

Annual Report July 2020 - June 2021

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# Hitting Our Stride



#### Dear Friends,

Many of us hoped that 2021 was going to bring at least a winding down of COVID-related difficulties. While the long haul of the pandemic has continued, I'm proud to say that our team has remained steadfast in its response to incoming challenges, consistently meeting disappointing news with a focused determination to arrive at innovative solutions.

Even as we retooled our organization for sustained operation during the pandemic, we didn't lose sight of our mission, and worked throughout the year to not only maintain, but also to expand our hunger-relief efforts in Larimer County. Here are a few accomplishments that I am especially proud of:

• With lengthy school closures and frequent home schooling still the norm in 2021, we significantly expanded our Summer Food Service Program, adding new Lunch Lab sites and preparing tens of thousands of meals for children.

• We completed our acquisition of The Nappie Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to supplying families in need with free diapers. Expanded warehouse space and some adjustments to our transportation logistics were necessary to effect this change, but it's a responsibility that we were honored to be able to accept.

• We've substantially bolstered our SNAP Outreach in an effort to help more eligible households get signed up for benefits, assisting more than 2,000 families with registration during the fiscal year.

• We prepared for the launch of a revamped Client Choice experience, redesigning our Fresh Food Share pantries for a new shopping model with deli-like service counters.

• Working with Feeding America, we adapted their provisional OrderAhead app to prepare a Curbside Pickup option for our clients, which launched on Oct. 19.

With the landscape changing due to the pandemic and fluctuating economic conditions, the only certainty in the coming year is that more change is on the horizon. We'll have to remain nimble in order to respond to what lies ahead. We plan to leverage technology and remain innovative with all available resources in order to better engage with community stakeholders—including our donors, our volunteers and our clients.

We hope you'll join us. Your support is a crucial part of making our vision of a hunger-free Larimer County a reality.

Warm regards,

Imy Tempan

Amy Pezzani Food Bank for Larimer County CEO



### Variety is the spice of life.

"Variety is the spice of life," Keith says as he loads bags of food into his vehicle. Keith is a chef who is also working at DoorDash to make ends meet. He says that the variety of foods that he gets at the Food Bank's Loveland pantry is good, and he tries to have fun with it while cooking for himself and his daughter.



# **Client Stories**

I was embarrassed to have to ask for help and everybody here makes me feel comfortable being here.

A little over a year ago, Tracy was in a major car accident, lost her job and was struggling to make ends meet. She shared how coming to the Food Bank has helped feed her son and herself. "It's wonderful, it supplements the groceries that I get, and I always plan around what I get here."

# **2021 Financials**

### Revenue

Donated Food & In-Kind Donations \$16,687,227 - 61%

\$9,702,793 - 35%

\$738,798 - 3%

\$188,035 - 1%

Contributions

**Other Revenue** 

**Special Events** 

Our success in Fiscal Year 2021 was

possible thanks to community-wide support. From our thousands of volunteers and individual donors to the numerous businesses and other organizations that pitched in to fight hunger, we are fortunate to have incredible backing from those who care about their neighbors.

### Expenses

Programs Expenses \$19,966,908 - 93%

Fundraising

\$ 1,000,145 - 5%

\$464,198 - 2%

Management & General

Ending Net Assests: \$23,794,032

Distributed 9,635,032 pounds of food.

Partnered with 100+ community programs.

## 2021 Impact

More than 3,300 volunteers combined to contribute roughly 47,000 hours of service—the equivalent of 22 full-time employees.

Our mission is to provide food to all in need through community partnerships and hunger-relief programs.

Provided food for 8,029,193 meals.

Clients visited our pantry locations more than 127,096 times in FY2021.

#### **SNAP Outreach Team**

The Food Bank's SNAP Outreach Team was created in an effort to increase awareness of additional benefits available for anyone with an income level of 200% or below the federal poverty level. They help address eligibility and navigation of the application process for SNAP, Medicaid, WIC Nutrition Program and LEAP. With assistance available in both English and Spanish, our SNAP Outreach Team was able to help more than 2,020 individuals sign up for SNAP benefits in FY2021.

## **Meeting Clients Where They Are**

Our Fresh Food Share pantries are an enormous part of how we serve the community, but they're just one component of a multi-pronged strategy to fight hunger in Larimer County. Through programs like SNAP Outreach and our Nourishing Network, we do everything we can to give all residents of our community options for getting enough food on the table.

#### Nourishing Network

The Food Bank's Nourishing Network provides access to extremely low-cost, high-quality donated and purchased foods to more than 100 nonprofits to distribute to their clients. The various agencies serve areas of Larimer County we are unable to reach due to distance and other challenges. We distributed more than 1.4 million pounds of food and provided more than 2 million dollars' worth of food savings.

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