

# ANNUAL REPORT FYE 2023



# WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK ALONE

## From our CEO, Amy Pezzani

Since 1984, the Food Bank for Larimer County has worked to end hunger in Larimer County through outreach, education, and food distribution. During the fiscal year end 2023, we provided enough food for more than 8 million meals to just over 40,000 individuals in need.

Even though—to many—the world seems to have returned to “normal,” we continue to see steady or increased demand for food since the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, visits to FBLC’s Fresh Food Share pantries in Loveland and Fort Collins have been up 28% year-over-year. Food Bank staff have heard from clients that they’re having to visit the pantries more often or that they’re returning after having not needed the Food Bank for years.

To make the issues of food insecurity even more complex, the cost of food continues to rise, impacting almost everyone. Food prices rose almost 4% nationwide between September 2022 and September 2023 according to the most recent consumer price index (CPI) report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Yet, like many things in Northern Colorado, the rate was higher for Larimer County residents measuring at 5.4%.

The high cost of food has placed further strain on families struggling to make ends meet and choosing between rent/mortgage, utility bills and grocery bills. Government and economic changes impact people at an individual level; sadly, we know what it looks like when people and families don’t have what they need to flourish in their daily lives.

We are proud of the work we do, but we don’t do it alone. It takes partners, donors, supporters, a community—and YOU—to achieve our goals each year.

The mission at the Food Bank for Larimer County is to provide food to all in need through community partnerships and hunger-relief programs. And, while we continue to expand and improve our outreach, programs, and services, we continue to need the public to support us in our vision for a hunger-free Larimer County.



## THANK YOU.

# OUR PEOPLE

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FBLC Staff on Hunger Awareness Day 2023

## Volunteers

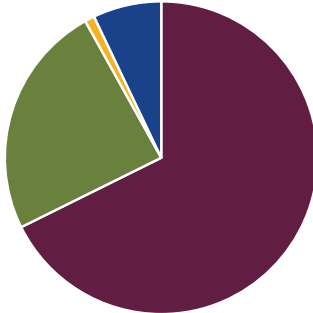
	Individual Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
FYE 2021	3,324	48,607
FYE 2022	4,947	57,547
FYE 2023	5,209	65,134



# OUR FINANCES

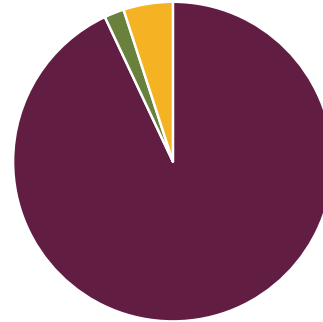
Expenses	Revenue	Net Assets	% of Resources Going Directly to Hunger-Relief Programs	% Budget from Individual Donors
\$25.6 million	\$26.8 million	\$23.5 million	93%	52%

## Our Funding Sources



- 67% Donated Food & In-Kind Donations
- 24% Contributions
- 2% Special Events
- 7% Other revenue

## Our Expenditures



- 93% Program Expenses
- 2% Management & General
- 5% Fundraising

# OUR AGENCY PARTNERS

Nourishing Network partner member agencies include nonprofit food pantries, kitchens, shelters, and snack programs that serve low-income populations.

	Number of Agency Partners	Pounds of Food Distributed to Agency Partners	Savings for Agency Partners
FYE 2021	102	1,746,160	\$2,812,443
FYE 2022	114	1,673,080	\$2,830,005
<b>FYE 2023</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2,076,910</b>	<b>\$3,779,695</b>



# OUR IMPACT

## Our Numbers at a Glance

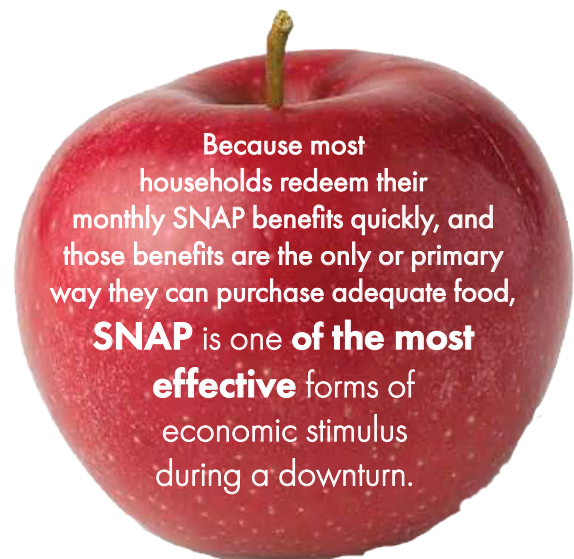
Total pounds distributed...	...diverted from the landfill	...rescued from local retailers	Enough food for ___ meals:
<b>9,891,892</b>	<b>7,882,682</b>	<b>2,865,803</b>	<b>8,243,081</b>



Many people who report being food insecure **often have to decide** whether to pay utility bills, medical bills, or purchase groceries – this can mean **having to wait for payday to afford a proper meal.**

## SNAP Outreach

SNAP Applicants (Households)	SNAP Local Economic Impact
<b>1837</b>	<b>\$4,767,355</b>



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Fresh Food Share

The Fresh Food Share no-cost markets are our brick-and-mortar locations. Just like a grocery store, clients can choose what they shop for. We offer a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, meat, dairy, and shelf-stable items – all at no cost. Fresh Food Share pantries remain our primary food distribution points, serving over 28,000 people in 2023.

Individuals Served via Food Share Markets

**28,630**

 **Fort Collins Fresh Food Share Market**

1301 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins

 **Loveland Fresh Food Share Market**

2600 N. Lincoln Avenue, Loveland



## Nutritious Kitchen

Staff and volunteers work in our kitchen each day. It's thanks to their hard work that we're able to prepare hundreds of thousands of fresh scratch-cooked meals for children and seniors in Larimer County every year.

Meals & Snacks Provided to Kids	Meals Provided to Older Adults	Total Meals & Snacks Provided
<b>351,565</b>	<b>19,624</b>	<b>371,189</b>

Through all programs, we served more than

**40,000**

individuals who were facing food insecurity.



## The Lunch Lab

Free meals and snacks are provided to school-aged children throughout Larimer County via our Lunch Lab. Lunch and snack deliveries are often scheduled alongside activities such as book readings, and families have shared that in addition to getting their child nutritious food, visits to The Lunch Lab are a fun family outing.



During the months of the **SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM** we make & distribute **750 meals a day** on average.

# OUR CLIENTS



## Isabel, 33

At the Loveland Fresh Food Share, Isabel, 33, can dependably find a lot of staples that feed her husband, three kids and two dogs, Luna and Zeus.

"It's really good. We get a lot of things that are helpful, not just food, sometimes there's clothing or soap, dog food and things like that, too," she said during a recent trip. "As Hispanics, we use a lot of vegetables or potatoes or beans or rice. That's helpful for us, because everything is so expensive right now."

With the USDA reporting food prices as 4.3 percent higher in August 2023, compared to August 2022 – inflation in the grocery store continues to make it harder for families to buy the food they need to thrive. Isabel, who cleans houses for a living, said the high costs have put a strain on their grocery budget.

"Lately that budget doesn't even make it to the second week of the month," Isabel said. "If you go to the store for the minimal items for the most needed things that you use on a daily basis – it's over \$200." She said she loves the variety of local produce that is available, especially the organic fruits and vegetables which can cost a lot when purchased out of pocket. Flour is another staple she's always happy to see, because it means she can bake her kids' favorite: chocolate chip cookies.



## Cheryl, 56

It's been years since Cheryl has had to turn to the Food Bank as a resource. But the end of SNAP maximum emergency allotments had her concerned she wouldn't have enough to get the food she needs. The pandemic-related boost to SNAP ended in February, reducing the amount recipients got by about \$90 per person. For a family of four, this equates to roughly \$360 lost a month.

On a Friday afternoon, Cheryl returned to the Fort Collins Fresh Food Share. "When you're on a limited income, this makes a big difference knowing that you can get nutritional foods from someplace like the Food Bank and then using SNAP to supplement the differences," she said.

When Cheryl realized she needed resources, there were a couple of factors that encouraged her to return to the Food Bank. One was the quality of food she's been able to find on previous trips. The other major factor was how welcoming staff and volunteers were to her as she shopped, helping her feel comfortable to return when she needed. "Everyone has been so friendly, especially today being my first time back," Cheryl said. "I think they know they're making a difference in a lot of lives. The Food Bank people are great."

## Jacob, 33



When Jacob gets home after a trip to the Food Bank, his daughter and son, ages 5 and 7, can't wait to see what he got and help him put the groceries away. The 33-year-old subcontractor has been using the Fort Collins Fresh Food Share as a resource for the past year. He said his dad, who shopped at the Loveland Fresh Food Share when Jacob was a child, encouraged his son to seek out support at the Food Bank.

"Everybody's super friendly and (there's) always somebody there if you need to ask them a question," Jacob said about his experience as a shopper. The Food Bank has provided major essentials for Jacob, helping him to save money from his paycheck. "I got a dozen eggs today," Jacob said. "Those have gone up like \$3 in the past year. It helps a lot."

He said it's volunteers and staff that make the Food Bank a welcoming place to shop. "Just thank you for everything you do," he said. "The time you guys donate really makes a difference."

We believe:  
**ANYONE**  
who needs food  
**GETS FOOD**



# FOOD BANK

FOR LARIMER COUNTY

## **Administrative Offices & Warehouse**

Food Bank for Larimer County  
5706 Wright Drive, Loveland, Colorado 80538  
(970) 493-4477

## **No-Cost Market Locations**

### **Fort Collins Fresh Food Share Pantry**

1301 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins

### **Loveland Fresh Food Share Pantry**

2600 N. Lincoln Avenue, Loveland

#### **Shopping Hours:**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Wednesday noon – 3:00 pm

[foodbanklarimer.org](http://foodbanklarimer.org)