



Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

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

And the pandemic continues, as does food insecurity. Although we had thought we would return to individual choice shopping inside, that did not happen in 2021. However, Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry continues to provide food for those who need it, via drive through on Thursday afternoons.

2021 Highlights

- Served over 23,000 people, averaging 108 families (about the same as 2020), but the family size increased by 15%
- Spent close to \$57,000 on food and provided generous quantities of dry goods, produce, meat and dairy products to our guests
- Funded a video for promotional and informational purposes. Check it out at: <https://vimeo.com/556212082>
- Designated volunteer Randy Bazzell as our “Hometown Hero” for Sheridan Celebrates
- Logged 2,130 volunteer shifts (8,073 hours) for the year in Thursday distribution alone
- Purchased 12 tables and 2 moving/storage carts, signboards, a commercial freezer and an I-pad
- Developed and distributed a survey to guests for their comments

Sharing with Sheridan continues to be involved with the Sheridan area, providing resources for festivals and events and working with a variety of groups seeking to build community. We have made presentations to various groups--sharing information and recruiting volunteers. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which St. Philip is part, has a tagline: *God's work. Our hands.* Without all our volunteers, on Thursdays and behind the scenes, Sharing with Sheridan could not be part of the community of Sheridan. Particularly we thank:

- All the individual volunteers and donors who work distribution days, contact grocery stores and other organizations for in-bulk purchasing, provide food for distribution, contribute money, and manage innumerable details behind the scenes
- The Kiwanis Club of Columbine—volunteers extraordinaire who, in addition to regularly being present on Thursday, have filled in when help is needed in other areas
- Eddie Kanoza, director of the Sheridan Recreation Center, who is most gracious and accommodating
- Pat Sandos, Sheridan School superintendent, who continues to allow us to use the high school shop area to assemble food
- Kirsten Olshausen, St. Philip office administrator, who shepherds grant receipts and manages all the monetary contributions from individuals and organizations
- The St. Philip Lutheran Church community, who continue to support the work of the pantry with donations, contributions and prayers
- All the organizations listed on the next page

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. Volunteer opportunities are not only on Thursdays! Contact Christine Hancock c.hancock@comcast.net or Norma Lovett normalovett@mac.com (Spanish speaker).

OUR SOURCES

The food and supplies we distribute come from many different places. Some we buy at discount; some we obtain for a monthly membership, some is shared by other food pantries and organizations; some is purchased outright; and some is donated, either regularly or occasionally. The following are our primary sources:

Christ Lutheran Church
Food Bank of the Rockies
Food Exchange Resource Network (FERN)
Littleton Church of Christ Food Pantry
Littleton Life Center
Polodori Sausage Company
Southwest Denver Collaborative
St. Philip Donations and Community Garden

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORT IN 2021

- Arapahoe County – AC Cares
- Auxiliary at VFW Post 9644
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Colorado Department of Human Services
- Columbine Kiwanis
- Community Health Provider Alliance
- Community Ministry of Southwest Denver
- Crop Hunger Walk
- El Pomar Foundation (Colorado Assistance Fund)
- Denver Metro Ministries
- Food Bank of the Rockies
- Hercules Industries
- ITW Corporation
- Life Center of Littleton
- Littleton United Church of Christ Food Pantry
- Metro Brokers
- Natural Grocers
- Polidori Sausage
- St. Mary's Catholic Parish
- St. Philip Early Learning Center
- Sheridan School District No. 2
- South Suburban Parks & Recreation
- Southwest Denver Food Collaborative Group
- USDA Farmers to Families
- Wold Architects and Engineers

Contact Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry at the following address:

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