



The last five months have presented Food Bank of the Rockies with a perfect storm. And the headwinds have been strong: a global health crisis; a racial equity time of reckoning; and a food crisis unlike anything we've seen since the Great Depression.

Thanks to our generous supporters, community partnerships and volunteers we have been a vital resource for our community. Food Bank of the Rockies is now distributing 90% more food than in mid-March, enough food for nearly 300,000 meals every single day. We've added drivers, warehouse staff, a night shift, and an additional facility. We have said "yes" to dozens of new partnerships as we find creative ways to serve kids, older adults, and many people who have never previously needed help with food. And we are doing so with an equity lens on our operations and partnerships.

When COVID-19 hit, food bank quickly ramped up food distributions and tripled our monthly food purchasing, thinking this would be a three- to six-month response operation. Now, at five months in and no end in sight, food bank is shifting the mindset to long-term and sustainable despite our trepidation about our operating budget that already grew by 50% and our reliance on volunteers.

As we look toward the future, we do so with an unwavering commitment that we will be here for as long as it takes. And we have faith that you'll continue to be here right alongside us with your continued support.

This crisis has made us focus on what matters most – who we're serving and who is making it possible. On behalf of our dedicated staff team and our strategic board of directors, we thank each and every one of you for extending your goodwill through volunteerism and financial support in this tremendous time of need. Thanks to you, we're facing this storm head-on and bracing for those continued, strong headwinds. For we know that we are stronger together.

Thank you.