

TRI-LAKES CARES



2023 GRATITUDE REPORT
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023





OUR *Mission*

Tri-Lakes Cares empowers families and individuals to reach toward a better tomorrow

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Dear Community Members, Donors, Funders, Volunteers, and Clients,

This gratitude report is a testament to our organization's unwavering commitment to providing essential services to our community. As we navigate the post-pandemic environment, Tri-Lakes Cares remains dedicated to addressing the increasing demand for food and financial assistance in northern El Paso County.

In 2023, we experienced a significant surge in clients. Since 2022, we have seen a remarkable 100 percent increase in the number of households shopping in our Market. This increase reflects the persistent challenges faced by our clients, compounded by the economic repercussions of the pandemic. Despite this, Tri-Lakes Cares continues to ensure those in need receive the support needed to weather these difficult times.

The rising cost of living, particularly soaring food prices, prompted us to adjust. Regrettably, we had to reduce shopping days from twice to once weekly and limit the quantity of food each client could obtain. This decision was a necessary response to the increased demand, underscoring the importance of continued support from our loyal contributors.

Additionally, the escalating cost of housing has made it unaffordable for many. We played a pivotal role and ensured our clients remained in their homes through our financial assistance programs. This achievement would not have been possible without the steadfast support from our donors and community partners.

As we acknowledge the challenges faced in 2023, we express our deepest gratitude to all those who have contributed to Tri-Lakes Cares. Together, we can continue making a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.



With Gratitude,

Haley Chapman

Executive Director





IT TAKES A *Community*

With your support, Tri-Lakes Cares served so many neighbors in need in Northern El Paso County!

853 households=
1,595 individuals

How does that breakdown?

- 667 adults
- 449 youth
- 479 senior citizens

11,594
total encounters



"Let me begin by thanking you and the team for helping us. It's been a difficult season, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel!"

- Alex, Client



Testimonies

Here's what I learned on a deep level about Tri-Lakes Cares. You all live up to your name. We were embarrassed to ask for help. We felt like we had failed. Everyone on the team, from the moment we walked in the door, showed that they really cared. You and the team were kind, compassionate, caring, and empathetic. We felt no judgement or shame. Your team's posture did healing for us.

- Georgia, Client

NEIGHBORS HELPING Neighbors

I wanted to thank you again for helping us with the car. Because Tri-Lakes Cares helped us, things have finally begun to look way up for us! Not only was I able to start working again finally, which is also going great by the way, but we FINALLY got the tax return we've been fighting for two and a half years! We're just beyond grateful for the help because, without it, I wouldn't have been able to start work or pick up my boys. You helped us avert a giant disaster!

- Becca, Client

Tri-Lakes Cares is much more than a food pantry. They get to know their clients and they provide health care services and help them address the real cause of their need for assistance. They do their best to help their clients keep working—for example, they will help them keep a vehicle running so they can get to their job. They have different strategies to help people who are temporarily in a bad situation versus clients who are suffering from generational poverty. They treat their clients with dignity and help them build self respect. They are truly good neighbors.

- James, Donor

I retired in 2022, and even though we had given philanthropically to Tri-Lakes Cares in the past, I saw an opportunity to give back to them in a more personal way. Even though I am a relatively new volunteer here, I find the team wonderful to work with, and see how much TLC is able to provide help and support to the community. The new market is amazing, and it is wonderful to see how generous all of the donating organizations are that support TLC. Thanks to the TLC team for all that they do.

- M, Volunteer

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDED 09/30/23

REVENUE

Value of donated goods & services received	\$882,593
Contributions	\$846,646
Grant revenue	\$674,608
Investment and other income	\$137,812
Special event proceeds	\$63,623
Total Revenue	\$2,605,282

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	
Family stabilization	\$808,463
Pantry	\$ 782,417
Housing & Utilities	\$307,717
Total Program Expenses	\$1,898,597

Supportive Services	
General & Administrative	\$139,614
Fundraising & Development	\$334,337
Total Supportive Services	\$473,951

Total Program Expenses & Support Services	\$2,372,548
Change in Net Assets	\$232,734

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets, beginning of the year	\$1,918,994
Net Assets, end of the year	\$2,151,728

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ENDED 09/30/23

ASSETS

Cash	\$159,346
Investments, Short-Term	\$75,938
Grants & contributions receivable	\$43,072
Gift cards	\$4,115
Inventories	\$74,373
Prepaid expenses	\$74,024
Total Current Assets	\$430,868

Investments, Long-Term	\$1,530,356
Property & equipment, net	\$421,809
Total Assets	\$2,383,033

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$51,575
Accrued expenses	\$89,478
Refundable Advance - Grants	\$90,252
Total Current Liabilities	\$231,305

Net Assets	
Board Designated	\$1,530,000
Unrestricted	\$527,103
Temporarily restricted	\$94,625
Total Net Assets	\$2,151,728
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,383,033

Investing In Our Clients

HOUSING/UTILITIES
\$307,717

TRANSPORTATION
\$69,769

FAMILY STABILIZATION
\$629,133

MEDICAL
\$109,561

FOOD
\$782,417

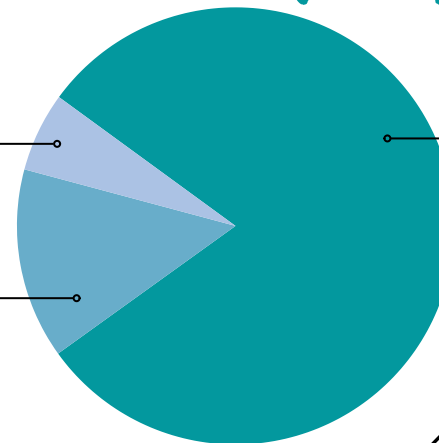


Major Areas of Expenses

6% General
Administration

14% Fundraising
& Development

80% Total Program
Services



Investing
\$1,898,597 = **853**
households



Special Thanks

MAJOR FUNDERS & DONORS CASH & IN-KIND, \$5,000 AND HIGHER

Anonymous (4)
Avalon Development Corporation
The A.V. Hunter Trust, Inc.
Bourbon Brothers Presents -
 Boot Barn Hall
Bryan & Melissa Kavanaugh
Bucher Design Studio
Care & Share Food Bank for
 Southern Colorado
Caren Lacy
Ceres Foundation
Christian Brothers Automotive -
 Monument
Colorado Housing & Finance Authority
Colorado Springs Health Foundation
Connie M. Schmidt Fund of Pikes Peak
 Community Foundation
Dan & Jodie Boedigheimer
Eagle's Wings Charity Fund
El Paso County Colorado
El Paso County Community
 Development Block Grant
El Paso County Community
 Investment Fund
El Paso County Community Services
 Block Grant
El Pomar Foundation
Empty Stocking Fund
Energy Outreach Colorado

FEMA - Federal Emergency
 Management Agency
Foster Family Charitable Fund
Geoffrey Michael Ashby
Hamish Gray
Heartland Connect
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
John & Penny LeNeveu
Karen Kosiarek
KeyBank - Northgate
Keysight Technologies
King Soopers - Monument
Kroger - King Soopers
 Community Rewards
Kum & Go Charitable Fund
Kum & Go #0650 - Monument
Lewis-Palmer School District 38
Monument Hill Foundation
Natural Grocers - Monument
Nutrition Camp School Foundation
Palmer Lake Wine Festival LLC
Panera Bread #202429 - Briargate
Penrose -St. Francis
Pikes Peak United Way
Pilling Family Foundation
Pro Line Painting

Robert H. Gibbs & Camilla Bicknell
Russell Grinnell Memorial Trust
Safeway - Monument
Scott & Lisa Colyer
Sprouts #329 - Northgate
St. Peter Catholic Church
The Bruni Foundation
The Larson Foundation
The Lillis Foundation
The Ralph and Dorothy Family Trust
Town of Monument
Trail Head Institute
Tri-Lakes Cruisers
Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club
TSI - Colorado
Virginia W. Hill Foundation
Walmart Store #3227 - Monument
WaterStone
Woodford Manufacturing -
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