

Always Seeking a Good Samaritan

The story of the Good Samaritan is how Jesus described what it means to **love your neighbor**. He didn't focus on a theological definition, but a life situation. How does this love for neighbor apply to us today?

In the Estes Valley we have hundreds of people being referred to us each month that are stripped of resources and beaten up by the realities of life on the road to Damascus. Once we receive them we assess their needs and offer them the critical help that they need to recover. We're serving in a role similar to that of the Inn Keeper, but not everyone being referred to Crossroads is leaving money to help us care for the wounded. We need more people to make more deposits in order for us to keep up with the demands of the needs coming in for assistance.

The Good Samaritan began a relationship with the wounded individual and it continued to develop as he carried him to the Inn, left money to cover his care, and later returned to make sure he was okay. A relationship started at the point of need and continued throughout their journey together.

Even though we love what we do at Crossroads, we can't afford to continue paying for everything without financial assistance from individuals who believe in what we're doing. We rely heavily on our professionally trained staff that is present every day to receive our neighbors in need.

They direct programs and give leadership to our volunteers to accomplish the great work we've been called to do. We want to be there for our neighbors in their time of need for many years to come.

Every program and service that we provide has a price tag and we've been able to make it happen over the last 36 years, but it hasn't come without financial contributions from people like you. As you can imagine we lose a few donors every month for a variety of reasons due to job transfers, moving out of the area, health issues, etc., so if you're a current donor with us, we want to thank you and also ask if you would consider increasing your donation amount as we make every effort to keep up with the costs associated with helping our neighbors. If you are not a financial partner yet, then I invite you to join us in loving our neighbors who are experiencing a difficult season in life. We have redesigned our donation envelope, so take a look at it and send us as much information as you would like us to have about you.

Every time I have the privilege of shaking hands with the people we are helping I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous givers that make all of this possible. Thank you for giving!



Brian Schaffer
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Executive Director

4th of July Pancake Breakfast

Over 450 people gathered on July 4th for food and fellowship that **raised \$4,800** to help persons in need through Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park. We also received 160 pounds of non-perishable food to stock our pantry shelves. The breakfast was prepared by the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

We deeply appreciate all of our sponsors that make this event possible: Estes Park Rent All, Egg & I, The Wapiti Colorado Pub, Starbuck's, Rambo's, Hobert Office Services, Unlnk, EP News, and The EP Trail-Gazette.

Our volunteers are the heart of Crossroads Ministry and they certainly stepped up to serve our community during this event. We had board members, youth from the YMCA, and various other individuals that helped carry the load. Thank you!

Extra Special
Thank You to
**Gene & Lisa
Whannel**
for their awesome
coordination
efforts



Off to a Great Start

We are in our first year of operating the Meals on Wheels program and it has been very rewarding for us. Our volunteers are delivering hot nutritious meals with loving care that sweetens the relationship with those who receive them. Over 70% of our neighbors who receive meals are 80 years of age and older. It's so heartwarming to hear the stories from our coordinator, Michelle Purdy. She told me about a special lady that was in the hospital for a period of time and once released she was unable to come to the door for her meals, so the delivery driver would enter the house with her permission and carry the meal to her where she was seated. Within a couple weeks she had gained her strength back and one day she was waiting at the door for the driver that was delivering her meal. She was overjoyed to open the door and let him know how the meals had helped her gain back her strength, and that she was back to where she was before the pneumonia took over her body. It's amazing to watch the bonding of two people come together when neighbors choose to help each other in their time of need.



Would you consider sponsoring a person with monthly meals for \$100?

ESTES VALLEY MEALS ON WHEELS

A Service of Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc.

Our Meals on Wheels program provides a vital service to our community and we are committed to keep this rolling. \$100 a month will provide a hungry neighbor with 20 meals. It doesn't seem like a lot, but it is when you're on a fixed income. We have individuals right now who can't prepare meals for themselves nor can they cover the cost of our meals, but we are making up the difference and providing them from the funds that we have been given.

Our Mission

to practice Christian love by providing basic human services to Estes Valley residents in need

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God's Grace Poured Out On Our Community 5 Years Later



Starting on September 9, 2013, a slow-moving cold front stalled over Colorado, clashing with warm humid monsoonal air from the south resulting in heavy rain and catastrophic flooding. By September 12, our community was organizing to help those caught in this disaster. Churches, businesses, and individuals opened their doors to those needing housing. The Salvation Army and Crossroads supplied food and other immediate help as needed, but as each day dawned the scope of the devastation began to sink in.

How could we ever rebuild the damaged homes, roads, water systems, and broken dreams of our residents? The task seemed impossible, but nothing is impossible for God. People from all walks of life came together volunteering for what they could do. Soon a strong team formed and Rocky Church volunteered its pastor, Chris Moody, to oversee all the components needed for rebuilding.

Identifying needs, providing relief to isolated areas, organizing work

teams, procuring material and machines needed, are a few of the many tasks of Chris and his volunteers.

At the same time almost \$450,000 of donations and grants were pouring in from generous donors. Because of the reputation and extent of Crossroads services, the Town of Estes Park asked Crossroads to receive and administer these funds to assist persons with flood related needs. During the next 3 years Crossroads assessed needs and provided funds for debris removal, household item replacements, water tanks, mold remediation, home repairs, transportation, and medical services. In addition, Crossroads helped with rent, mortgage payments, and temporary housing for displaced families. Crossroads was a vital piece in the reconstruction of our community. With love and care, case managers listened to individual stories and provided as much relief as possible to those struggling to get back on their feet.

What lies in the future is unknown; but with God's help, the Crossroads team will be ready to love and serve our neighbors in the Estes Valley regardless of the scope of the next challenge.



Vintage 2018

Once again, The Dunraven Inn invites you to a unique benefit for Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park.

Vintage 2018 will be held on **Sunday, October 28th, 4pm-7pm**

Enjoy an evening of food, wine tasting, music, and a lively auction of fabulous items. Your ticket purchase of \$100 enters you in a chance to win a travel voucher to any destination of your choice valued at \$6000 through Columbine Travel Agency! You need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE

Dunraven Inn 2470 Colorado 66, Estes Park or by calling Brian at Crossroads (970-577-0610)



Cleone Beall

A great big thank you to **Cleone Beall** for her many years of giving leadership to our Donation Jars that are spread throughout our town in restaurants and businesses.



13 kids from Crossroads were given scholarships through the Salvation Army to attend High Peak Camp in July. 112 students received backpacks and much needed school supplies through a partnership with Crossroads and Bright Christmas. Additional supplies were given to area schools to meet needs that come up during the school year!



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Have a COAT? Need a COAT?

Now accepting donations



Crossroad's Annual Coat Distribution will be held **Friday, October 5, 10 am-4 pm**. If you have new or gently used items to donate, please bring them to Crossroads Ministry before Friday, September 28. Besides coats, Crossroads is accepting warm scarves, winter hats, mittens, gloves, and sweaters (all in good to excellent condition). Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Jan and Carolyn Evans

A shout out to **Jan and Carolyn Evans** for publishing our first newsletter over 10 years ago and for their faithful service since this time. Thank you for being a blessing!

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