

# FOOD BANK FOR LARIMER COUNTY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



# Exciting Changes at the Food Bank



Dear Friends,

*Whew!* That about sums it up. That was my reaction when all of the planning and moving was done and we were finally in our new distribution facility in Loveland.

For those who might not have heard, the Food Bank for Larimer County recently moved its main distribution center, headquarters and kitchen from its longtime home in north Fort Collins to a new facility in Loveland, near the Regional Airport.

As moves go, it was a smooth one. - made even easier by thoughtful planning and hard work by each and every staff member. Still, it was a big move, one that we are still adapting to.

There's the reality of yet another location to manage. With our move, we now have three brick and mortar locations throughout Larimer County, two pantries and the distribution center. A challenge has been communicating our move to Loveland while reiterating to our clients and volunteers at Blue Spruce Drive and Lincoln Avenue that it is still business as usual.

Simultaneous to the move, we went through a rebrand - a challenging task in and of itself. It just made sense to evaluate our position in the community at the same time we were making this transformative move. With the rebrand, we were looking to make the Food Bank more welcoming for anyone in the community who needs our help or would like to help.

Looking back, the challenges we encountered were small speed-bumps on the way to our realization of a better and stronger Food Bank. With the new location, we are in a position to grow as the need in our community grows. The move would have been worth it just for the additional cooler and freezer space - some 600% more than the previous location. More than that, we doubled our kitchen space to be able to prepare more child and senior meals and created a special space for our volunteers who make it possible for us to do what we every day.

Now, let's get to work!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Pezzani". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Pezzani

Food Bank for Larimer County CEO



# 2018 Impact

The accomplishments of the Food Bank for Larimer County in Fiscal Year 2018 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 9.1 million pounds of food to those in need.

"I appreciate what you do. I've been coming here a long time and for the most part, I can get everything I need. Thank you!"

- Jay



# Client Stories

In 2018, there were more than 210,000 visits to our Fresh Food Share pantries. Each of those visits was a person or family with a story. Some of those stories were of hardship and loss, while others were about resiliency and triumph. Throughout the year, we talk to our clients to learn their story - where they have been and where they are going. Here are just a few of those stories.

## Teresa & Eddie



Eddie recently suffered a heart attack and has to be very conscious of the kinds of foods he consumes. "I have to really watch what I eat now," Eddie said. He and his wife Teresa are able to find healthy options at the Food Bank that help, "close

the gap between what I can eat and what we can afford. Thanks for the food!"

## Celeste



"The Food Bank has seen us through. I can't tell you how much I appreciate you," said Celeste, a Food Bank client who often shops for her daughter and granddaughter.

"We're able to get our fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as the staples we need to get by. The resources here have helped us immensely."



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- *Celeste*

## Cheryl



"The Food Bank makes it so there is a holiday meal for my family. We just wouldn't have one otherwise," said Cheryl, a Food Bank client who received assistance during the holidays at our Fort Collins pantry. "After my social security pays our rent, I

only have about \$30 left. That just doesn't cover it for me, my husband and our two kids."

## Leslie & Jeff



Leslie and Jeff know all-too-well how hard it is to make ends meet in Northern Colorado. "With the help of the Food Bank, we can get by. It helps! We're able to save about \$100 a month on food and that's a big deal for us. Thank you! We appreciate all the

Food Bank does in the community."

# Expanding to Meet the Need

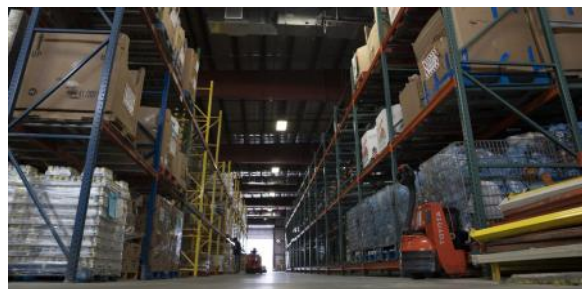
Last year as this time, we were using architectural renderings to illustrate what our new distribution facility and HQ would look like. Fast-forward a few months, and we have tangible images and statistics as “proof” of the changes at the Food Bank.

Our kitchen team and its army of volunteers were the first to get settled at Wright Drive. The new 2,400-square foot commercial kitchen allowed them to prepare more than 187,000 child and senior meals last year.

The expanded distribution facility, which includes 173,500-cubic feet of cooler and freezer space, meant that we could now accept unexpected deliveries. Deliveries like a tractor-trailer full of tortilla chips just before the Super Bowl or a load of eggs that was refused due to a few broken shells.

The move to Loveland meant that our dedicated warehouse volunteers, some of whom have been with us for more than 20 years, finally got a volunteer space befitting their generosity. Not only is there a quiet place to take a break during a shift, but the expanded volunteer area can double as entertainment space during events.

This transformation did not happen overnight, and it certainly did not happen without its challenges. There were leaky roofs, process changes, and of course, the fact that some of our partners and donors were not thrilled with our move “so far south.” These were not unexpected with such a big move. But after a few reassuring conversations, we are all getting more comfortable with the space and are well on our way.



## Did You Know?

You may have noticed a new look to the Food Bank when you opened our Annual Report. In addition to moving to a new location, we also took on the challenge of rebranding. A major goal of the rebrand was to make the Food Bank more approachable for our clients and volunteers. We are community-focused, with a dedication to providing fresh food, and we wanted our new look to reflect that approach.



# Partnerships are the Key to Our Success

Some of the most important lessons we learn in life often happen when we are young. These “sandbox” lessons hopefully teach us to play nice with others and demonstrate that a little teamwork can go a long way.

This year, the Food Bank had the opportunity to celebrate many of the partnerships that make this community so special. Through our efforts to raise the necessary capital for the new facility, we once again reached out to our partners who have been with us throughout. These companies, foundations and organizations are dedicated to Northern Colorado and value the work that the Food Bank does in the community.

Organizations like Bohemian Foundation and the Richardson Foundation, just to name a few, stepped up in a big way to support our expansion efforts through our capital campaign.



UCHealth also supported the Food Bank’s expansion efforts and our partnership with them continued to evolve with the growth of the Family Medicine Clinic pantry at Poudre Valley Hospital. The pantry, which is open to patients and non-patients alike, expanded both its square footage and its hours of operation to better serve those in need.

Colorado State University, which has been a part of the Food Bank’s history almost from the beginning, continued to lead the way on the subject of food insecurity within the student population. The university has rolled out several initiatives to tackle this issue, not least of which is the CSU Mobile Pantry. The pantry, which is open to CSU students, faculty and staff, happens once a month and serves an average of 800 shoppers per event. We are proud to partner with CSU to provide fresh produce, dairy and shelf-stable items at the pantry.

## Food Pantries

### **Fort Collins Food Share**

1301 Blue Spruce Drive  
Fort Collins, CO  
Mon – Fri, 12 – 6 PM

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### **Loveland Food Share**

2600 N. Lincoln Avenue  
Loveland, CO  
Tues – Sat, 9 am – 2 PM

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### **Family Medicine Center**

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri  
Various hours  
1025 Pennock Place, Ste. 109  
Fort Collins, CO

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### **Foothills Unitarian Church**

2nd & 4th Sunday/month  
2:00 – 3:30 pm  
1815 Yorktown Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO

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### **Grace Place**

2nd & 4th Saturday/month  
10:00 – 11:30 am  
375 Meadowlark Dr.  
Berthoud, CO

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### **CSU Mobile Food Pantry**

1st Thursday/month  
4:00 – 6:00 pm  
Lory Student Center  
*CSU ID is required*

# Major Partners



## \$100,000+

Bohemian Foundation  
 City of Loveland  
 Community Foundation of  
 Northern Colorado  
 Nordson Corporation  
 Foundation  
 Richardson Foundation  
 Kathleen Winder

## \$50,000+

Marie Augustin Revocable  
 Trust  
 Constance & Douglas Dohn  
 Feeding America, thanks to  
 various donors  
 Larimer County Commissioners  
 UHealth  
 Volentine Family Foundation

## \$25,000+

Ace Hardware, Downtown Fort  
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 Endowment Foundation

Alberta & George David  
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 Walmart Foundation  
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## \$10,000+

Kathleen & John Bell  
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 City of Fort Collins  
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 Simone & Matthew Dickstein  
 Susan & Jack Ellis  
 Tracy Evans & Patrick Costello  
 FirstBank

Flood & Peterson Insurance  
 Tracey & John Foundoulis  
 GE Foundation  
 Kathe & Steve Haake  
 Hunger Is - The Albertsons  
 Companies Foundation &  
 Entertainment Industry  
 Foundation  
 Kroger Foundation  
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 Irene Moose  
 NVIDIA - Employee Matching  
 Program  
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 Pitcairn Trust Co.  
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## \$5,000+

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## \$5,000+ (cont.)

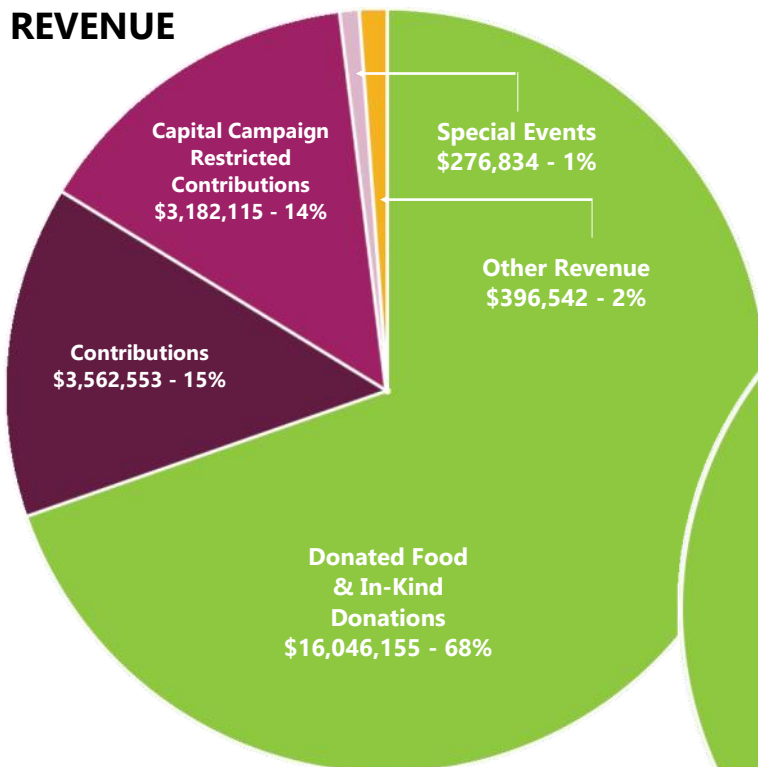
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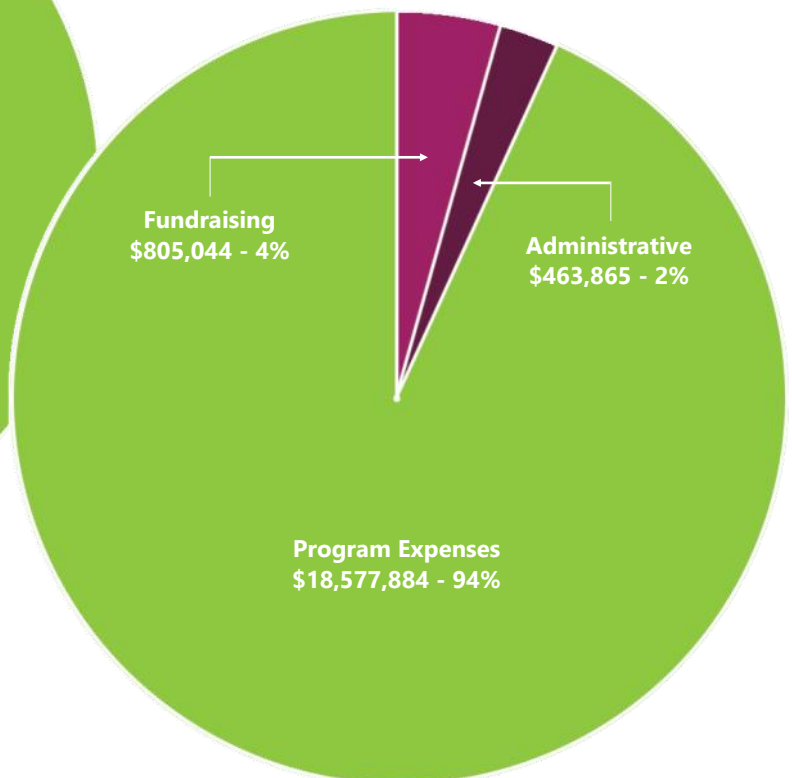
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 Trust  
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## Financials - Fiscal Year 2018

### REVENUE



### EXPENSES





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# Staff

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Food Resource Manager

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