

COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2009

- **Food Distribution To Date.** As of November 2009, we have distributed 6,103,227 meals; 1,219,815 more meals than the same time in 2008. This represents a 25% increase.
- **Distribution Break Out. Member Agencies.** 64% of total distribution, 3,880,187 meals. **Direct Service:** 36% of total distribution, 2,223,040 meals.
- **Projected 2009 Distribution.** 6.6 million meals.
- **Value of Food Distributed to Date.** \$9,154,840
- **Feeding Families Warehouse Distribution Program.** Currently 615 families “shop” per week. Total distribution November YTD was 1,840,870 meals. *Total 2008 distribution was 1,390,132 meals.*
- **2009 Total Distribution by City**

55%	Longmont	1%	Louisville
26%	Boulder	1%	Mountains
11%	Lafayette	1%	Other
5%	Broomfield		
- **2009 Total Distribution by Food Guide Pyramid**

25%	Dairy	9%	Fats & Sweets
23%	Vegetables	2%	Soups/Baby Food
14%	Fruit	1%	Non-food
13%	Protein	1%	Isolation
12%	Grain		
- **Donations**

November 2009:	\$147,289 vs \$134,600 in 2008
November YTD 2009:	\$1,541,000 vs \$1,222,980 in 2008

The Face of Need – An Elderly Couple’s Struggle

Joe and Sugar have been Elder Share Members for seven years. After working for years and now retired, Joe and Sugar represent the essence of the Elder Share program – the elderly who live on a fixed income which does not cover all of their monthly expenses. The supplemental groceries they receive from the Elder Share program are critical to their livelihood. After all of their bills are paid at the end of each month, they are able to use the small amount of extra money to buy a few groceries which they supplement with Elder Share groceries. Sugar commented, *“Having enough food on the table without Elder Share would be very tight, if not impossible.”* Both are extremely happy with the Elder Share program and make use of all of the food they receive, from the canned food items to fresh produce. John remarked *“we love receiving cheese and potatoes!”*

Like many Elder Share Members, not only have they been long time Members, but both John and Sugar also volunteer at each distribution. They help set up the food for other Members who live in the same apartment building and particularly enjoy being able to give Community Food Share a hand during the twice a month distributions.