



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does Food Bank of the Rockies do?

We fight hunger and feed hope. Food Bank of the Rockies, (FBR) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, distributed 39.4 million pounds of food last year through 1003 partner agencies. Those agencies administer 1271 hunger-relief programs in Northern Colorado, including Metro Denver and the entire state of Wyoming. Food Bank of the Rockies' key programs are Fighting Hunger Feeding Hope Food Distribution, Mobile Pantry, Denver's Table - Food Rescue and FBR's Nutrition Network Children and Seniors Programs. Food Bank of the Rockies is a member of Feeding America.



How does Food Bank of the Rockies distribute its food?

FBR distributes food directly through our Nutrition Network and Mobile Pantry programs. The majority of our food is distributed through our partner agencies. Any IRS-certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a hunger-relief program serving the ill, needy or children, may apply to become a partner agency. There is no membership fee. Shelters, food pantries, emergency assistance programs, child-welfare centers, senior citizen nutrition programs, churches, synagogues, community centers, halfway houses and other similar organizations distribute FBR food.

Who receives the food distributed by Food Bank of the Rockies' agencies?

42% of those receiving food assistance are children; 10% are children age 5 or younger. Seniors represent 5% of our clients. Many recipients are the working poor. 42% of the households receiving food assistance from our agencies have at least one working adult. 14% of our recipients are homeless.

Why do agencies use Food Bank of the Rockies to supply their hunger-relief programs?

Agencies know the food at our warehouse is handled safely, professionally and in accordance with all food industry, government agency, health and sanitation standards. We provide the most cost-effective way for agencies to access the greatest variety of food and necessities in volume. Agencies have a team of full-time FBR professionals with national connections to secure the best product available. Our member agencies are able to use more of their funds to provide services to their clients. Through FBR, not only do hunger-relief programs save significantly, they have access to a greater variety of high-quality items. In addition, we offer education, support and resources for our agencies, helping to enhance and expand their programs and funding.



How much food does Food Bank distribute annually?

Last year, through our partner agencies, we distributed 39.4 million pounds of food and non-food essentials, the equivalent of 30.8 million meals for hungry children, seniors and families. Our shared efforts equate to 84,384 meals for less fortunate individuals every day.

Who supports Food Bank of the Rockies?

Funds to cover expenditures for operations, equipment, purchased food and other necessary administrative costs are raised through foundation and corporate grants, as well as contributions by individuals and proceeds from promotions and special events.

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Do agencies pay Food Bank of the Rockies for the food they receive?

Agencies do not purchase donated products. To help cover our transportation and warehouse expenses, agencies do contribute a small Agency Support Fee (ASF) for some items. The IRS permits this system if the fee is not based on the value of the product and food recipients are not charged. Fees range from 0¢ -8¢ per pound. Last year, member agencies contributed an average ASF of 3¢ per pound; according to Feeding America, the average value of Food Bank of the Rockies' donated inventory is \$1.66 per pound. To encourage consumption over spoilage, fresh produce, dairy and

bread are distributed free. Last year, FBR gave away millions of pounds of food with no ASF. Products donated to FBR through food drives are always distributed without a fee. No fee is ever passed on to our agencies' clients.

Because we have no control over the type and quantity of products donated to us, to provide consistency to our member agencies, we also offer a Purchased Food Program. This program allows agencies to purchase staples such as peanut butter, pasta and sauce, rice, beans, canned meat, fruits and vegetables and kid-friendly items at our wholesale cost. Fresh produce is also purchased on a regular basis and passed through to our member agencies at no cost.

Where does the food come from?

Hundreds of national and local companies, including food manufacturers, distributors and retailers, contribute products to FBR. Contributions are made for many reasons. Common donations come from surplus, mislabeling, damaged packaging, or generous acts to help those in need. Non-food essentials such as soap and personal products are also given. Food drives contribute an essential mix of products for emergency food boxes. Through FBR's food-purchase program, we search nationwide for items most sought after by our agencies and procure them at the best possible price.

Why should someone donate to Food Bank of the Rockies?

When you support FBR, you make it possible for more than 1,200 hunger-relief programs to assist those in need. Every donation is put to very good use; 96¢ of each dollar we receive goes directly to Food Bank of the Rockies' programs. In addition, our relationships within the food industry make it possible for FBR, through our agencies, to provide over 4 meals for every dollar received.

How long has Food Bank of the Rockies been a part of this community?

Founded in 1978, originally FBR was known as the Colorado Food Clearing House. Operating from a schoolroom in Northwest Denver, the fledgling organization collected food from nearby Safeway stores and distributed it to one agency. Today, our efforts reach across the Denver Metro area, Northern Colorado, the Western Slope & Wyoming, providing food to more than 1,200 hunger-relief programs. We are a member of Feeding America, a national network of food banks.

What kind of facilities does Food Bank of the Rockies have?

Food Bank of the Rockies' 106,000-square-foot Denver facility includes over 88,000 square feet of warehouse space which includes refrigeration, freezers, food reclamation and repackaging capabilities. Since April 1998, Western Slope Food Bank of the Rockies has served the needs of member agencies in that region from its 12,700-square-foot warehouse in Grand Junction. In October 2004, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies opened a 16,000-square-foot warehouse southwest of Casper, in Mills.

Who manages Food Bank of the Rockies?

Food Bank of the Rockies is a Colorado-based, private, nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal income taxation. Operating and budgetary policies are governed by a volunteer board of directors, composed of representatives from the food industry, business community and concerned individuals. A list of management, our Board of Directors and financials are all made public on our website, foodbankrockies.org.

Are you rated with any of the charity monitoring groups?

Food Bank of the Rockies is a BBB accredited charity and holds a 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator. 96¢ of every dollar we receive goes toward our hunger relief programs. More information can be found at foodbankrockies.org.

