, as normalcy returned to businesses, schools, and life in general. Then in 2022, we started seeing the effects of inflation and a struggling economy when all our programs began experiencing a steady increase of individuals, many of whom had never needed help before.

Eventually, our Emergency Food Program was serving two to three times more people than at any point during the pandemic. And, our Mobile Food Pantry, which was the most utilized program during the pandemic, returned to numbers we were seeing at the start of COVID-19 in summer 2020. Once again, the community, determined as ever to help, came through in unbelievable ways to meet this new historic need.

Volunteers continued to be the driving force behind our work. Last year, over 56,000 hours were given, which equates to 27 full-time staff members and half

of our workforce! Caring individuals sorted produce, assembled Emergency Food packages, unloaded and distributed food at our Mobile Food Pantries, delivered food to homebound seniors and schools, prepped meals for Kids Cafe and Summer Feeding, and countless other tasks that make our day to day operations possible.

Financial and food donors remained faithful as they generously gave of their resources to provide food to our community. We were able to increase distribution sites for Farms to Families, continue providing weekend food for kids during the summer through our Backpack Program, and purchase more food for our nonprofit agency partners to access for their services.

Our community remains in great need. 1 in 4 people in Weld County will find themselves seeking help from one of our services this year. That's 88,000 of our neighbors who need our help. You can assist by donating your time and resources to ensure no one in Weld County goes hungry. **To find all the ways you can help, visit [weldfoodbank.org](http://weldfoodbank.org).**



## CEO's Corner

Dear Friends,

As I watch the nightly news, I continue to see national stories about families turning to food banks for the first time. At Weld Food Bank, this is no exception. As the cost of food and other essentials, such as gas, utilities, and rent, increase, we are seeing record numbers of our neighbors using our services who have never asked for help before. Unfortunately, the increased cost of everything is impacting more than the people we serve.

Although the food supply chain has seen improvements, long-time partners have not been able to donate at the same levels they gave prior to the pandemic. As a result, we are having to purchase more food to ensure an adequate and healthy food supply. This puts a heavy strain on our operating budget. However, with your continued financial generosity and Feeding America's freight assistance, we are able to meet the need right now.

For the sake of our hurting neighbors, I genuinely hope the burden of these difficult economic times will lighten. Until that time, I am grateful for the incredible support shown by you, the community. Every day we hear people saying, "I don't know what I would do without you." We often see tears of relief when a family knows they won't go hungry. That is possible because of you. On behalf of all the people we serve, **thank you for all you do to put food on their tables and hope in their hearts!**

With gratitude and humility,

Bob O'Connor  
Chief Executive Officer



## Agency Highlight: Milliken Food Pantry

Milliken Food Pantry has come a long way in the past 10 years. What started as a small operation at Milliken Presbyterian Church has grown significantly over the years. They now partner with four other churches in the community to not only provide the volunteer support to run the pantry, but to help expand the reach of the pantry. Last year, they gave out over 65,000 pounds of food to their community. In August, our Board of Directors had the pleasure of visiting the pantry to see how it operates and to hear from the volunteers themselves how vital the partnership with Weld Food Bank is to them and the people they serve. **Thank you to Milliken Food Pantry for diligently serving your neighbors for so many years!**



## Volunteer of the Year

At this year's annual volunteer BBQ, we awarded Gene Martinez with the *Volunteer of the Year* award. Gene has given over 1,000 hours since he began volunteering with us. He helps out at several of our Mobile Food Pantries, as well as in our warehouse both by himself and with Knights of Columbus. His passion for hunger relief is evident every time he volunteers, and it was recognized by his fellow volunteers who decidedly selected him for this honor. **Congratulations, Gene, on being named Volunteer of the Year, and thank you for all that you do to help us fight hunger!**

## Renewed Partnership

In September, as part of Hunger Action Month, Weld Food Bank and OXY announced their renewed partnership to address hunger in Weld County. A special ceremony was held at OXY's Platteville office, where they unveiled a newly designed truck that will be utilized to pick up and deliver food across our large service area. Additionally, they announced a commitment to financially provide 12,500 child friendly food packs to our Backpack Program. To top off the ceremony and cement their support of the program, OXY employees built the food packs right on site. **Thank you to OXY for your continued partnership and your dedication to feed our neighbors in need.**



## Cutting the Cheese for Hunger

Historically, dairy has also been one of the hardest donations to secure until recently when Leprino Foods began regularly donating bulk mozzarella cheese in large twenty pound slabs. In order for the cheese to reach the most people, we need to repackage it into smaller five pound increments, which led us to create a new and unique volunteer opportunity. This small project needs two to three volunteers who cut the cheese, label and vacuum seal it. This is a fun and rewarding task that requires steady volunteers to guarantee the cheese makes it to as many people as possible. **To sign up to cut the cheese, visit [weldfoodbank.org/volunteer](http://weldfoodbank.org/volunteer).**



## Retail Champions: King Soopers



In an effort to address both the issue of food waste and hunger in our community, our partners at King Soopers have implemented their Zero Hunger | Zero Waste initiative to provide support across our county and state. Every year, their stores donate hundreds of thousands of pounds of produce, meat, dairy, bakery, and other items to our food rescue program. Last year was no exception as they collectively gave nearly 300,000 pounds! In addition to food donations, they offer customers the opportunity to donate at the register several times a year, including September during Hunger Action Month and as a part of 9 News' 9 Cares Colorado Shares drives. Finally, they recently hosted us for a food drive on

September 23rd to increase food available to our nonprofit agency partners. **We are beyond grateful for the support King Soopers has shown us over the years to help support our work. Thank you for being Retail Champions in the fight against hunger!**



## COMPETE TO BEAT HUNGER

This past June, companies and organizations of all sizes competed to donate the most funds, food, and volunteer hours in three short weeks. Participants pulled out all

the stops in the journey to take home one of the coveted trophies. In total, 986 volunteer hours were given in our warehouse and at Mobile Food Pantries. Over thirty-eight tons of food poured into our warehouse. Financial donations pushed the competition even further to provide a quarter of a million meals. Altogether, this year's event provided 316,678 meals to hungry families. **Thank you to everyone who made Compete to Beat Hunger a huge success!**

# Winners

**Overall Winner** (Under 10 employees)

**Weld Family Clinic of Chiropractic**

**Overall Winner** (11-25 employees)

**Northern Colorado Credit Union**

**Overall Winner** (26-100 employees)

**Bayswater**

**Overall Winner** (Over 100 employees)

**The J.M. Smucker Company**

**Most Volunteer Hours**

**Colorado Site Works**

**Most Food Donated**

**JBS USA, LLC**

**Most Monetary Donations**

**PDC Energy**

**CanSculpture Winner** (Architect)

**Western Midstream**

**CanSculpture Winner** (Contractor)

**Norfolk Iron & Metal**

**CanSculpture Winner** (DIY)

**Northern Colorado Credit Union**



**Saturday, April 6, 2024 • 5:30pm - 11pm**  
**Island Grove Event Center**

### Sponsorships & Tickets Available Now

Join Weld Food Bank and other community leaders for a totally tubular time as we travel to the 1980's at Stone Soup! The glow filled evening will have you saying, "radical" as you enjoy great food, live entertainment, auctions, and more! All proceeds from the evening will go to help fight hunger in our community. Stone Soup is our signature fundraising event, and throughout the event, we will be highlighting the work of our commercial kitchen.

Visit [weldfoodbank.org/stonesoup](http://weldfoodbank.org/stonesoup) for more information on sponsorships and to purchase your tickets today!



Over 700 guests from all over Colorado filled Boardwalk Park in Windsor on Friday, September 15th for our 7th Annual Hops for Hunger, presented by Varra Companies and The Weld Trust. Attendees enjoyed a wide selection of craft beers from local breweries, food catered by our kitchen and meat from JBS, and relaxing yard games. Ten Cent Prophet returned for the second year to entertain guests with their wide range of musical genre covers. In total, more than 145,000 meals were raised to support our hunger relief efforts in the Windsor area through our direct service programs and nonprofit agency partners! **Thank you to Varra Companies, The Weld Trust, and all our sponsors for making it a night to remember.**

## 22/23 Board of Directors

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# Annual Report

# 2023



## Weld Food Bank



## Financial Report

### Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2023

#### Assets

Cash and CDs	\$7,114,982*
<i>*Board Designated for Operational Reserves: \$1,247,648</i>	
Receivables & Inventory	\$342,348
Vehicles & Equipment	\$1,833,676
Land & Building	\$4,923,582
Less Depreciation	(\$2,647,905)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$11,566,683</b>

#### Liabilities & Net Assets

<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accrued Expenses	\$154,929
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Unrestricted	\$11,373,874
Donor Restricted	\$37,880
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$11,411,754</b>

### Statement of Activities For the year ended June 30, 2023

#### Public Support & Revenue

Food Contributions	\$15,405,519
Donations, Grants & Other	\$5,101,358
Government Programs	\$920,158
<b>Total Public Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$21,427,035</b>

#### Expenses

<b>Program Services:</b>	
Collection, Storage & Distribution of food	\$20,524,515
<b>Supporting Services:</b>	
Management & Fundraising	\$733,782
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,258,297</b>

Increase In Net Assets	\$168,738
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$11,243,016
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$11,411,754</b>

Copies of Annual Audit by Anderson & Whitney, P.C., are available upon request.



## The Need In Weld County



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**1 in 4 people** in Weld County struggle with hunger.



**1 in 3 children** in Weld County struggle with hunger.



**Families need 3.5x more** income than the federal poverty level to make ends meet.\*



**27% increase** in individuals served across all direct service programs and nonprofit agency partners.



**20,000 more** food packages given out through the Emergency Food Program than the previous year.



**43% more** individuals utilized our Mobile Food Pantry and Farms to Families programs.



## Financial Donors

### \$100,000 & Above

Feeding America  
Nutrien Ag Solutions  
The Weld Trust  
Wells Ranch, LLLP

### \$50,000-\$99,999

Agrifab Colorado, LLC  
Gary D. Magness Family Foundation  
Halliburton  
M.S. Doss Foundation, Inc.  
PDC Energy, Inc  
Weld County Department of Human Services

### \$20,000-\$49,999

American AgCredit  
Bank of Colorado  
Carrico Family Foundation  
Chevron  
Dewey and Dorothy Marcy  
Fortress Development Solutions  
Johnson Foundation of the Rockies  
Monfort Family Foundation  
Platte Valley Medical Center  
Robert & Marilee Bergstrom  
Safeway Foundation  
State Farm Companies Foundation  
Stewart Family Foundation  
Trailhead Institute  
United Way of Weld County  
Varra Companies, Inc  
Walmart Foundation  
Weld Community Foundation

### \$15,000-\$19,999

Broe Holdings LLC  
Darlene Belt Blazek  
DCP Midstream  
Dennis Henley  
JM Smuckers Company  
Kenneth and Beth Richards  
Michael and Janet Krause  
Step Energy Services

*A full list of financial donors at \$500 level and above for the 2022/2023 fiscal year can be found at [weldfoodbank.org](http://weldfoodbank.org)*



## Food Donors Over 25,000 Pounds

Aurora Organic Dairy  
Coca-Cola  
Dewey Zabka  
Fagerberg Produce  
Galicia Farms  
Greg and Theresa Domenico  
The J.M. Smucker Company  
JBS USA, LLC  
King Soopers Stores  
Lipman Family Farms  
McLane Western  
Morning Fresh Dairy Farms  
Nestle USA  
Pepsi  
Safeway Stores  
Sam's Club  
Sparboe Farms  
Sprouts Market  
Strohauer Farms  
Target Super Store  
Tyson Foods  
Walmart Stores



## Individual Volunteers & Groups Over 250 hours

Becky Brunswig  
Brian Cospier  
Bridging Families  
Bruce Rauch  
Bryan Ericson  
Connolly Family  
Dan Smith  
David Ransom  
First United Methodist Church of Greeley  
Gene Martinez  
Greeley West  
Hal Raehal  
Helen Herman  
Jon Billheimer  
Kiwanis Club of Greeley  
Lambda Chi Alpha  
Otero Corporation  
PDC Energy, Inc.  
Phyllis Schmidt  
Realty One Volunteer Night  
Renee & Tom Adams  
Transitional Services  
Walmart Distribution Center  
Weld Food Bank Board of Directors

## Food Drive Donations Over 2,000 Pounds

9 Cares Colorado Shares  
Dos Rios Elementary  
Greeley Stampede  
Platte Valley Schools  
Postal Carriers Food Drive  
Town of Severance  
Wing Shack

# Weld Food Bank Programs



## Kids Cafe

An after-school program where we provide nutritional, prepared meals and snacks for undernourished children. **Last school year we served 73,851 meals and snacks to children.**



## Backpack Program

Provides food for children who are at risk for hunger over the weekend. **This past year, with the help of our agency partners, we distributed 70,767 backpack food packs.**



## Summer Feeding

Makes hot lunches accessible to children over the summer months when free and reduced school meals are not available. **Last summer, we served 75,337 meals and snacks to children.**



## School Food Pantries

In select schools throughout Weld County, every teacher has access to food for times when students come to school hungry. **Last year, the School Food Pantries were accessed over 3,045 times.**



## Emergency Food Boxes

Provides a food box consisting of produce, meat, dairy, bakery, and shelf-stable items to residents of Weld County who need help during a difficult time. **Last year, we distributed 56,594 Emergency Food Boxes.**



## Mobile Food Pantry

A refrigerated beverage truck used to deliver fresh produce, dairy products, meat, bakery, and dry goods directly to hungry people in high need areas. **Our Mobile Food Pantry distributed 2.5 million pounds of food last year.**



## Senior Feeding Program

This program ensures that seniors over 60 years of age get the basic nutrition they need for good health. **Last year, we distributed 19,874 nutritional food packages to seniors in Weld County.**



## Farms to Families

Through a custom built truck, this program brings healthy perishable foods to smaller sites such as low-income senior living centers, our Child Feeding sites, and select nonprofit partner agencies. **Through Farms to Families, we served 12,819 individuals, including 5,310 children.**



## Nonprofit Agency Partners

We work closely with various nonprofit agency partners throughout Weld County. **Last year, the food bank worked with 72 different nonprofit agencies, saving them \$2.8 million in food costs.**