



IMPACT report

○ VOLUME 2 | ○ SPRING | ○ 2020

HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES AN IMPACT

The economic impacts of the coronavirus have fallen quickly and heavily across our community. **People who were already on the brink of poverty and homelessness have been pushed to the edge, meaning the work we do together is more important than ever.** The financial hardships of this pandemic will last much longer than the virus itself, but together, we form a safety net that will ensure the most vulnerable do not fall through the cracks.

What has happened so far

IN BOULDER

OVER 2,500 KIDS LOST FREE-AND-REDUCED LUNCH.

Families facing food insecurity often rely on five days worth of school-provided meals to keep their children from becoming hungry — but with schools closed, families are left to fill the gap through emergency food distribution.

IN COLORADO

AN OVER 2,000% INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS.

As of April 9th, more than 147,000 unemployment claims have been submitted in Colorado, an exponential increase from this time last year. At the height of the 2008 recession, there were only 7,700 unemployment claims.

AROUND THE WORLD

POVERTY EXACERBATES THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.

People with low-incomes are hit the heaviest by the coronavirus. Low-wage jobs are less likely to have remote work options, provide paid sick leave, or include sufficient healthcare benefits. These inequalities cause a rippling effect throughout our society, worsening health outcomes for everyone.

WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT

**40% INCREASE
IN EMERGENCY
FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

EFAA is increasing the amount of emergency food to ensure that people facing economic hardship throughout this pandemic do not go hungry because of it. **This will allow us to serve 350-400 households per week**, meeting the increased demand for services.

**NEARLY \$700,000
IN EMERGENCY
FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE
DEPLOYED TO
800 HOUSEHOLDS**

Between April and June, EFAA aims to nearly double the amount of financial assistance for families and individuals to help mitigate the effects of the coronavirus. This will help people in our community stay in their homes, keep the heat on, and access critical medical care.

**SUPPORTING
FAMILIES
BY PROVIDING
HOUSING AND FOOD**

For people experiencing poverty who already endure toxic stress in their day-to-day lives, this pandemic can lead to heightened levels of anxiety. **Our work helps mitigate this stress by ensuring our most basic human needs — food and shelter — are accounted for, while providing the wraparound resources and support people need to navigate this crisis.**

HOW *You* CAN HELP

Your donations will bolster our ability to respond to the increased need and offers us the greatest flexibility to direct funds where they are needed most.

In order to achieve our goals, we need your help to raise an additional \$400,000 by June 30th.



Thanks to the generosity of a local Boulder family, your gift will be MATCHED up to \$200,000!

Your donation will help:

- Provide hundreds of grab-and-go food bags per week to people in need in our community.
- Double emergency financial assistance to prevent evictions, access medical care, and prevent utility shut-offs for our neighbors.
- Allow EFAA to continue to develop innovative solutions to provide essential support at a time when people need us the most.

» GIVE NOW «



AT EFAA, WE BELIEVE OUR COMMUNITY IS RESILIENT, AND THAT WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS — **TOGETHER.**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT AT THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT.

