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EFAA in Need of Food Amidst Supply Chain Shortages

June 30, 2022 BOULDER, CO – Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA), the City of Boulder’s largest food bank, is experiencing an extreme shortage of food and having trouble keeping its shelves stocked.

This comes at a time when community need is higher than ever before. Right now, EFAA is seeing a higher weekly visitation to its food bank compared to the worst of the pandemic. Thousands of people in Boulder rely on EFAA to meet their needs for nutritious food, and this shortage will have major consequences for local families.

Ongoing supply chain issues that have impacted grocery stores’ stock levels for months are finally beginning to impact purchased product at regional food banks, including ones that EFAA relies on for the majority of its food. As a result, food deliveries are being pushed back at least a month, meaning that food banks like EFAA’s will see a decrease in availability and variety in most, if not all, non-perishable food products (such as pasta, tomato sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, and beans). These delays will likely continue well into August.

In addition, the government food assistance grant that EFAA relies on to purchase perishable produce, such as meat and eggs, ends this month.

With these factors at play, EFAA is calling on the community to take action to ensure local families continue to have access to critical food assistance.

Here is how you can help:

1. **Donate food.** EFAA accepts packaged goods up to one year past expiration. Perishable food items should be in good condition with little to no bruising or damage. EFAA also accepts toiletries and household products. Drop off food at 1575 Yarmouth Ave in North Boulder Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30am. You can also purchase on EFAA’s Amazon Wishlist at www.efaa.org/donate/food.
2. **Host a food drive.** Organize a food drive with your school, faith community, workplace, or neighborhood. Learn more here: <https://www.efaa.org/donate/food/>

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EFAA is building a community where all of our neighbors can meet their basic needs springboard themselves and their children out of poverty. For over 100 years, EFAA has served as Boulder County’s



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safety net, working in collaboration with volunteers, donors, partners, and participants. We ensure our community has access to food, housing, and other resources to move toward financial stability and resilience. When families thrive, our community is stronger. For more information, please visit www.efaa.org or connect with EFAA Boulder on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.