

From the Board of Directors

FISH of Westminster, Inc

January 1, 2024 – December 1, 2024

One year ago, as we developed strategies to meet the needs of the food insecure in Westminster and SW Adams County, we anticipated an increase in the number of clients. Possibly as much as 13%, as we had seen in 2022 and 2023. We had implemented a number of strategies to provide the typical non-perishables distributed at food pantries as well as perishables; protein including beef, chicken, lamb, pork, fish and eggs; dairy products; and culturally responsive products such as dried lentils, egg noodles, and cooking oil.

By the end of January, we realized our original assumption was wrong – the number of new clients was far beyond 13%. We had to change our approach in order to continue supporting our clients. By the end of the 2024, the number of clients had increased by 44% over 2023.

But by adjusting our offerings, connecting more frequently with our long-term donors, expanding our fundraising efforts, and developing new partnerships, we were able to continue to meet the needs of the people living with food insecurity throughout our SW Adams County neighborhood.

As you read our annual report, you will read that with good will, over 40 dedicated volunteers, generous donors, good friends, and multiple partnerships – FISH of Westminster was able to address the problem of food insecurity in our community.

We thank you for your continued support!

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Melissa Dukes
Carol Mauracher
Cynthia Steinheimer

Programs and Impact

Food Pantry

- 8,902 people were served from the food pantry (a 44% increase over 2023).
- 10 meals are provided to each client per month, and over
- 90,000 pounds of food were distributed.

Diaper Program

- An average of 25 families each month were provided 30 diapers and baby wipes per child.

Homeless Program

- 60 homeless clients were provided lunch and critical supplies such as gloves, socks, underwear, feminine hygiene products, blankets, tarps, sleeping bags, hand and foot warmers, and water each week from volunteers walking Westminster homeless camps.
- 240 meals distributed monthly to an average of 100 people (an increase of 30% over 2023).

Pet Food

- Cat and dog food was distributed, upon request, at the food pantry to at least 20 pets per month.
- The Guardians of Westminster Hills Dog Park held a pet food drive for FISH, collecting approximately 1,500 of cat and dog food to be repackaged and distributed to our clients.

Front Range Community College TRIO Upward Bound Program

- 40+ students were provided snacks and hygiene products throughout the school year.

Thanksgiving Day Lunch

- 150 meals were served by the end of the event, (double the 75 meals served in 2023).
- 40 people volunteered from 1-6 hours each to make this event happen.

Thanksgiving Day Lunch

This is the newest program FISH of Westminster supports. For the second year, FISH of Westminster co-sponsored Thanksgiving Day Lunch for anyone seeking a place to enjoy a meal. Lunch was sponsored in partnership with City Councilor Obi Ezeadi as part of his annual Thanksgiving food drive, Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Westminster Stake of the Church of Later-Day Saints, the Journey Church, and Congregation B’Nai Torah.

The lunch was supported with funds raised by Councilor Ezeadi and with food donations from the Woman’s Auxiliary of the Northwest Eagles Aerie 4019, the four partner congregations, and FISH.

Attendees were served a traditional menu: Jello salad, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, yams, dressing, corn, green beans, rolls and muffins with butter, and desserts.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church was a founding partner of FISH of Westminster in 1970. Today it serves as the physical home of FISH of Westminster and the FISH Food Pantry. All of our programs are managed out of the FISH of Westminster office located at the church.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is also the single largest financial donor to FISH of Westminster. Almost \$20,000 was donated by the church in 2024. Funds are raised on behalf of FISH of Westminster through congregational giving, grants/donations made to the church for the food pantry, memorial gifts, and multiple fundraisers organized by members and volunteers.

One of the major fundraisers is the annual Afternoon Tea held each April. In 2024, one of our “Angel” supporters made a donation equal to 100% of the funds raised by the tea, which resulted in \$5,700 raised.

Membership in Westminster Presbyterian Church, or any church or religion, is not required to volunteer with FISH of Westminster or to receive support from our programs.

Revenue and Expenses

FISH of Westminster, Inc

January 1, 2024 – December 1, 2024

Revenue

Cash Reserves In	\$	22,830
Fundraisers		
Via Colorado Gives Foundation		2,020
Via Obi Ezeadi for Thanksgiving/Pantry		1,740
Private Donations		5,815
Corporate Donations		59
The Journey Church Donation for Homeless Program		500
Westminster Presbyterian Church		19,980
Grants		
Adams County		15,000
City of Thornton		1,000
City of Westminster		10,000
Westminster Community Foundation		
Grant for Homeless Program		<u>5,000</u>
		83,944

Expenses

Food Pantry	49,119
Diaper Program	2,474
Front Range TRIO Upward Bound	1,106
Homeless Supplies	7,829
Thanksgiving Lunch	572
Administration	<u>5,522</u>
	66,622

Cash Reserves Out 17,322

Volunteers

Board of Directors

Paul Langley
President

Melissa Dukes
Treasurer

Jacqueline Carlson
Carol Mauracher
Cynthia Steinheimer

Coordinators

Kathy Billings
Donor Relations

Jeanette Deters
LDS Coordinator

Alan Farb
Homeless Outreach

Ruth Gayton
Translator

Cynthia Jennings
Inventory

Volunteers

Barb Bates
Steven Bates

Kay Bell
Bret Billings
Lisa Blowers
Chris Bryan
Tim Bryan
Ann Christopher
Bill Christopher
Bob Doran
Paula Doran
Deb Dougherty
Cliff Fales
Terri Fisher
AriAnne Gilliland
Don Goodman
Karen Goodman
Julie Graham
Matt Graham
Laura Haney
Bob Jennings
Jim Jones
Nicole Jones
Jan Kulhanek
Lenita Lindholm
Tenny Lindholm
Colleen Mazzucca
Sam Mazzucca
Frank Maestas
Wendy Maestas
Eileen Mogan
Carrie Olinger Durnell
Mary Beth Rule
Al Sanders
Barbara Scanlon
Gail Sommers
Randy Steinheimer
Ed Vaughn

Donors – Financial and In-Kind (Food, Supplies, and Participation in Fundraisers)

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Government

Adams County
City of Thornton
City of Westminster

Maverik's
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
Valenti's Deli, Bakery & Italian Market
Wal-Mart

Religious Organizations

Congregation B'Nai Torah
The Journey Church
Thrive Community Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Westminster Stake of the Church of Latter-Day Saints
Westminster United Methodist Church

Individuals

Heidi Avery
Barb & Steve Bates
Shirley Beasley
Kay Bell
Kathy Benedict
Dennis & Pat Bentley
Linda Blancett
Linda Bova
Shirley Briggs
Bonnie Britton
Julia Brooks
Dixie Brown
Chuck & Kathy Busby
Jacqueline Carlson
Diane & Tom Cassady
Nicole Ceranna
Ann & Bill Christopher
Glenn & Joan Colhart
Sue Corman
Marilyn Davidson
Barbara Dawson
Barbara Day
Cheryl & David Doherty
Bob & Paula Doran
Elizabeth Dukes

Foundations, Non-Profits, and Community Organizations

Boy Scouts of America & Sea Scouts of America – Troop and Ship 324
Food Bank of the Rockies
Front Range Potter's Association
Guardians of Westminster Hills Dog Park
Madison Square Garden Foundation
PEO Chapter HX – Westminster
Westminster Community Foundation

Businesses

Go-Puff
King Soopers
Kroeger's

Melissa Dukes
Lou Ecoff
Vicki Esposito
Pat Estridge
Cliff Fales
AriAnne Gilliland
Don & Karen Goodman
Kathleen Gunderson
Dean Hammond
Pat Hendricks
Midori Higa
Lucille Hiberd
Marge & Steve Innes
Bob & Cynthia Jennings
Jim & Nicole Jones
Patricia Jones
Jan & Gary Kulhanek
Myrna Lafferty
Paul Langley
Jean Lilly
Lenita & Tenny Lindholm
Robert Linn
Carol Mauracher
John & Pauline Maurer
Colleen & Sam Mazzucca
Charles & Sadie McKay

Valerie Mesch
Joyce & Mike Morian
Karen Nelson
Mary Oswell
Joann Perri
April Peterson
Richard Peterson
Laura Poyd
Elizabeth Price
Kendra Quinn
Ann Ragsdale
Patrick Rogers
Jeanne & Ray Rogers
Mary Beth Rule
Al Sanders
Barbara Scanlon
Jenny Schuster
Roselyn Schuster
Jennifer & Scott Smith
Marjie Steel
Cindi & Randy Steinheimer
Cindy & Rich Timberlake
Bob & Gloria Van Meter
Betty Wendt & Paul Giugla
Scott Whitney

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