Looking Back & Forward

Dear Friends,

Another year has come and gone at the Food Bank. It seems like just a few weeks ago I was sitting down to write this very same letter for our 2016 Annual Report.

Although the weeks and months continue to seemingly fly by, we continue to work towards our mission of a hunger-free Larimer County. To that end, 2017 has been a milestone year in many ways.

In February, we launched our Feeding Our Future Capital Campaign with a singular goal of raising funds to purchase and renovate a new distribution facility. In late spring, we purchased a facility in Loveland, near the Municipal Airport, with demolition getting underway in July. The facility will provide nearly 42,000 sq. ft. of warehouse and office space, allowing us to source more fresh fruits and vegetables. More about that on page 5.

Throughout the initial phase of the campaign, generous partners have stepped up to make this dream a reality. Partners like Bohemian Foundation, who gave the Food Bank $1.5 million for the purchase of the new facility.

2017 also saw the expansion of our mobile food pantry program. With four mobile pantries and one fresh food clinic pantry, the Food Bank continues to look at new ways to increase access to food for those who are in need.

All of these milestone activities occurred while our dedicated staff continued to serve record numbers of guests. At the end of 2017, our fresh food pantries were serving an average of 15,000 guests each month—an increase of almost 1,000 guests per month.

Numbers like these tell us that we still have work to do to reach our vision of a hunger-free Larimer County. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to obtain this goal.

Warm regards,

Amy Pezzani
Food Bank for Larimer County CEO
The accomplishments of the Food Bank for Larimer County in Fiscal Year 2017 were made possible because of the continued support of friends and partners in the community. Because of their dedication, the Food Bank was able to distribute 9.2 million pounds of food to those in need.

“We live on a very limited income. I don’t know what we’d do without the Food Bank.”

- JoAnn

- An estimated 37,500 individuals served through our fresh food pantries.
- 85 Nonprofit partners throughout Larimer County.
- Food for 7.72 Million meals.
Guest Stories

Each person who comes to the Food Bank has a story. Some are happy, while others are not. Many are inspirational, while some are still being written. What follows are a few brief stories that we collected during the year, each offering a glimpse into the lives of our guests and demonstrating how appreciative they are to have the support from the Food Bank.

Carrie

Carrie, a lifetime Fort Collins resident, relies on the Food Bank for Larimer County. She recently suffered the loss of her son, who had been on life support for 15 years. Carrie has found our services to be an immense help in wake of this tragedy and notes, “The fresh fruits, vegetables and food are a huge help.”

Karolina

Karolina, a 20-year-old Fort Collins resident, attends Front Range Community College and works full-time to help support her family. The Food Bank for Larimer County, “Helps lift a huge burden off our shoulders,” she said. “My mom is diabetic and the meals we make from the food here really help us eat healthy.”

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“By coming to the Food Bank, we always know there is something to eat at home.”

- Cinnamon

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Cinnamon, a single mom of five kids ranging in age from 10—21, lives paycheck-to-paycheck, despite working full-time. She and her children rely on the Food Bank for Larimer County to keep food on the table. “By coming to the Food Bank, we know there is always something to eat at home.”

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Ray

“When my grandkids ask for food, I would hate to tell them I don’t have any snacks,” says Ray. He relies on the Food Bank to help feed his family, including his wife, daughter and grandkids. “We can get healthy food that help make our meals stretch farther.”
Expanding to Meet the Need

In 2017, the Food Bank for Larimer County took a big step in its fight against hunger, announcing plans to renovate a distribution facility in Loveland. The warehouse, located on Wright Drive, near the Northern Colorado Regional Airport, will offer the Food Bank many advantages over its current facility in Fort Collins, including more food storage space, a central receiving and distribution point, and the ability to enhance and expand its hunger-relief programs.

The expansion has been a long-time coming. When the Food Bank moved into its current facility on Blue Spruce Drive in Fort Collins in the 1980s, it was distributing less than 500,000 pounds of food annually. Last year, the Food Bank distributed 9.2 million pounds of food to those in need. The reality for CEO Amy Pezzani was that the Food Bank was out of space.

“Our meal distribution has grown steadily over the years,” Pezzani said. “From less than 50,000 meals per year in the 1980s, to more than 7.72 million last year. We’ve seen the volume increase operating from the same warehouse and we simply don’t have room to expand our services.”

The Food Bank’s warehouse, business office and kitchen are expected to make the move to the new facility in May of 2018.

Pezzani is quick to add that the Food Bank’s two Food Share fresh food pantries are staying put. “We’ve had many guests and supporters ask what will happen to our client-serve pantries in Fort Collins and Loveland. The answer is nothing,” she said. “Both pantries will remain in their current locations.”

Did You Know?

The Food Bank is getting an upgrade in many ways with the new facility. Check out just how much of an upgrade the Food Bank will see.

- 42,000 sq. ft. of total warehouse and office space
- 173,500 cu. ft. of freezer and cooler space
- 2,400 sq. ft. kitchen
- 3,700 sq. ft. volunteer space
In 2016, the Food Bank began an extensive research project to map every household that used our Food Share program. The goal of the project was to determine the geographic distribution of Food Share guests and identify any possible gaps in service.

One outcome of the GIS mapping project was the launch of the Food Bank’s Mobile Food Pantry program. A partnership with the Foothills Unitarian Church led to the first mobile pantry. Following that success, the Food Bank started three more mobile pantries in 2017: Colorado State University, Discovery Fellowship Church and Grace Place.

Each pantry has seen varying levels of success, often based on the density of the population it serves and the frequency of the pantry. The monthly CSU pantry, with its concentration of students and staff, is by far the most heavily attended pantry, providing food assistance to hundreds who need it.

Thus far, the mobile model has proved to be incredibly successful. The Food Bank has understood for years that transportation for many of our guests can be a challenge. The strategic location of the pantries helps reduce barriers to food for those with limited transportation. The mobile pantries also ease the pressure of our brick and mortar pantries in Fort Collins and Loveland. Combined, both pantries serve an average of nearly 15,000 individuals each month. The mobile pantries help reduce the number of guests who visit those locations.

The Food Bank’s mobile pantries could not function without the partnership and dedication of the host sites. The volunteers from Foothills, CSU, Discovery and Grace Place are the backbone of the program, helping ensure that all those who need food receive it.

With the initial success of the mobile pantries, the Food Bank is looking to expand the program. Staff is currently reviewing potential partners and locations, with the goal of adding more mobile pantries in 2018.
## Major Partners

### $25,000+

- Bohemian Foundation
- City of Fort Collins
- City of Loveland, Human Services Commission
- Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
- Feeding America, thanks to Conagra Brands Foundation
- Kenneth & Myra Monfort Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- Larimer County Commissioners
- Northern Colorado United for Youth
- Volentine Family Foundation
- Walmart Foundation
- Feeding America, thanks to Red Nose Day Fund
- Feeding America, thanks to the Walt Disney Company
- First National Bank of Omaha
- Flood & Peterson Insurance, Inc.
- Hurlburt Family Foundation
- King Soopers - Bringing Hope to the Table
- Louis & Anne Abrons Foundation
- Pitcairn Trust Co.
- Sunit & Janea Bhalla
- Toddy, LLC
- Tracey & John Foundoulis
- Woodward

### $5,000+

- Advance Tank & Construction
- Alan & Barbara Rudolph
- Anschutz Family Foundation
- Anthony Frank & Patricia Helper
- Arthur & Meredith Jesser
- Barbara Hoffman
- Ben Delatour Foundation
- Cheryl & Joe Zimlich
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- Church World Service - CROP Walk
- Connell Resources, Inc.
- Don Josephson & Renee Brunsting
- Douglas & Gayna Jobe
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation
- First Presbyterian Church
- Jack & Susan Ellis
- Jean Foley & Russell Cowart
- Jeremy & Robin Richardson
- John Webb Charitable Lead Trust
- Judy Lantry
- Karen Schultz
- Karl & Heather Olsen
- Kenneth & Carol Severson
- Klaus Lorenz
- Laughlin-Beers Foundation
- LPR Construction
- Mark & Donna Kornblau
- Mary Ann Ranney

### $10,000+

- Agrium
- Cargill, Inc.
- Dohn Construction
- Dr. William Neff
- Feeding America, thanks to Costco Wholesale
MET Foundation, Inc.
Nordson Corporation Foundation
NVIDIA - Employee Matching Program
Patrick Costello & Tracy Evans
Richard Johnson
Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant
Ross & Jill Cunniff
Roy Disney
Sheri & Will Welch
The Eugene Curtis & Florence Ann Armstrong Family Found.
The TJX Foundation
Timothy & Neda Disney
Tina & Mike Deringer
Union Pacific Foundation
Universal Forest Products Foundation
Vicki Jameson
Walter S. Rosenberry, III Charitable Trust
Wells Fargo
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Corkie Odell & Mike Sollenberger
Co's Auto Group
Dave & Paula Edwards
David & Melinda Blatt
David & Susan Boyd
Devin Odell & Maria Fernandez Gimenez
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Elder Construction
First Tech Federal Credit Union
First United Methodist Church
Foothills Rotary Club
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Orthopaedic & Spine Center of the Rockies
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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Paul & Patty Bell
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Phillip & Starr Teague
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Financials

FISCAL YEAR 2017 **REVENUE**

- **Contributions**: $3,439,561, 16%
- **Capital Campaign**: $2,321,089, 11%
- **Donated Food & In-Kind Donations**: $15,325,181, 71%
- **Other Revenue**: $381,477, 1%
- **Special Events (net)**: $269,253, 1%
- **Fundraising**: $758,036, 4%
- **Other Revenue**: $381,477, 1%
- **Administrative**: $332,335, 2%
- **Program Expenses**: $18,293,089, 94%

FISCAL YEAR 2017 **EXPENSES**
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