

*A little giving goes a long way*

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## **AURORA ORGANIC DAIRY DONATES ORGANIC MILK TO COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE**

This week Aurora Organic Dairy donated two pallets, roughly 800 half gallons, of nutritious organic milk to Community Food Share, with a retail value of \$3,000. Aurora Organic Dairy is based in Boulder, and operates organic dairy farms in Platteville and Gill, Colorado, as well as an organic-dedicated milk processing facility in Platteville.

Long known for supporting local community non-profits, Mark Retzliff, Chairman of Aurora Organic Dairy, commented, *"Now, more than ever, people need a little extra help to provide their families with high-quality, protein rich foods."* He added, *"We applaud the great work of Community Food Share and plan to continue to provide regular donations of organic milk, butter, and beef to our local food banks so that we may share with the communities that have supported us over the years."*

Community Food Share is experiencing a significant increase in demand for food from its 57 Member Agencies, such as EFAA, the Boulder County Shelter for the Homeless, the O.U.R Center, and the Sister Carmen Center, and its own Direct Service programs. At the same time, the cost of acquiring food is getting more expensive. Procuring enough food to meet the dramatically growing need in our community will be Community Food Share's most difficult challenge as the recession worsens. *"In the first two months of the new year, we are already distributing more food per month than in the past, to more people than ever before,"* noted Jim Baldwin, CEO of Community Food Share. *"The main thing is to keep our doors open and our services flowing, and support from local donors like Aurora Organic Dairy will help us do just that."*

### **About Community Food Share**

Community Food Share exists to ensure that no one in Boulder and Broomfield counties goes hungry. Now in our 28th year of service, Community Food Share distributes food to those in need through a network of 57 Member Agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and emergency food box programs, and several of its own Direct Service programs targeting specific at-risk populations.

All food is distributed free of charge. In 2008, Community Food Share distributed over 5.3 million meals (1 pound = 1 meal), 800,000 more meals than in 2007. Poverty in our community is greater than most people think. There are over 45,000 people in Boulder and Broomfield counties living at or below the poverty level for our area (\$27,500/year for a family of four), and 10,000 children are enrolled in the School Free Lunch program in the Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley school districts. For more information, please visit: [www.communityfoodshare.org](http://www.communityfoodshare.org).

***About Aurora Organic Dairy***

Aurora Organic Dairy's mission is making high-quality organic milk and butter more affordable and available for American families. The company is a leading producer of private-label and store-brand organic milk and butter. The organic production company includes headquarter offices in Boulder, Colorado, five organic dairy farms in Colorado and Texas, and an on-farm organic dairy processing plant near Platteville, Colorado. For more information, please visit: [www.auroraorganic.com](http://www.auroraorganic.com).

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