

Feeding Families & Fueling Hope

BROOMFIELD FISH
2020 ANNUAL REPORT



ONWARD AND UPWARD!

We are proud to say that we not only survived 2020, but found renewed strength and purpose from all of its unique challenges! Since the start of the pandemic, our mantra was “kindness, patience, and flexibility.” We practiced this every day, through smiles and tears. In looking back, it was a flurry of change. Our organization transformed almost overnight, as we closed the building to the public and began outside food distribution. Many other changes also followed:

Staffing—we had extra support from City and County workers, hired temporary employees, and continued to rely on a small, but mighty, volunteer crew.

Operations—we switched to remote financial assistance appointments and outside food distribution. We even built a carport and tents with heaters for winter distribution that we affectionately call our “tunnel of love.” We also offered many online opportunities with our partner organizations. Bilingual storytime for families with BackStory Theatre and money management workshops were a big hit!

Equipment—we upgraded computer technology, re-designed our website, purchased and installed a new walk-in to give us more refrigerator and freezer space, and added an electric pallet jack to streamline food operations. Special thanks to the Lakin Family Foundation and Community Food Share for their financial support of much-needed new equipment.

Space—our main reception area became a place for box building and storage, while many downstairs offices held food, cleaning products, personal care, and baby items.

Funding—we distributed more than \$600,000 of emergency financial assistance that went directly to neighbors in need in the form of rent, utilities, child care, and transportation support.

Partnerships—we pooled our resources, collaborating with 30+ partner organizations!

While 2020 saw many changes, what did NOT change was our dedication to ensuring that basic human needs are met, our commitment to walking with families on their path to self-sufficiency, and our belief that together, as a community, we can overcome any hardship.



Our gratitude abounds--for the volunteers who signed up for shifts at FISH, for those who donated critically-needed food and funds, for our Neighbors Helping Neighbors champions, for the businesses who found creative ways to support our mission, for the City and County, and for the 12,000+ residents who were brave enough to ask for help during this difficult time.

One of these residents, “Tina,” had this to say about coming to FISH: *Through all of the craziness of late, FISH has been a beacon of hope for my family. Friendly faces, gentle words and open hearts. I am forever grateful for each of the volunteers. For every meal, smile, and “how are you?”*

A heartfelt thank you to our entire community for pulling together this past year!

Onward and upward,

Dayna Scott, Executive Director and

Elisa Beerbohm, Board Chair

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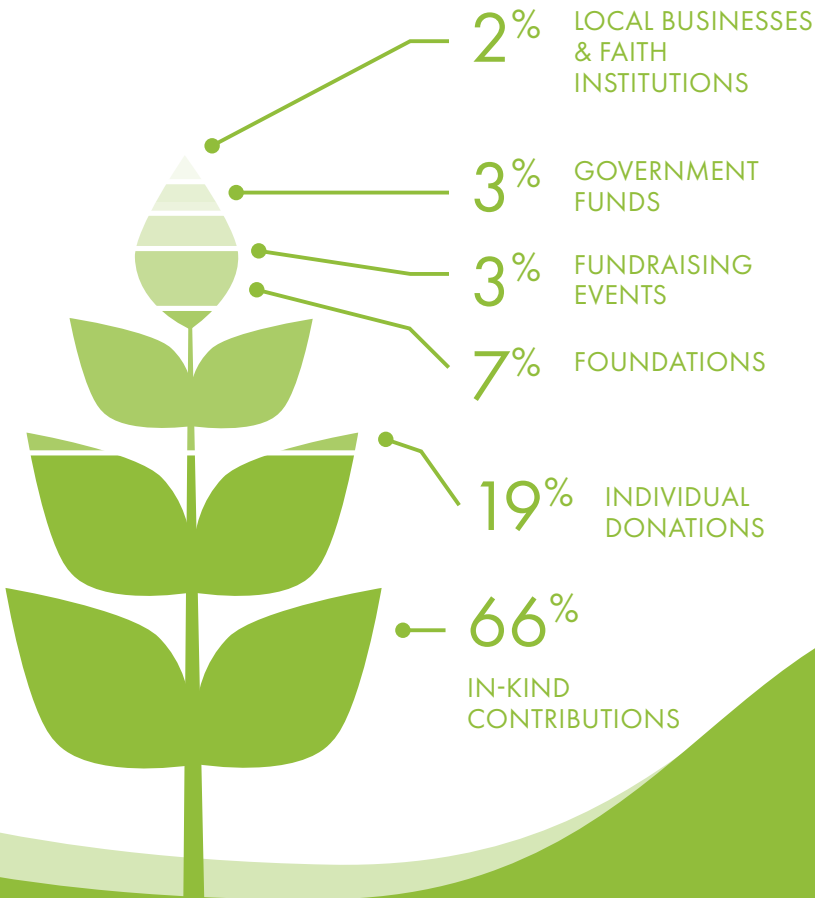
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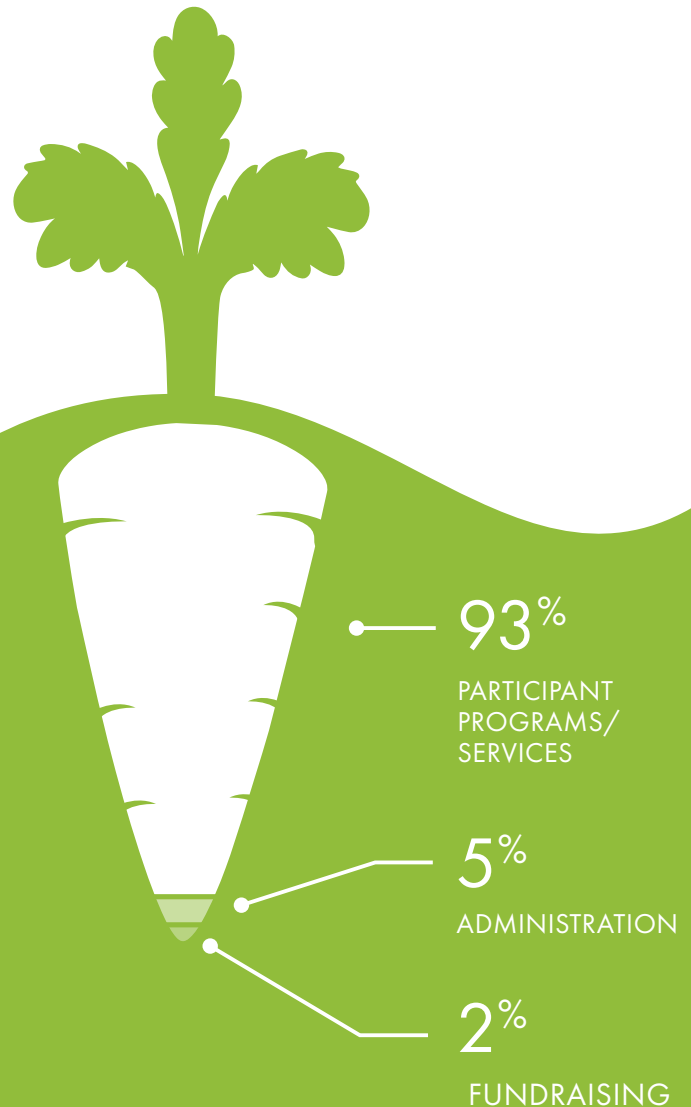
2020 INCOME CATEGORIES



TOTAL BUDGET
FOR 2020:
\$4,075,867

Data taken from FISH's audited 2020 financial statements.

2020 EXPENSE CATEGORIES



93¢

of every dollar in 2020 went directly to benefit neighbors in need!



READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY

As the only food bank and family resource center in Broomfield, FISH has to be ready for any emergency. And, the COVID-19 pandemic was the largest emergency we have ever faced! In FY 2020, FISH supported 12,601 unduplicated people, which is one in seven Broomfield residents, with food, emergency financial assistance, and critical resources. We did not do this alone, but in the spirit of community, partnered with many other organizations. One important collaboration was Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster or "Broomfield VOAD." Together, we created health and safety plans, provisions for distributing cleaning products, and processes to maximize our resources. FISH also helped 200 people experiencing homelessness find emergency shelter.

IN 2020



FISH HELPED

1 IN 7

RESIDENTS

FISH PARTICIPANTS SPENT

70% OR MORE

OF THEIR MONTHLY INCOME ON HOUSING



FISH DISTRIBUTED

45%

MORE FOOD

FISH helps residents and families thrive by providing direct emergency assistance, as well as connections to many vital resources.

HOW WE DO THIS



THOUGHTFUL PARTNERSHIPS

FISH partners with more than 30 community organizations to ensure that we are a single, friendly point of contact to help neighbors in need.

Major partners include:

- BackStory Theatre
- BECC
- Center for People with Disabilities
- City and County of Broomfield
- Community Food Share
- Energy Outreach Colorado
- Justice and Mercy Legal Aid
- Mental Health Partners
- A Precious Child
- The Refuge
- Safehouse
- Senior Resources of Broomfield



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Despite our building being closed to the public due to COVID, FISH still had 500+ volunteers who donated more than 20,000 hours of time last year! Regular volunteers came to FISH weekly, but businesses, civic groups, families, scout troops, and school groups also supported FISH through food drives, holiday kits, fundraising events, and educational activities. As neighbors helping neighbors, we believe in working with those in need, not for them. FISH encourages participant voice throughout all of our operations.



STABILIZING HOUSING






Housing fulfills a basic human need for shelter, but it also contributes significantly to the physical and mental well-being of adults and children. FISH offers direct emergency financial assistance to residents to prevent eviction. We also offer one-on-one support and goal-setting through our innovative "Keeping Families Housed" program. In 2020, FISH helped more than 673 unduplicated residents with housing support.



FOOD & FINANCIAL SECURITY

FISH works closely with the CO Family Resource Center Association, six local grocery stores, Community Food Share, We Don't Waste, and Conscious Alliance to prevent hunger. We offer dignity and respect to residents, while also reducing waste. People are able to use the money they save on groceries to pay for rent, utilities, and other basic needs. We also offer money management classes, assistance in finding employment, and connections to SNAP, WIC and other benefits.

TRENDS AT BROOMFIELD FISH

	2016	2018	2020
 POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED	629,389	889,107	1,547,365
 TOTAL UNDUPLICATED RESIDENTS SERVED	4,210	6,047	12,601
 UNDUPLICATED FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE	68	103	130
 UNDUPLICATED RESIDENTS RECEIVING HOUSING ASSISTANCE	34	369	673
 NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS	61	109	203

STORIES OF STRENGTH FROM OUR COMMUNITY IN 2020



YOUTH

Dawson, a 12-year-old volunteer, decided to build birdhouses to sell and then donate all of the proceeds to FISH. He brought us a \$1,000 check to support our neighbors in need!



DONOR

"Jackie" a long-time donor says, "I am in constant awe and inspiration at how unwaveringly FISH meets the needs of our community. Gives me faith in the world. Thank you!"



PARTICIPANT TURNED DONOR

"Katie" says, "FISH helped me in October and I couldn't be more grateful. I was in a position I had never been in before and the kindness I was shown was so comforting. Thank you and I am so happy I will be able to donate back to such an exceptional organization."



PARTICIPANTS

"Joseph" lets us know that he had been living in Broomfield for years, but had become homeless and had a bad infection in his leg. FISH took care of the most immediate need by paying for critical antibiotics for his infection. FISH also helped Joseph secure a hotel voucher so that he could elevate his leg and stay out of the cold and snow. When Joseph's unemployment check arrived, he was able to find a permanent place to live.

"Tom" tells us, "I am an 80 year-old widow. I am on many medications and my monthly visit to FISH helps me afford them and pay for my utilities. I am fortunate to live in my own home that was paid off several years ago. It is a struggle to make ends meet on social security, but FISH is a lifesaver."

"Savannah," a single mom, writes to us: "FISH has helped me since my divorce in 2015. I have utilized many of the services offered. I feel I have a good relationship with the staff and volunteers. Everybody has always been so nice and welcoming to me and my family. The financial assistance I have received has helped me with car issues, with testing for a job, with paying my rent, with paying my water bill, with helping with food when I'm very low. I feel safe and cared for because of FISH."

"Rosa" writes to us to say, "Knowing FISH is here sent my worries away! After paying all my bills, there is really very little money for food. Without FISH, I don't know what my mother and I would do. Thank you!"



Pictured above: Dedicated volunteer, Ryan, from Partners Group helps sort food.

FISH is fortunate to have widespread support from our generous community!
Special thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and
resources to FISH this past year.

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Wells Fargo

A BIG thank you to Fischer Jordan, our "Fresh Food Heroes!" In 2020, they partnered with Tucci Fresh Produce to provide \$2,000 per month of fresh fruits and vegetables for our families.





Spending most of this year in COVID restrictions, FISH appreciates everyone who donated to us, even if you cannot be recognized by name.

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