JOIN THE COLORADO FOOD PANTRY NETWORK!

Membership is open to food pantries in Colorado. Fees are based on organizational budget and can be found on the membership form.

Complete the membership form in-person or visit FoodPantryNetwork.org to apply. Forms can be returned via fax at (720) 328-1286, emailed to lindsay@hungerfreecolorado.org or mailed to:

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For more information about the Colorado Food Pantry Network, visit FoodPantryNetwork.org or contact Lindsay Koerner at lindsay@hungerfreecolorado.org or (303) 228-7983.

The Colorado Food Pantry Network is the result of the Full Pantries, Full Lives Leadership Institute, a project facilitated by Hunger Free Colorado, to support a cohort of food pantry leaders in creating a system and experience that best serves those impacted by hunger. Find out more at FoodPantryNetwork.org.
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The state of hunger in Colorado can be staggering. More than 1 in 10 Coloradans struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table. Among those who visit food pantries, almost half report that over a six-month period, they run out of food before the end of month at least once. One-third of food pantry clients have skipped a meal so someone else in their household could eat, and almost one-third have gone to bed hungry. These results from the Network’s Client Input Survey show the overwhelming need that food pantries are trying to address.

Whether Coloradans are facing a job loss, health issue, disability or an unexpected financial challenge, food pantries play a key role in meeting the needs of those who weather these personal storms. Often serving as a first line of defense against hunger, they provide food to families and individuals in their community, helping fill a crucial gap when there’s not enough money to buy groceries.

Food pantries in Colorado now have the opportunity to join a statewide network and invest in improved collaboration, organizational efficiencies and collective action, so fewer people have to worry about when or where they will get their next meal.

MISSION

The Colorado Food Pantry Network brings food pantries together to fight hunger in Colorado.

VISION

Food pantries, with collective power, will meet the needs of Coloradans struggling with hunger. As part of a united charitable food system, they will be stronger, more efficient and more effective in providing their services to the community.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Core Benefits
- Communication of food pantry needs to policymakers, elected officials and other key decision-makers
- Use of Best Practices Guide and rating systems to help improve food pantry operations
- Access to the Client Input Survey and support to interpret data and make changes based on client needs
- Travel scholarships may be available for attending Network meetings

Training and Education
- Access to a community platform, where members can ask questions, post articles and poll their peers
- Training on how to best represent the scope and impact of food pantries’ work to funders and others

Networking & Amplified Voice
- Networking and learning opportunities with food pantries across the state
- Work collectively to source products as indicated by results of the Client Input Survey
- Opportunities for clients to share their own stories through venues, such as the Day at the Capitol