

MEDIA ADVISORY

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500 families to receive Thanksgiving meals from Pikes Peak United Way, Care and Share Food Bank

Nov. 23, 2020 — Pikes Peak United Way and Care and Share Food Bank will hold a free food distribution Wednesday with enough turkeys, produce, milk and other supplies to feed 500 families for Thanksgiving. The distribution is at Mitchell High School, 1205 Potter Drive. It begins at 10:30 a.m. and will last until the food runs out.

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit the Pikes Peak region, PPUW and Care and Share's twice-monthly food distributions at Mitchell High School became essential to addressing the growing problem of student hunger. This spring, we quickly went from giving out 10,000 pounds of food at each distribution to 35,000 pounds. Each distribution serves 400 to 500 families.

Due to the pandemic, the distributions are drive up-style. Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles and follow traffic instructions from our volunteers once they arrive. A separate line is available for those who walk or take the bus.

This is a bonus distribution held on one of our off weeks to ensure that families in need have enough food for the holiday.

The 500 Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors in need wouldn't be possible without Safeway. Through its Turkey Bucks program, Safeway has provided turkey meals that consist of a turkey breast, gravy, stuffing and mashed potatoes — enough to feed 4 to 5 people. A photo of the food included in the meals is attached.

Members of the media are invited to attend the distribution but asked not to publicize it ahead of time. Representatives from Pikes Peak United Way and Care and Share will be available for interviews.

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Pikes Peak United Way Mission: To enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies intently focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter and learning resources for all.
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About Care and Share Food Bank

At Care and Share Food Bank, we believe that no one should go hungry. Every day, we provide food to our partner food pantries and meal sites across Southern Colorado to serve families, children, and seniors in need because well-fed communities are better for all of us. Care and Share is a member of Feeding America, a national food bank association. Every year, Care and Share distributes more than 18 million pounds of food to 267 partner agencies throughout 31 counties in Southern Colorado.

