

Celebrating 6 YEARS



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MID-YEAR COMMUNITY UPDATE, 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year marks 60 years of IFCS' partnering with the community to alleviate hunger. Since 1964, we have **nourished millions of lives, together**. That's no "small potatoes"! Thanks to your partnership in this mission - standing firmly beside us during moments of social crisis, embracing the ups and downs of the economy, and facing challenges of inconsistent and fluctuating funding sources - *your steadfast support* has carried us through every season. **You are the reason we continue to provide life-sustaining programs and services; you are the reason we celebrate this milestone 60th anniversary!**



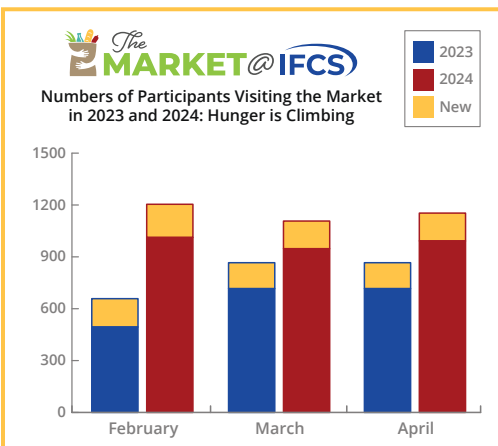
FOOD INSECURITY IS ON THE RISE

The post-pandemic rollback of state and federal aid, coupled with increased grocery costs and rental rates, has led to greater hunger in Colorado communities. **A 2023 survey conducted by the Colorado Health Institute reports food insecurity up more than 3% since 2021.**¹ At IFCS, we have expanded our capacity to meet these increased needs. We adapt in real time to environmental, economic, political, and social changes, so we can best offer a "Rapid Response" to the challenges that are affecting low-income households around us.

IFCS IS ON THE FRONTLINE

We believe **everyone deserves to be healthy**, and that individual **access to nutrition affects the overall health of our community**. With your ongoing support, IFCS has become a staple of assistance for those who need it most:

- ▶ **We provide food for as many households as possible:** by shifting to a smaller selection and prioritizing participants' preferences, we now offer a reliable choice of culturally relevant foods in larger quantities.
- ▶ **We help families stay in their homes:** with hunger alleviation support, back-to-school and holiday programs, limited public utility bill and rent assistance, and no-cost recreation vouchers, IFCS serves households that are navigating emergencies and struggling with societal obstacles.
- ▶ **We nourish those who are unhoused:** as a part of a network of local organizations, IFCS provides shelf-stable, easy-to-prepare meals for individuals who are living in vehicles, motels, or on the street.
- ▶ **We welcome everyone:** with nearly 80% of IFCS participant families identifying as non-white, and 70% speaking non-English languages at home, we've grown our capacity to communicate in other languages. We now have 3 bilingual, Spanish-speaking staff that support and lead our teams of welcoming volunteers.



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¹ "2023 CHAS: Food Security." *Colorado Health Institute*, February 3, 2024, <https://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/research/2023-chas-food-security>.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE

For 60 years, IFCS has provided an immediate response to hunger, the most basic need. In collaboration with you and other community partners, we adapt to changes in our community so we can be as effective as possible. Since Maida Navis formed the original Inter-Faith Task Force for Community Services, we have served *millions of people*. We have provided nutritious meals, helped families stay in their homes, and have been a welcoming and compassionate presence to those needing assistance. We've been a lifeline of hope, together.

60 YEARS OF STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY

In the quotes on the right, we hope you savor C.B.'s joy as she learned that her daughter could take dance classes at the Englewood Recreation Center. We hope you feel proud knowing that Valeria, who received school supply assistance through IFCS' Ready, Set, School! program, returned this year to volunteer at IFCS. Together, we have nourished lives, enriched the community, and equipped IFCS program participants to give back when the time is right.

TOGETHER, LET'S PLAN THE FUTURE

As we look ahead to the next 60 years, our dreams are bolstered by the experience behind us. We've come this far and, with your help, we are confident that we can continue adapting and responding to the greatest needs in our community. Together, we can continue providing hope.

Here are some ways that you can help us become a more financially stable resource for years to come:

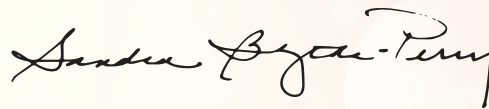
- 1 Make a Donation Today:** Your generosity keeps IFCS programs and services available in the community, *providing life-sustaining support*.
- 2 Become a Compassion Partner:** Donors who commit to recurring donations - of as little as \$5.00 a month - automatically become Compassion Partners, *leading the charge against hunger*.
- 3 Make IFCS a Part of Your Legacy:** Did you know that 72% of Americans support the work of charities each year, but only 5.7% remember nonprofit organizations in their will or estate plans? It's easy to designate IFCS as a recipient of your planned gift. **Contact Todd at 303-725-9894** to discuss how you can *further IFCS' mission to alleviate hunger for generations to come*.

Will you make a gift today, commit to a recurring donation, or build hunger alleviation into your legacy/estate planning? Every contribution makes a difference, and offers a sense of hope that we can prepare for the future as a *community*. Thank you for your consideration, for all you've done to sustain IFCS since 1964, and for joining us in celebrating this milestone 60th anniversary!

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Alm
Board President



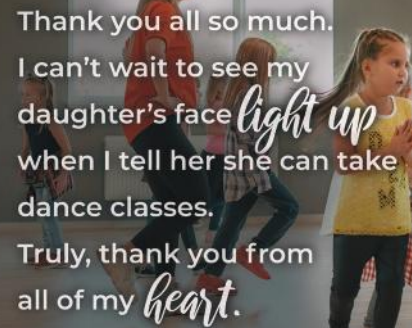
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ONE CAN, TWO CAN, WHO CAN, YOU CAN!



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Thank you all so much.
I can't wait to see my daughter's face *light up* when I tell her she can take dance classes.
Truly, thank you from all of my *heart*.

C.B. · IFCS PROGRAM PARTICIPANT



Me gusta poder interactuar con la gente de mi propia *comunidad*.
I like that I get to interact with people in my own *community*.

VALERIA MIRANDA · IFCS VOLUNTEER & FORMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

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OR VISIT
IFCS.ORG/COMPASSION-PARTNERS



3 EXPLORE WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY

OR VISIT
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