



**FEBRUARY 2024**



## DIRECTOR COMMENTS

by Pam Hungenberg

The New Community Outreach Center Building is continuing to help hundreds of people every month in our community, taking donations from the surrounding Weld County area and giving opportunities for volunteers to make a positive difference in clients' lives and families! Recently, a donor brought two huge bags of clothing to be donated to our door. Her name was Jana\*. I thanked her for her donation and asked her how she found us. She smiled and said, "Years ago my husband and I were raising our three grandchildren. We had run out of everything! We needed food and gas to make it through the week. You (the COC) were there for us, and we were so grateful! You were the only ones that could help us quickly. We wanted to give back to you." I was so happy she found us and shared her story! If it wasn't for all the people that bring us donations, we couldn't continue to help people like Jana. We are so grateful for every item that you give to us! You are part of this "grateful story," because you continue to give! Thank you!

\*Name changed to maintain privacy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- CLOSED 3/11-15 for Spring Break
- CLOSED 3/29 for Good Friday
- 6/1 Save the Date! COC Celebration

## NOTES TO SHARE

One of our main goals at the COC is to help families stay in their homes. When you get to the end of the month and money and resources are tight, the COC offers food, personal hygiene items, and clothing to help you make it through the month. When available, we also share bus passes and \$10 gas vouchers. We hope that these items can strengthen a family on a tight budget. If clients get resources from us, that will help them make it through a tough time. We are hoping to help people and families in our community stay strong. All Clients can come back once every 4 weeks or 12 times a year. It can make the difference between living at home or living on the street.

***The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Mt. 25:40 (NIV)***

See the COC featured in the February issue of "The Influences Magazine of Northern Colorado," pgs. 22-23. <https://www.theinfluencemagazines.com/technology>

## 2023 REVIEW

Over the course of 2023 we...

- Received 78,837 pounds of donations
- Gave 153 gift/gas cards, 54 bus passes, 297 ready-to-eat (no cooking needed) food bags
- Partnered with Weld Food Bank as "agency shoppers" and acquired 20,154 pounds of food at an average cost of \$.06/pound
- Served 3,985 guests representing 12,731 individual adults and children
- Served 12% seniors, 15% homeless, 2% veterans, 60% families
- Opened our doors 332 hours with the help of 7,500 volunteer in-kind hours



## SUPPORT

We appreciate every donation and share it in Jesus' name to those that visit. Donations are accepted at the COC during open hours or at Generations Church Office - Greeley Campus, 3600 W 22nd St., M-Th, 9am-4pm. We are a 501(c)3 and a tax receipt is available upon request. Accepting donations of all items, including the following specific items of great need:

- towels
- blankets, sheets, pillows
- laundry detergent, bath soap
- toothpaste, razors, shampoo
- cereal, soup, canned fruit
- men's jeans
- \$10 Gift Cards to Safeway, King Soopers, or Walmart.
- Prayer - for our clients, volunteers, and donors
- Monetary donations can be mailed to 1100 11th Ave., Greeley CO 80631. An online giving option is coming soon!

Open Hours: Monday: 1-3pm Tuesday: 2:30-5pm Friday: 8:30-11am