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## **FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES RECEIVES \$19,000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION**

**DENVER, CO August 1, 2018**—Food Bank of the Rockies announced today a \$19,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to assist in their efforts of providing help to people facing hunger. The generous unrestricted grant will allow the food bank to provide 76,000 meals and allocate funds in areas the community needs the most, such as mobile pantries, fresh produce purchases and food programs for children.

“Food is a must. And for 1 in 10 Coloradans struggling with hunger, food isn’t always available,” said Michelle Barnes, Food Bank of the Rockies’ interim CEO. “Hunger doesn’t discriminate. Worrying about where to find the next meal is even higher among Colorado children; 1 in 6 live in food insecure homes. Nearly half a million people count on our food bank’s programs and partner agencies for help. The Darden Foundation’s donation will go a long way to help these families thrive.”

Food Bank of the Rockies works every day to provide nourishing food for hungry families across Northern Colorado, including Metro Denver and the Western Slope. The food bank also serves the entire state of Wyoming. The Darden Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity in communities across the United States. Their commitment to help is demonstrated through their partnership with Feeding America and their network of 200 food banks across the nation.

Feeding America has worked alongside The Darden Foundation for six years in the fight to end hunger. Thanks to their ongoing support, the Feeding America network has been able to help provide even more nutritious meals to families in need.

To learn more about Feeding America or to find your local food bank, visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org).

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### **About Food Bank of the Rockies**

Food Bank of the Rockies works to make food security a reality for Colorado and Wyoming families. As Colorado’s largest health and human services non-profit, we distribute more than 145,000 meals a day through our direct service programs and partner agencies, helping families thrive in 30 Colorado counties, including Metro Denver, and the entire state of Wyoming. 1 in 10 Coloradans, including 1 in 6 Colorado children, struggle with hunger. Since 1978, FBR has provided more than 668 million meals to people in need in our community. Food Bank of the Rockies is a member of Feeding America. For additional information, please visit [foodbankrockies.org](http://foodbankrockies.org). “Like” FBR on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and learn more on our [blog](#)!

### **About Darden Restaurants and The Darden Foundation**

Darden is a restaurant company featuring a portfolio of differentiated brands that include Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen, Yard House, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V’s. Our people equal our success, and we are proud to employ 180,000 team members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for 380 million guests each year in communities across North America. The Darden Foundation works to bring to life our spirit of service through its philanthropic support of charitable organizations across the country. Since 1995, The Darden Foundation has awarded more than \$90 million in grants to non-profit organizations such as Feeding America, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and American Red Cross. For more information, please visit [www.darden.com](http://www.darden.com).