 <p>The Community Foundation Serving the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino</p>	<p>S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation Form Holiday Grant</p>
<p>Grant Period: January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013</p>	<p>Evaluation Due Date: July 15, 2013</p>

Organization: Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado

Contact Name: Mandy Strasser Title: Resource Development Director

Phone Number: 719-434-4674 Grant Period: Jan. 1, 2013 – Jun. 30, 2013

Award Amount: \$7,000 Grant Number: 2012988

- Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on your goals and objectives. Provide the number of clients served and other relevant statistics.
- What were the challenges and obstacles you encountered (if any) in attaining your goals & objectives? How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles? What were the lessons learned?
- Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.
- Describe the overall effect this grant has had on your organization.
- Tell us a few success stories that made an impact on your organization and/or community as a result of this grant.
- Provide a financial report on the use of your grant funds (expenditures).
- Additional condition: Please report on the following:
«Recommendation»
- ❖ Please send copies of publicity and other promotional materials.
- ❖ All variances or time extensions must be approved by The Community Foundation's Grant Committee. Please contact us at 951-684-4194, ext. 111 immediately if a variance or extension becomes necessary.

Please return the completed form to:
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The Community Foundation
3700 Sixth St., Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501 or fax to 951-684-1911
Or email to: pbeaulieu@thecommunityfoundation.net

Karen Lampert

From: Mandy Strasser <Mandy@careandshare.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Penny Beaulieu
Subject: Final Report Submission
Attachments: Evaluation Form Cover.pdf; Final Report.docx; February Lunch Cart

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Good afternoon Ms. Beaulieu,

I have attached our final report. I created our own version based on the questions that were included in the Evaluation Form template, but didn't recreate that page exactly since I didn't have a working document to use (only the PDF version from the hard copy we received). The Lunch Cart document is our newsletter that is sent to our invested community partners. We recognized the Gimbel Foundation in our February piece.

I truly apologize that we a day late on this! Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks so much,

Mandy

Mandy Strasser

Resource Development Director

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High Hunger Danger Food Drive

During the summer, more than 53,000 Southern Colorado children are at risk of hunger.

**Drop off non-perishable food items at any Colorado Springs, Teller County or Pueblo
Fire Station to help us end the food drought for children this summer.**



June 28-July 14

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado Final Report

On behalf of Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, I thank you and the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation again for the funding in the amount of \$7,000 we received in January 2013 from The S.L. Gimbel Foundation. Your support allowed us to procure the equivalent of 70,000 pounds of food, or 58,333 meals for children, seniors, the ill, victims of abuse, families, the homeless, and others struggling with food insecurity throughout Southern Colorado. Thank you again for your generosity and for all you do for our community. Please accept this as our final report.

Successes

In the past 12 months, we have experienced significant successes. We have distributed nearly 18 million pounds of food to our more than 300 partner agencies throughout our 31-county Southern Colorado service area. More than 86% of this food was classified as highly nutritious, including lean meat, produce, dairy products, and baked goods.

Recognizing the strong correlation between food insecurity and obesity, we have implemented formal Nutrition Policies for both purchased foods and fresh produce. These policies were approved by Care and Share's CEO and Board of Directors, issued July 26, 2012.

Our Nutrition Policy ensures that we are accessing more nutritious product in collaboration with nationwide food brokers and local manufacturers. Our Nutrition Policy also guides the procurement, acceptance, and purchasing of nutrient-dense fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as the distribution of this product to clientele as quickly as possible to minimize waste and maximize nutritional benefits. This policy was created to close the gap between caloric sufficiency and dietary quality for families in need.

We were able to respond to the Waldo Canyon Fire by collecting more than 1.6 million pounds of food and beverage and distributing this to those that lost their homes, evacuees, fire fighters, law enforcement, and first responders. We are also responding to the Black Forest, Royal Gorge, and Walsenburg fires.



Lynne Telford, President and CEO, with Fire Fighters from the Waldo Canyon Fire



Our Community Kitchen, completed late in 2012, has kicked off the summer in partnership with School District 11 by providing healthy snacks and meals for chronically hungry children throughout El Paso County. We will process fresh produce from our garden and greenhouses, as well as fruit from the many fruit trees that grow on our campus. The kitchen will allow us to repack bulk food for distribution to our partner agencies. Additionally, culinary entrepreneurs will rent space and time in the Community Kitchen to further their business goals. The Community Kitchen also engages volunteer chefs who support our Cooking Matters courses. In May, we began cooking classes. *Cooking for a Cause* is a series of six Chefs Table cooking experiences that explore the food and heritage of Care and Share's 31-county Southern Colorado service area.

Because we do not collect demographic data for clients accessing food at our partner agencies or conduct longitudinal studies to determine the impact of our programs, it is sometimes difficult to convey the face of hunger. In 2012, Feeding America granted Care and Share a Child Hunger Corps Member to help expand child feeding programs. During a corps member's two-year assignment, they are responsible to complete three phases: conduct a community needs assessment, implement new programs as needed, and document the process for sustainability. During fall of 2012, the Hunger Corps Member conducted a survey for our Send Hunger Packing program that included more than 400 participants at 22 of our current sites. The survey has helped us identify those facing food insecurity in Southern Colorado:



"I have one student in 3rd grade who essentially is the caretaker of his mother, who is disabled and wheel chair bound, and of his little brother in our Kindergarten class, this 3rd grade boy has to make sure his little brother who has mental health problems, gets home safely to mom, about 6 blocks away from school. One afternoon he had his bike, his brother and a bunch of big cardboard display stuff from a science project to transport all by himself. He came to me in tears saying he could not do it all, and they needed the food

really bad at home. He was having trouble wheeling the backpack, holding on to his brother and his bike. He asked if I had a backpack with straps instead of the wheels, so he could carry it on his back instead. So I found a regular backpack in our school supplies, transferred all his food to the new backpack, helped him get it onto his back, and on his way home. He was smiling by the time he left, and came back Monday morning ready to deal with his week."



This testimonial is a powerful demonstration of those that are struggling with food insecurity right here in Southern Colorado. The negative effects of hunger, especially for children, are astounding. Physically and emotionally healthy children are our best hope for breaking the cycle of poverty, as they will be better equipped to learn, develop, and achieve. Thank you again for your support as we work to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance.

Challenges

Care and Share has experienced some significant challenges during the last twelve months. As food banks across the nation can attest, there has been a decrease in both food and monetary donations during the past several months. Sequestration and the associated proposed cuts in federal spending for USDA commodity programs and public welfare assistance programs such as SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) have played a role, as well as an overall hesitation on the part of individuals to give freely of their own resources. Diminishing resources greatly affect our ability to meet the increasing demand for our services.

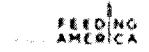
A decrease in monetary and food donations during the months of January, February, and March forced us to decrease our staff size, through layoffs and attrition, by roughly 20%. As we prepare for our new fiscal year, we are making difficult decisions about the scope of our programs and have identified areas to be scaled down.

Our fleet of vehicles is aging and requires a great deal of maintenance to keep our trucks on the road delivering food to our partner agencies throughout Southern Colorado. We currently have two trucks that are out of commission, which puts significant strain on our ability to pick up and deliver food.

Our response to the Waldo Canyon Fire and now the Black Forest and Royal Gorge fires has diverted our staff from day-to-day work and has changed the focus of our community from our mission to disaster relief efforts. Contributions that would normally have gone to our general operating funds have been funneled into fire relief efforts. During the Waldo Canyon Fire, we experienced a decrease in contributions to our normal scope of work by 10%. This of course affects our ability to support general hunger relief efforts and makes funding from entities like The S.L. Gimbel Foundation so very important.

LESSONS LEARNED

In order to meet the need for emergency and supplemental food in our service region, Care and Share must continue to increase efficiency and innovation. As traditional funding sources may decrease or disappear altogether, we continue to explore new and creative ways to mitigate the challenge of decreasing funding opportunities. The community gardens, orchards, and a greenhouse produce more than 2,000 pounds of food each year. These gardens are primarily maintained by volunteers, and will eventually produce 5,000 pounds of food at very little cost to Care and Share. We have studied our transportation routes to maximize efficiency and effectiveness. Lastly, we continue to leverage our position as a Feeding America affiliate to bring in large truckloads of nutritious food at only the cost of transportation. This national food network



helps us to keep food costs down, while still getting large amounts of food into the hands of those who need it the most.

While Care and Share volunteers have always played a vital role in our ability to fight hunger in Southern Colorado, we continue to look for new ways to expand organizational capacity through leveraging the talents of our volunteers. We benefited from the engagement of 6,145 volunteers during the past fiscal year, a more than 23% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Care and Share is thankful for the many supporters of our emergency and supplemental food distribution programs. It is your belief in our mission and trust in our commitment to make a great impact in our community that make our work possible. Without the dedication of partners like The Community Foundation Serving the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino and The S.L. Gimbel Foundation, Care and Share simply could not meet the need of our neighbors in Southern Colorado living with food insecurity. Thank you for helping us to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance.



Karen Lampert

From: Shannon Coker <Shannon@careandshare.org>
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Subject: February Lunch Cart

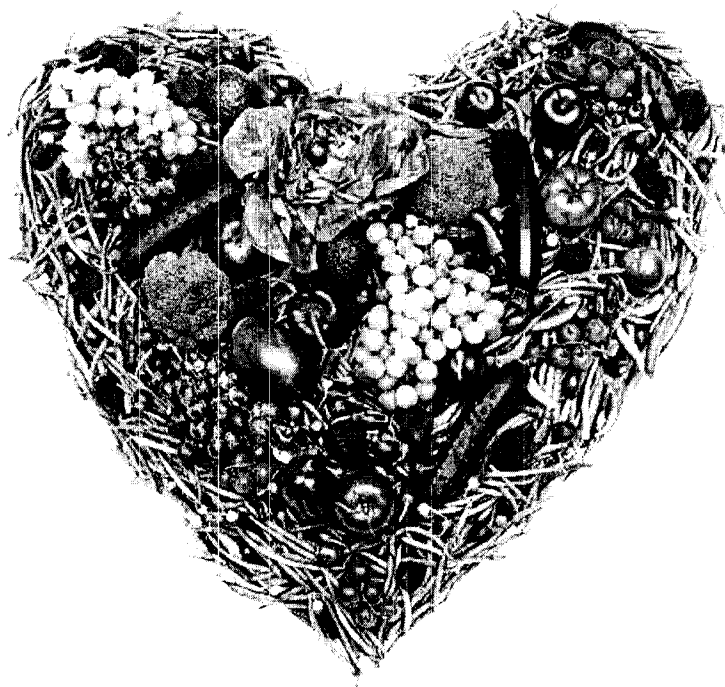


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Care and Share Food Bank's Electronic Newsletter



Love Feeds Hunger

From our heart to yours - thank you for being a most generous supporter of Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado. We appreciate your investments and all that you have done to ensure that Southern Coloradoans have access to healthy, nutritious food.

Continue to share your love at www.careandshare.org.

CREATE A HUNGER-FREE SOUTHERN COLORADO THROUGH A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

Through your donations to Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, you're making a difference in the fight against hunger today. But did you know that you can help people facing hunger tomorrow by leaving a bequest to Care and Share Food Bank in your will?



What is a bequest?

Charitable bequests are by far the most popular form of legacy giving because they are simple, straightforward, and easy to execute. They state in your will that a sum of money or portion of your estate be given to a charitable organization after you're gone.

The benefits are far-reaching.

Your bequest to Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado will support feeding programs that reach out to men, women, and children at risk of hunger. Plus, you may be able to exclude some of your estate or inheritance taxes. Speak to your attorney or financial advisor to learn how a bequest can positively impact your estate.

To learn more, please call Stacy Poore, 719-434-4679 or Donna Gibson, 719-434-5729. You can also email us at CEO@careandshare.org



Volunteers are the lifeblood of Care and Share. We simply cannot meet the needs of our neighbors at risk of hunger without our volunteers! We are currently seeking volunteers to help with food assistance outreach. If you have 3 to 6 hours you can share with us each month and would be interested in helping people in poverty access food assistance, please contact Isaac Ring at 719-434-5724 or Isaac@careandshare.org.



The generosity of our grant makers is integral to the work we do to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance. Without their dedication to those in our community facing challenging circumstances, we could not reach nearly as many financially struggling, working adults, children, seniors, the ill, and others facing food insecurity. We are proud to maintain that for every \$1.00 we receive, \$0.95 goes towards direct services and only \$0.05 goes towards administrative costs.

Bill and Nancy Wallace Family Fund-General Operating
Breads of the World, L.L.C., Panera Bread-General Operating
Carl W. & Carrie Mae Joslyn Charitable Trust-El Paso County Hunger Relief
Charles and Alm Duchon Foundation-General Operating
CoBank-Food distribution efforts in rural, draught-stricken communities
Community Safety Foundation-General Operating
Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
Karl E. Eitel Fund-Send Hunger Packing
King Soopers-General Operating
Larry H. Miller-Waldo Canyon Fire relief efforts and the Send Hunger Packing program
S.L. Gimbel Foundation Advised Fund at The Community Foundation-General Operating
The Andrea Waite Carlton Family Foundation-Children's Nutrition Initiative
The Buettner Family Foundation for Leigh and Al Buettner-General Operating

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Walmart Store #1199-Food Banking in the Western regions of our service area



EVENTS & PROMOTIONS

Recipe for Hope

March 14, 2013

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch commences promptly at 12:00 noon

The Broadmoor Hotel | International Center
1 Lake Avenue | Colorado Springs, CO

Please join us for a powerful story of hope. Every day Care and Share Food Bank and its member agencies provide food assistance to thousands of individuals and families in Southern Colorado. Learn more about Care and Share's programs and accept our invitation to invest in Care and Share's mission of bridging the gap between hunger and abundance.

Care and Share is currently looking for individuals to serve as table captains. It is as simple as inviting 7 of your friends to sit with you at the luncheon and learn more about the work we do.

Please contact Shannon Coker, Community Relations Director, at shannon@careandshare.org for more information.



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