

WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE HELP OUR COMMUNITY



Imagine not knowing where you'll find your next meal.

Sadly, for 1 in 10 Coloradans, there is no need to imagine. Every day in our community, more than 400,000 people worry about where they will find their next meal. Hunger is very real and Food Bank of the Rockies fights to ensure no one goes without needed nutrition. Hunger is especially hard on children, who make up nearly half of our clients and require proper nutrition to grow and learn. Families need our help.

Our Programs

Fighting Hunger Feeding Hope is the central distribution program of FBR, serving nearly 700 hunger-relief programs in the our service area. These programs are the front line between health and happiness versus hunger and despair. They depend on us to help them obtain food. Last year, FBR distributed nearly 49 million meals - enough to provide more than 134,000 meals each day to hungry families.

Programs for Children

Children who lack proper nutrition can suffer from impaired cognitive development that could potentially last a lifetime. FBR offers several programs providing nourishment to children facing hunger in our community.

Kids Cafe is a cooperative effort between Food Bank of the Rockies, the organizations, schools and community centers providing facilities and donors who provide funding. Meals, most prepared in our community kitchen, are provided in conjunction with child development programs at several sites throughout Denver and the Western Slope. Last year, our Kids Cafe program served nearly 634,000 meals to children at risk of hunger.

After School Snacks works with elementary schools and community centers that provide after-school tutoring, mentoring, and gang-intervention programs in low-income neighborhoods. During the last school year, FBR supplied more than 200,000 nutritious snacks.

Totes of Hope® provides nutritious food to children on the weekends when other nutrition programs are not available. Children are given family-friendly food to take home each Friday. Last year, FBR's Totes of Hope® provided more than 230,000 totes to hungry children.



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) through the USDA, helps thousands of struggling families, with fresh and nonperishable food. FBR contracts with the state to distribute this food in several counties through our programs and partner agencies.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) through the USDA, provides needed hunger relief to low-income seniors. Monthly boxes are designed to supplement the nutritional needs of seniors who meet certain income requirements. Boxes are distributed through FBR and our partner agencies throughout our service area, including a homebound delivery program. Last year, more than 89,000 boxes were distributed along with other food and essentials, including fresh produce, dairy and bread.

Food Rescue Program sends refrigerated trucks to collect surplus food from retailers throughout the city. Donations come from supermarkets, restaurants and caterers who provide frozen and perishable foods, dairy products and other nutritious items. Last year, our Food Rescue Program safely picked up more than 18 million pounds of food, the equivalent of more than 15 million nutritious meals that otherwise would have been discarded.

FBR's Mobile Pantry Program launched in 2010 to bring needed food into rural communities where pantry programs were unavailable or in need of more assistance to serve these small communities. With the success of our rural program, in 2011, FBR started an urban program, targeting communities where additional assistance was greatly needed. Last year, the program distributed more than 4.8 million meals at 74 sites throughout Colorado and Wyoming.

Volunteers are the backbone of FBR, assisting in all aspects of warehouse, administrative, and special event operations. Last year, our volunteers contributed more than 122,000 hours, the annual equivalent of 59 full-time employees.



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