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Dec. 6th, 2022

## Locking Arms & Feeling Grateful

As we finish up our 40th year as an organization we are extremely grateful for the people who lock arms with us in taking care of our neighbors. We continue to extend our reach into areas where great needs exist with high school students who are literally homeless, families on the verge of losing their housing and taking on the joyous task of helping Ukrainians resettle into our community. It doesn't matter where you come from or who you are, we are here to make sure the basic needs of our neighbors are being met.

Our food pantry continues to serve high volumes of Neighbors as soaring food prices increase the need for them to supplement their food supplies. Requests from our students for food bags to take home over the weekend and classroom snacks are at an all-time high. There are countless ways that people are depending on us. And it's not just individuals depending on us, we are also woven into the wrap around care that other organizations offer to our community through our various partnerships and referrals.

During times of caution, it is normal for us to focus on our own needs. I trust you are doing well and if so, it's a time to be thankful. Right now in the Estes Valley, there are people struggling to sustain housing, medical

care, reliable transportation, childcare and most importantly a sufficient amount of food to feed their family. At Crossroads, we are doing all that we can to take care of the most pressing needs and will do as much as we possibly can to ensure we never turn anyone away. This is where you can help carry a portion of the load by partnering with us.



As you think about your current financial standing, I would like to ask you to consider giving a significant gift to help feed a family and keep them housed throughout the winter. I know you have options of where to give, so we would be honored if you chose to give to us. We have matching funds available until 12.31.22, so now is a great time to maximize your giving. We want you to know that we really do appreciate you!

*Brian Schaffer*

**BRIAN SCHAFFER**, Executive Director

Nataliya picking up family members from Ukraine



We partner with Terry Leija who distributes food bags to students each weekend



Iryna with her child and family members



## EXPRESSION of GRATITUDE

*"I wanted to express my gratitude and let you know how your kindness, hard work and presence has affected me and my daughter. We came to Estes Park a year ago in the midst of separating from her dad. I worked as a summer ranger at RMNP and all was fine until the season ended. Without a Park job, I no longer made much of an income and we had to move to a much more expensive rental outside the Park. The*



*expenses of moving across the country had taken its toll so I turned to Crossroads for help. And help you did! You provided much needed nourishment; especially after we spent most of October eating canned soup, cereal and salad. But you provided a whole lot more than that. As winter set in, I experienced a period of extreme anxiety and isolation. It was hard to get outside with a 4-year old and the days became long with just her and me in the house. But, throughout it all, I knew that you were there and every week we would stop by to get some groceries and spend far too long playing with the toys and reading your books. It was good for my daughter to get to play with some different toys. It was good for me to be around someone who was not 4. It was good for both of us to get out of the house. Very slowly, things changed. The anxiety lessened a bit. Days grew warmer and longer, so we could play outside again. During the tough economic times, I realized that we're more fortunate than others—I still had a job, we had food stamps and we weren't in a vulnerable place anymore. It was time for us to step back and let someone else have our place at Crossroad's table—at least for now. But, we miss visiting you and do want you to know how grateful we are. Thank you!"*

## EXPRESSION of GRATITUDE

*"I have my own place!!! I have to make a list of things I need (gosh you just don't even realize how many things are necessities). All I have is clothes. This is the first time I am doing it on "my own" and can't wait to get on my feet! I have a safe haven that is now mine thanks to you and everyone at Crossroads. You all have literally be such a God Send for me."*



Andy Morgan hosts our Vintage fundraiser at the Dunraven



EXPRESSION of **GRATITUDE**

"My family and I would just like to thank you for all the support and guidance you have offered us over the last two months. I know it has been hard for a lot of people all over the world. It has made the biggest difference in me and my family. We would not have made it without your help."



EXPRESSION of **GRATITUDE**

"I struggled with negative events and circumstances in my life. My husband had committed suicide, and this led to mental health problems for me. I had not cleaned my house for over a year. I had lost a handle on it and needed help. Crossroads came to my rescue. You guys paid for a cleaning service that specializes in a situation like mine. I was facing an eviction due to the condition of my apartment. Because of Crossroads' help, the eviction was dismissed. I am 72 years old and an eviction would have made it difficult to rent a decent apartment, if not impossible for me to continue living in Estes Park. You saved my life by keeping me safe and peaceful in my apartment."

**Our Mission**

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

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*Luke 6:38 NLT*

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."



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*Your financial gift is providing food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, care of the sick, and hope for the weary. We are committed to lovingly journey with neighbors in need for as long as it takes to help them get to a place of self-reliance. Your regular giving allows us to uphold our promise to the kids, teens, and families we serve, and ensures that Crossroads is sustainable for years to come.*

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Ribbon cutting at our new building



Our new building is filled with people every day!



### EXPRESSION of **GRATITUDE**

*"I cannot even begin to express how much I appreciate all you've done for me during this sudden turn of events when I broke my ankle. What a huge help it was to get a big part of my rent paid for two months. Thank you! I am within 3 weeks of being able to go back to work. Will be so grateful for that."*