



Harvest of Hope Pantry opened its doors in 2012 with the sole mission of food assistance. The pantry provides healthy, supplemental food to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. By offering separate shopping times for those with kitchens and those without kitchens, the needs of both populations are addressed.

It's been projected that the overall food insecurity rate in Boulder County went up by more than one-third in 2020. During that same time, the projected child food insecurity rate increased by almost two-thirds to over 15%. Another recent study found that almost 2 out of every 5 Coloradans now lack reliable access to nutritious food. Over half of all renters in the metro area pay more than 30% of their income for housing, and 30% are severely housing-cost burdened, paying more than half of their income just for rent.

Harvest of Hope helps relieve the burden and stress of food insecurity by allowing clients the opportunity to redirect scarce funds toward paying their bills, rather than having to spend money on food. In 2020, the pantry served 2738 people in over 25,000 shopping visits, distributing 387,855 lbs of healthy, nutritious supplemental food with a wholesale value of almost \$675,000. 383 volunteers generously contributed 11,000 hours of their time - equivalent to more than five full time staff.

Volunteer interest:

Volunteers are the heart of our organization. We need your help to achieve the goal of relieving the stress of food insecurity!

Volunteer opportunities are on weekdays at the pantry, Mon-Fri, 8:30-11:15am and 11:30-2:15pm, and occasionally there is an opening on Thursday evening, 4:15-6:45pm. Volunteer Runners are taking and delivering orders curbside. Grocery Packing volunteers work in back in small groups. Check-in desk volunteers work on the computer from a list.

All volunteers must be at least 12 years old, and those under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Court-ordered community service or restorative justice volunteers need to be over 18, not a current client of the pantry, and to tell us the charge, not all are eligible for service here.

I would like to invite you to attend a training shift here at the pantry. You can see the next sessions and sign-up at signupgenius.com/go/9040f4eafaf2da4fa7-volunteer. You can always find more information on our website: hopepantry.org.