



Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry

A PARTNERSHIP OF
Food Bank of the Rockies
Food Exchange Resource Network
St. Philip Lutheran Church



SHARING WITH SHERIDAN FOOD PANTRY (SwS) MARKED 10 YEARS OF OPERATION IN JUNE OF 2024!

We celebrated with cookies and balloons for our neighbors and a picnic for our volunteers and supporters. Our outdoor distribution could not continue without the support of many volunteers, donors, and organizations, for which we are very grateful.

ORGANIZATION

Our organization is 100% volunteer-powered and we are blessed with amazing people, serving cheerfully in all kinds of weather. We had 2,308 volunteer "shifts" in 2024, for a total of 8,900 hours, and that was only on Thursdays! Much work occurs outside of distribution day, from hauling and sorting food, to repackaging staples such as rice and beans, to writing grant requests, and participating in community coalitions.



THANK YOU!

SwS is a frugal organization with no paid staff and minimal overhead for storage and transportation and has maintained financial stability throughout its history. In recent years, grant funding has allowed us to purchase foods in high demand by our neighbors such as milk and eggs. As grant opportunities dwindle, donations and our partnerships with Food Bank of the Rockies, the Food Exchange Resource Network (FERN) and Southwest Food Coalition are even more vital.

We are grateful to the support received from:

Arapahoe County
Columbine Kiwanis Club
Counterman Insurance, Inc.
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Englewood Elk Ladies' Auxiliary 2122
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Sheridan School District No. 2
South Suburban Parks & Recreation
Southwest Food Coalition
St. Luke United Methodist Church –
Feeding of the 5,000
US Postal Service
VFW Auxiliary Post 6944
Numerous generous individuals

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 much is donated, either regularly or occasionally. The following are our primary sources:

- Christ Lutheran Church
- Food Bank at the Life Center
- Food Bank of the Rockies
- Food Exchange Resource Network (FERN)
- Green Gables Reserve
- Littleton Church of Christ Food Pantry
- Royal Crest Dairy
- Sam Sandos Christmas Basket Program
- Southwest Food Coalition
- St. Mary's Catholic Parish Food Pantry
- Many Generous Individuals



SWS continues to be involved in the Sheridan community, attending some events and providing food for other local activities. We have an excellent partnership with the school district and local government, and have participated in a variety of discussions, webinars and information gathering sessions.

We are active in the Southwest Food Coalition, a group of hyper-local residents, food organizations, government representatives and food advocates in Southwest Metro Denver who work together to improve food access and food systems. We are also part of the newly created Arapahoe County Food Security Collaborative, a group of organizations looking to share awareness and resources related to food insecurity.

NEIGHBORS SERVED

In 2024 we continued a 10+ year trajectory of growth. We served 9,800 families with 30,748 neighbors, including 1,323 new families. Despite limiting household visits to twice per month, our weekly average climbed to 192 families with 603 neighbors. 86% of our new neighbors are Spanish-speaking, so we are actively recruiting bilingual volunteers and making use of PocketTalk translation devices.



COMMUNITY-BASED



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