Dear Friends,

This past fiscal year served as a remarkable example of the power that people have when they come together for a shared vision. At Hunger Free Colorado, we believe hunger is solvable, and nutritious food should be understood as a basic human right. Through collaboration with our state and community partners, and thanks to the voices of advocates across the state, Coloradans of all ages, zip codes, and backgrounds have a more stable foundation for weathering life storms, built on access to nutritious food.

In this report, you will find a snapshot of our work in 2017 to ensure no Coloradan goes hungry. Some of the year’s highlights include:

- **Improving access to needed nutrition** through our statewide Food Resource Hotline, mobile outreach and collaboration with medical providers

- **Advocating for policies that eliminate barriers to access**, such as a food assistance checkbox to allow medical assistance sites to help applicants quickly and easily apply for food assistance, streamlining services and improving the health outcomes of Coloradans

- **Celebrating community access to food stamps**, with 44 of 64 counties increasing enrollment of eligible residents, the 11th best national ranking for improvement

- **Launching the “Your Neighborhood Food Connection” van** to ensure residents of Colorado receive easy, transparent access to resources near their homes and workplaces

- **Raising awareness and action** via Hunger Through My Lens, our first-ever “Hike for Hunger” fundraiser, local and national news coverage, and an online action network

These only touch upon what is possible through the power of community, innovation and collaboration. **Thank you to everyone who has propelled the mission of ending hunger in Colorado forward.**

Even as we celebrate the accomplishments, there remains much work ahead of us. We look forward to your support in 2018 and beyond, as we make progress to advance policies, streamline systems and fuel change within our communities. Together we can build a better future for all Coloradans.

I encourage you to visit [HungerFreeColorado.org](http://HungerFreeColorado.org) for a complete look at our organizational efforts and to find ways to get involved.

Sincerely,

Kathy Underhill, CEO
2017 KEY IMPACTS

CONNECTING TO FOOD RESOURCES

19,400 COLORADANS CONNECTED TO FOOD RESOURCES via our statewide hotline and mobile outreach services, thanks to:

1,100 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

5,700 Coloradans were given a MEDICAL REFERRAL TO THE FOOD RESOURCE HOTLINE, a 100% increase over last year.

48,700 COLORADO HOUSEHOLDS have received food assistance since 2011.
FUELING LIVES

30,037,167 BREAKFISTS SERVED to school children through:

1,647 PARTICIPATING COLORADO SCHOOLS
during the 2016-17 school year.ii

1,465,426 SUMMER MEALS were provided to Colorado kids and teens in 2016 via:

560 COMMUNITY MEAL SITES across Colorado, thanks to an ongoing statewide collaborative effort.iii

Colorado is now RANKED 14TH IN THE NATION, compared to 44th in 2009, for school breakfast participation by students in households with low incomes.iv

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
The inaugural **Hike for Hunger**, a statewide event and fundraiser, took place July 1-31. Coloradans across the state participated through guided hikes, as well as personal hiking and walking goals. More than $26,000 was raised to help ensure no Coloradan goes hungry.

**FUELING CHANGE**

We released the second year of **Food Stamp Impact Reports** for each Colorado county, showing measurable improvement for enrollment of eligible residents. Forty-four of 64 counties increased performance, raising the statewide Program Access Index (PAI) for food stamps from 56% to 59%, the 11th best national ranking for improvement. Despite these gains, Colorado still ranked 45th nationally for access in the program.

**A food assistance checkbox** was added to Colorado’s Medicaid application in June 2016, in recognition of the strong link between having enough healthy food and positive health outcomes. This “checkbox” allows medical assistance sites to help applicants quickly and easily apply for grocery assistance while they are applying for Medicaid. This change has spurred more than **1,200 households** to access the assistance they need to thrive, with an **average benefit of more than $425**.

Hunger Free Colorado **launched a new mobile food assistance van** called **Your Neighborhood Food Connection** to ensure residents of Colorado receive easy, transparent access to resources near their homes and workplaces. The van travels metro Denver sharing information about food access and providing assistance with food stamp applications on the spot. This was made possible through a partnership with Whole Foods Market.

The Colorado Food Pantry Network **released a “Food Pantry Best Practices Guide”** in June 2017 to advance the conversation about how to put clients’ needs first when providing food assistance, while improving efficiencies and operations within a food pantry. This guide was conceptualized and written by food pantry leaders, for food pantry leaders, and is relevant for food pantries, large and small, across Colorado.

We continued to **elevate the prevalence, impacts and solutions surrounding hunger** via platforms like our annual Hungry for Change Summit, annual advocacy day at the Colorado State Capitol, social media, and news outlets across Colorado.
FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR 2017
July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
Total Revenue $3,032,864
Total Expenses $1,519,377

REVENUE BY SOURCE
- Foundations $2,371,577
- Government Grants $253,767
- Corporations & Businesses $264,602
- Individuals $82,404
- In-kind & Other $60,514

EXPENSE BY TYPE
- Programs $1,218,164
- Administrative $147,337
- Fundraising $153,876
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**INVESTING IN A HUNGER-FREE COLORADO**

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Hunger Free Colorado, a statewide nonprofit organization, connects families and individuals to food resources and fuels change in policies, systems and social views, so no Coloradan goes hungry.

LET’S WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE HUNGER.