Dear Friends,

This past fiscal year we made significant strides toward Hunger Free Colorado’s mission to ensure no Coloradan is going hungry. Through collaboration and innovation with our state and community partners, Coloradans of all ages will have a more stable foundation, built on access to nutritious food.

In this report, you will find a snapshot of our work in 2016 and its impact on creating a better future for all Coloradans. Some of the year’s highlights include:

- **Connecting more Coloradans to needed nutrition** through our statewide food resource hotline, mobile outreach, community partnerships, and collaboration with medical providers, improving the well-being of Colorado families and individuals.

- **Advocating for policies that eliminate barriers to access**, such as Senate Bill 190, which improves the effectiveness and efficiency of Colorado’s food assistance program, commonly known as food stamps, and will have lasting impacts on lives, communities and our state’s economic health.

- **Celebrating the success of the School Breakfast Program**, moving from 44th to 11th in the nation for participation by low-income students since Hunger Free Colorado was founded.

- **Launching the Colorado Food Pantry Network** to connect food pantries across our state for improved operations and opportunities for collective action.

- **Raising awareness and action** via the expansion of *Hunger Through My Lens*, our first-ever “Hungry for Change: Day at the Capitol,” local and national news coverage, and an online action network.

These are only a few examples of what is possible with the support and action of community partners and members across the state like you. **Thanks to all who have joined us in believing hunger is solvable and unnecessary.**

While our state has come so far, there remains much work to be done. We look forward to your support in 2017 and beyond, as we reach more milestones from advancing policies to streamlining systems and fueling changes within our communities. By continuing to work together we can ensure all Coloradans have enough healthy food to thrive and reach their potential.

I encourage you to visit [HungerFreeColorado.org](http://HungerFreeColorado.org) for a complete look at our organizational efforts to ensure no Coloradan goes hungry.

Sincerely,

Kathy Underhill, CEO
2016 KEY IMPACTS

HUNGER FREE HOTLINE
STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE
855-855-4626

CONNECTING TO FOOD RESOURCES

15,027 Coloradans connected to food resources via our Hunger Free Hotline and mobile services, thanks to more than 1,102 community resources. Nearly 36,069 Colorado households have received food assistance since 2011.

36,069 HOUSEHOLDS
Since 2011

1,102 FOOD RESOURCES

PHYSICIANS REFERRED 2,894 COLORADANS to the statewide hotline in order to access nutritious food resources and improve their health outcomes.

498,959 ELIGIBLE COLORADANS participated in food stamps, a program that helps families and individuals purchase groceries when they are trying to weather one of life’s storms.¹
30,140,352 breakfasts served in 1,440 participating Colorado schools during the 2015-16 school year. Colorado is now ranked 11th in the nation, compared to 44th in 2009, for school breakfast participation by students from low-income households.

30,140,352 BREAKFASTS

1,522,322 summer meals provided to Colorado kids and teens in 2015 at 548 sites across Colorado, a 98% increase in meals served compared to 2009, thanks to an ongoing statewide collaborative effort.

1.5 MILLION SUMMER MEALS

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i Colorado Department of Human Services, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participation data
ii Colorado Department of Education, School Breakfast Program data
iii Colorado Department of Education, Summer Food Service Program data
iv Food Research & Action Center, School Breakfast Scorecard
Senate Bill 16-190, focused on improving food assistance and other programs, was signed into law in June 2016 to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of food stamps across Colorado. It was backed by a diverse array of stakeholders and advanced through the legislature with unanimous support. As a top priority during the 2016 legislative session, the new law will greatly benefit our local communities and state economy, and give counties the resources and incentives needed to best serve struggling Coloradans.

Hunger Through My Lens, the Colorado-based photovoice advocacy project led by real-life experts, expanded to the Eastern Plains and online, with a “sister site” in Prowers County and now at HungerThroughMyLens.org. The Eastern Plains site is the fourth location, after the Roaring Fork Valley, San Luis Valley and Denver metro area. Together they shed light on what hunger looks like across Colorado. Project participants also shared their stories and experiences via local photo exhibits, speaking engagements and our first-ever “Hungry for Change: Day at the Capitol” in March 2016.

The Colorado Food Pantry Network launched in September 2015 to bring food pantries together across our state for improved food pantry operations, opportunities for collective action, and to raise awareness about the successes and needs of food pantries in the community with the media, funders and those supporting their organizations. More than 60 members attended the Network’s annual gathering in June 2016.

We released Food Stamp Impact Reports in January 2016 to measure how successfully the 64 Colorado counties were administering the program in a variety of areas such as access, timeliness, and accuracy. The previously unavailable data can now be used by counties to identify areas for focus as well as best practices utilized by successful counties.

We continued to elevate the prevalence, impacts and solutions surrounding hunger via platforms like our annual Hungry for Change Summit, online action network, and news outlets across Colorado.
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

FISCAL YEAR 2016
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
Total Revenue $1,607,493
Total Expenses $1,574,699

REVENUE BY SOURCE
- Foundations $882,473
- Government Grants $303,147
- Corporations & Businesses $215,784
- Individuals $160,634
- In-kind & Other $45,455

EXPENSE BY TYPE
- Programs $1,346,460
- Administrative $147,327
- Fundraising $80,912
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**$200,000 or More**
- Food Research & Action Center and the Walmart Foundation
- Kaiser Permanente
- The Colorado Health Foundation

**$100,000 - $199,999**
- Center for Law and Social Policy

**$50,000 - $99,999**
- Anschutz Foundation
- Colleen Abdullah
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs
- Luff Family Fund
- The Denver Foundation
- The Denver Post Season to Share, a McCormick Foundation Fund

**$25,000 - $49,999**
- MAZON

**$10,000 - $24,999**
- Bank of America Foundation
- Benefits Data Trust
- Rose Community Foundation
- Western Dairy Association

**$5,000 - $9,999**
- Boettcher Foundation
- Employment Law Solutions
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- Members of the Congregation of Nevei Kodesh
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**$2,500 - $4,999**
- Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP
- Lederer Foundation
- Marcus Foundation

**$2,500 - $4,999 Cont’d**
- Odell Brewing Company
- Office of Children’s Affairs
- Otten Johnson
- Schlessman Family Foundation
- Strear Family Foundation
- The Piton Foundation

**$1,000 - $2,499**
- Governor’s Office of Community Partnership
- Great Divide Brewing Company
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Hunger Free Colorado, a statewide nonprofit organization launched in 2009, connects families and individuals to food resources and fuels change in policies, systems and social views, so no Coloradan goes hungry.

LET’S CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOGETHER, BECAUSE NO COLORADAN DESERVES TO GO HUNGRY.

Find out more and take action at
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