

THE COMMUNITY

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CHNews - Darrell Vigil, Chief Executive Officer



Dear CHN clients, donors, volunteers and friends:

The cooler temperatures and the approaching holidays are always a favorite time for many folks, but this time of year also reminds us of the needs of those we serve. Many of CHN's clients rely on housing assistance for shelter and financial assistance to pay to heat their homes. Many also rely on our food banks to supplement their nutritional needs. If you're able to make a contribution in any amount to help provide food and assistance to clients this season, we would greatly appreciate your support. To make your gift, please visit our web site donation page: <https://rebrand.ly/CHNdonate>

In this edition of The Community, you'll learn a little about CHN's food banks, client needs in each of the regions CHN serves and you'll learn about some of the organizational successes of the past year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has required everyone to make significant adjustments in how they operate to keep staff and visitors as safe as is possible. Some of the changes implemented by CHN include limiting the number of staff and visitors in our offices, screening all staff and visitors, installing Plexiglass barriers in public/client areas, physical distancing and of course, making mask-wearing mandatory. Many of CHN's clients have been impacted with increased food insecurity, loss of work and stress. If you are struggling with stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please contact CHN's behavioral health team to learn what resources are available to help <https://coloradohealthnetwork.org/health-care-services/behavioral-health/>.

At this time and always, I'm grateful for our clients, patients, staff, friends and donors! Thank you for your continued support – it is truly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Darrell J. Vigil, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 19 – Nov 13 | Red Ribbon Ball: Safer Celebration

Nov 23 – Dec 01 | Virtual Red Ball

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This year's Red Ribbon Ball theme is Safer Celebration. The virtual event kicks off on October 19 through November 13, showcasing the stories of local experts, SCHN staff and clients, and community members as they discuss the vital impact SCHN has made and continues to make in their own lives, the lives of their loved ones, and for people living with HIV throughout southern Colorado.

Bookmark our Red Ribbon Ball event page at www.coloradohealthnetwork.org/events/red-ribbon-ball or join SCHN on Facebook to view these amazing video messages and learn more about Safer Celebration activities, including the ever-popular silent auction!



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AID SUPPLEMENTS FOOD BANKS



With COVID-19 affecting so many aspects of our lives, including access to food, several new social programs and grants were made available to supplement communities in these trying times.

WCHN was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Rocky Mountain Health Foundation and all statewide food banks received funding through Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger's COVID-19 Emergency Hunger Relief Fund.

The Denver Food Bank received \$3,500 through the Colorado Department of Human Services HB20-1422 Food Pantry Grant. It also received \$11,650 from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

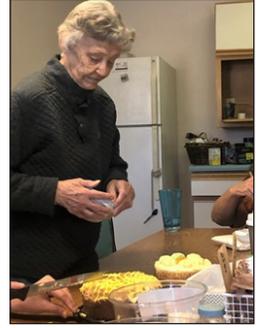
While these funds aid our nutrition assistance programs, solving the food insecurity crisis is a long term process. We are deeply grateful for each of our community partners and individual donors who contribute to make our communities stronger and healthier!

A PLENTIFUL HAUL

The following is a message from Sara Rollo from Children's Hospital Colorado who, during the summer, made a visit to the CHN Denver food bank with her client, Patricia*.

"Hi – I just wanted to update everyone on how impressive the CHN food bank was and to remember to encourage our clients to access this great resource. I met Patricia there and although there were about a dozen people waiting outside for other things, we were able to go right into the food bank. The staff was kind and professional. In addition to the regular items, twice a month there are additional items to choose from. Part of the additional things today was a 10 pound bag of chicken strips. 10 pounds!! She also got milk, yogurt, some produce (bag of apples, onions, green pepper, bananas, oranges) canned goods, huge fresh tortillas, a huge loaf of baked bread, pasta, beans, and 2 jars of dressing (can use as a marinade on the chicken), etc. Almost 2 big boxes! I was so impressed and grateful for this service!"

**Names were changed for privacy*



REGIONAL FOOD BANK NEEDS

	Denver	Colorado Springs	Grand Junction	Fort Collins Greeley
What specific items does your region need?	Anything unopened and preferably non-perishable	Personal care items: Soap Shampoo Razors Shave Cream Toothpaste Toothbrushes	Canned goods such as: Fruits/ Vegetables Beans Tuna Chili Peanut butter Protein bars	Frozen Meat Hearty Soups (not condensed)
How can one make an in-kind donation?	Drop off donations are accepted onsite or at the Walgreens pharmacy in Rose Hospital Denver: 303-837-1501	In-kind donations may be arranged by calling Bill Scharton (CS) or Teresa Martinez (Pueblo) Colorado Springs: 719-578-9092 Pueblo: 719-924-8925	Drop off your donation or make arrangements for pickup. Food cards from local grocery stores are also accepted donations Grand Junction: 970-243-2437	Call to set up a time to drop off donations. Fort Collins: 970-484-4469 Greeley: 970-353-1177



HOW ELSE CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Volunteer opportunities are currently available. Contact your local CHN food bank for more information.

FOOD DRIVE AT DENVER WALGREENS

Denver Regional Councilmember Travis Fuller is hosting an ongoing food drive at the Walgreens at 4545 E 9th Ave, Ste 100, at Rose Medical Center. Travis has partnered with CHN for years by providing HIV/AIDS support.

Sought-after food items include pasta, canned fruit, beans of any kind, peanut butter (individual packs are great!), canned mixed vegetables, and canned meat such as chicken, tuna, and salmon.

For more information contact Travis Fuller at travis.fuller@walgreens.com.

