



Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

PARTNER WITH FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES, FOOD EMERGENCY RESOURCE NETWORK, AND ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

What a year!! Thank you for your support of the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry, made possible through the collaboration of volunteers and partners like you.

2020 started as usual with pantry guests from the Sheridan area selecting their own food based on what they can use—and then March came. With all the uncertainty and the closing of facilities, we feared we would have to shut down, even though reports indicated that, for many, food was in short supply. After a few hectic weeks of rapidly changing circumstances, we settled into a drive-through distribution to anyone in need. And the cars came... and came...and came, and we were immediately serving many more people than usual.

- Where to get the food was a major problem as our sources scrambled to determine what they were going to do.
- We needed many more volunteers to assemble food and operate the distribution line.
- We needed to address safety protocols.

And then the grants, donations and volunteers started. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which St. Philip is part, has a tagline: God's work. Our hands. This truly reflects what happened and we are so grateful to all.

Particularly we thank:

- Eddie Kanoza, director of the Sheridan Recreation Center, and the South Suburban Parks and Recreation people, who allowed us access to our pantry (and shared more space) even when facilities were closed
- Pat Sandos, Sheridan School superintendent, who allowed us to use the high school shop area to assemble food
- Linda Goodnough, St. Philip office administrator, who shepherded grant applications and managed all the monetary contributions from individuals and organizations
- All the individual volunteers and donors who worked distribution days, contacted grocery stores and other organizations for in-bulk purchasing, provided food for distribution, contributed money, and managed innumerable details behind the scenes
- All the organizations listed on the next page

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Served over 20,000 people, averaging 107 families and 388 people per week
- Spent close to \$40,000 on food and provided generous quantities of dry goods, produce, meat and dairy products to our guests
- Were selected as the Charity Partner of Sheridan Celebrates
- Purchased two trailers, a commercial refrigerator and a commercial freezer to facilitate operations
- Filled approximately 140 volunteer hours per week

Since operations began in 2014, the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry has been financially sound. The food pantry is self-sufficient due primarily to the generosity of people like you in providing time, talent, and donations of money and supplies.

You are helping to make a huge difference in the lives of people who would otherwise be hungry and we are grateful for your support! We hope that you will spread the word about the need in Sheridan and encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved.

Thank you to the following organizations for support in 2020

- Abiding Hope Church
- Amazon
- Arapahoe County – AC Cares
- Ascension Lutheran Church
- Bighorn Glass
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Chuck Krieger Memorial Cribbage Tournament
- City of Sheridan
- Community Ministry of Southwest Denver
- Crop Hunger Walk
- El Pomar Foundation (Colorado Assistance Fund)
- Denver Metro Ministries
- Food Bank of the Rockies
- Food for Thought Denver
- Hercules Industries
- Integrated Family Community Services
- King Soopers (Kipling & Belleview)
- Littleton United Church of Christ Food Pantry
- Lucy Sky Cannabis Boutique
- Natural Grocers
- Polidori Sausage
- Robert's Deli
- St. Mary's Catholic Parish
- Sheridan Celebrates
- Sheridan School District No. 2
- South Suburban Parks & Recreation
- USDA Farmers to Families
- Williams Construction
- Windcrest
- Wold Architects and Engineers
- Westminster Boy Scouts

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