



JULY 2024

FESTIVAL

The first ever COC Festival took place on June 1st, 2024. The event included a variety of games that could earn participants raffle tickets for great prizes like bicycles, laundry baskets with supplies, McDonald's gift cards, box fans, and many more items. Grilled hot dogs, chips, granola bars, and water were offered to all and well received. Entertainer Mel LaMar contributed to the fun atmosphere by presenting a magic show and ventriloquism, along with a message about Jesus, in both English and Spanish. The Kingdom Cuts van came and gave free haircuts. A great team of volunteers served a crowd of over 150 people and families! Everyone helped to create a day of enjoyment and fellowship. The COC volunteers were well pleased with the event and are eager for the possibility of repeating it in the future. -by Janet Sleichter



SUPPORT

www.cocgreeley.com

The COC is excited to share our new website with current information and an online option to give. We appreciate every donation and share it in Jesus' name to those that visit. Donations will also continue to be accepted by mail or dropped off at the COC during open hours. We are a 501(c)3 and a tax receipt is available upon request or is automatically emailed when giving online.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

We partner with other agencies in Greeley. Last year The Weld Food Bank provided us with 20,154 pounds of food that we distributed to our clients. We paid \$.06 a pound for it. The Weld Food Bank wrote an article highlighting the COC in their Spring newsletter. To read that article, go to <https://weld-foodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/WFB-Spring-NL-2024-Final.pdf>.

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 June 8 article about the COC featured in the Greeley Tribune:
<https://www.greeleytribune.com/2024/06/08/this-can-be-the-hand-up-that-they-could-need-community-outreach-center-has-been-lending-a-hand-for-41-years-in-greeley/>

CLIENT STORY

At the end of a COC shift, a small woman came to the door and asked for help. She was our last client of the day and honestly it had been a long day! We had helped about 40 clients in the short two and a half hours, and we were tired. Her name was Sarah, and she was very happy to hear that we were still open for 15 more minutes! She smiled the whole time she shopped. She filled up her food bag and then continued to fill her clothing/houseware bag. When it was full she approached me and said, "I need to tithe this month." I was a little confused as she handed me, a \$5 bill. I said, "Sarah, it's okay, we give away everything free, in Jesus' name!" She frowned at me. "But," she said, "I still need to tithe!" She gave me the biggest grin and pushed the \$5 bill into my hand. Waving, with a big smile and carrying two bags that will help her through the month, she left! I have that \$5 bill taped on the wall in my office. She taught me more - about His grace and His Faithfulness. I am hoping I can learn from Sarah, and her faithful obedience, with a big grin, too!
 -by Pam Hungenberg

2ND QUARTER STATS

- 1,047 visits representing 3,142 individuals (total in visitors' households).
- Gave away 1,010 bags of food.
- Gave out 111 bags of ready-to-eat food for clients experiencing homelessness.
- Gave 37 gift cards to help with gas costs. An example of why we give out gas cards is when someone needs to get to the doctor, or a friend is giving them rides to work or services and they want to contribute.
- Gave 17 people, bus passes.



A JOB FOR EVERY VOLUNTEER

The Volunteers at the COC have been very busy this summer! They continue to diligently think of many different ways to help feed and clothe our clients. We have received about 2 tons of donations of clothing, shoes, coats and bedding since April! They sort and display these items on racks and shelves in the appropriate sections for Men, Women, Children and Housewares. Our clients learn where to look for the items they need and use their shopping-time wisely. We have a team of Volunteers that shop at the Weld Food Bank at least once a week to help fill our shelves with canned and boxed goods. They also buy a variety of frozen meat so we can help our clients serve nutritious meals for their families. Some of our Shoppers are always on the lookout for good deals for personal hygiene items that our clients can ask for, when they go through their monthly data check-in. They might ask for soap, shampoo, detergent, toilet paper, toothpaste, or a toothbrush! Our goal is to help them keep their family healthy! There are opportunities for New Volunteers to come and learn how to work at the COC. If you have time, please come by and see how you can become involved!