

April 21, 2010

To The Editor,

In the City of Longmont Proclamation establishing April 2-14, 2010 as “Community Food Share Food Drive Week,” it states: *“Whereas, Longmont citizens are a very generous and compassionate people.”* Those words ring true every year at Community Food Share.

On behalf of Community Food Share, our Board of Directors, staff, and our 58 Member Agencies, I would like to thank all those who helped make the 22nd Annual *“Hunger Hurts the Whole Community”* food drive so successful. This drive brought in 66,859 pounds of food and \$5,656. Community Food Share can distribute four meals for every dollar donated, and one pound equals one meal. Together these generous donations represent over 89,000 meals for those in need. Despite the challenging economy, this food drive brought in slightly more meals than last year – *thank you all!*

Once again, we are very grateful to the Times-Call for sponsoring *“Hunger Hurts”* and to Karen Friesner, Magdalena Wegrzyn, and John Vahlenkamp for their dedication, excellent and extensive coverage and public awareness ads, and for the many hours they devoted to the drive. Also, our appreciation to the Times-Call for donating the time of two employees each morning to pick up food from the stores and deliver it to our warehouse.

We also thank all those who provided drop-off sites: Clark’s Food Store, King Soopers, Niwot Market, Pantry Market, St. Vrain Market, Times-Call, and Lafayette and Longmont Wal-Mart Super Centers.

We owe a great deal to the over 550 volunteers involved in this very large food drive: the store greeters, drivers, and sorters, without whom this food drive could never have occurred. Together they donated 1,505 volunteer hours.

Finally, we thank all those who took the time to contribute food and dollars so generously so that others would not have to go without.

Jim Baldwin, CEO
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