

# Fear is NOT our neighbor's future

Fear is not our neighbor's future. Sickness is not their story. Heartbreak is not their home. And, brokenness should never be the best they can do. We believe hope is possible. Hope lives here: **Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park.**

When Crossroads knocks on a neighbor's door, they are opening the door to hope. Hope from fear, sickness, heartbreak, brokenness, and poverty. Hope for a future, opportunities, and a new life. The key to saying hello to hope is through relationships. **Every year, Crossroads impacts the lives of over 350 families**, seeking to truly understand the struggles and needs of our neighbors and meeting them where they are but not allowing them to stay there. Crossroads is the good neighbor that brings relief and care when the tides feel overwhelming and consuming. We meet them in the midst of the uncertainties, failures, hurts, and pain and walk alongside them to see a new horizon.

Relationships fight the fears brought about by loneliness, isolation, and insecurities, helping our neighbors feel seen, heard, and loved. Yes, when a neighbor opens their door to Crossroads, they are opening the door to a new life of possibilities; they open the door and say,

"hello HOPE."



Brian Schaffer  
**BRIAN SCHAFFER**  
Executive Director

**NEIGHBORS in NEED**  
**Challenge**  
**DOUBLE your DONATION**  
**\$100,000 MATCHING GRANT**  
available during APRIL and MAY



Consider making a financial donation as an investment in the lives of our neighbors. Right now, is the best time to give, because we have a matching program going on that doubles each donation up to \$100,000. Spreading a little love goes a long way at Crossroads! Thank you for whatever you can give!



# Crossroads Ministry made an impact in 2023

## Family Support

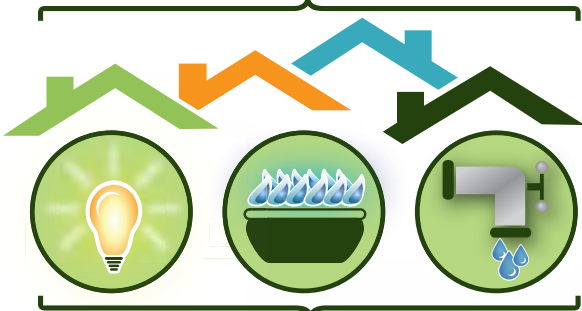


**356** FAMILIES

comprising 767 unduplicated individuals (518 adults and 249 children) in the Estes Valley, received assistance from Crossroads.

## Family Support

**128** RENT & MORTGAGE PAYMENTS MADE  
**\$142,246**



**82** ELECTRIC, GAS, WATER utility bills paid  
**\$38,718**

## SupportinG NEW families



**14**  
**UKRAINIAN** refugees  
resettled in Estes Park.

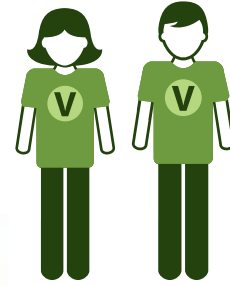
## SupportinG NEW families



**168**  
**New Families**  
came to us needing services

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

**6,958** HOURS  
served in 2023 valued  
at **\$208,392.**



## SEASONAL NEEDS



**394**

coats and winter gear given out through a partnership with Village Thrift Shop.

## SEASONAL NEEDS

**12** PARTICIPANTS  
in Community Food  
Outreach Program.



## SEASONAL NEEDS



**163** CHILDREN  
given backpacks full  
of school supplies  
through a partnership  
with Bright Christmas.

**134** FAMILIES  
(representing 286 children)  
assisted through  
a partnership with  
Bright Christmas.



## SEASONAL NEEDS

## HUNGER PREVENTION



**150** FOOD BOXES  
distributed at  
Thanksgiving Blessing.

**DOUBLE**  
**YOUR**  
**DONATION**  
**\$100,000**  
Matching funds  
available  
thru 5.31.24

## Our Mission

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

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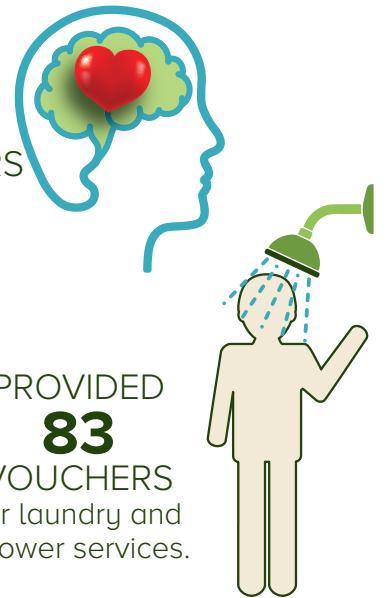
HUNGER PREVENTION

**150,142** POUNDS of Food Distributed.  
*\*Represents 50,147 bags of groceries.*



PERSONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

PROVIDED **148** HOURS of mental health counseling services.



HUNGER PREVENTION

**64** AVERAGE NUMBER OF FOOD BAGS provided for students each week through Estes Pak Program.



PERSONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

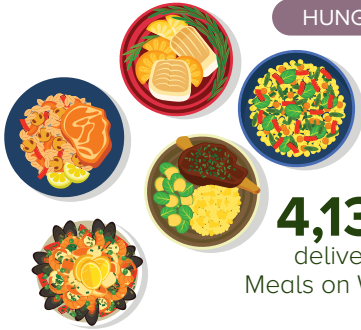


PROVIDED **83** VOUCHERS for laundry and shower services.



HUNGER PREVENTION

**4,136** MEALS delivered through Meals on Wheels program.



PERSONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

ASSISTED **68** INDIVIDUALS with medical support services.



PERSONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

PROVIDED OVER **8,000** nutritional snack items to students throughout the year.



PERSONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

ASSISTED **59** INDIVIDUALS with auto repairs.



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and the Community

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc.**

ONLINE DONATIONS CAN BE SET UP USING A CREDIT CARD AT [www.CrossroadsEP.org/GIVE](http://www.CrossroadsEP.org/GIVE)



MAIL TO: **1753 Wildfire Road, Estes Park, CO 80517**

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.

## Helping clients get back on their feet

61-year-old Reba Brewington is a former schoolteacher who describes herself as “a strong, self-sufficient woman now. But back in 2018, I was a mess. I was in a financial disaster, and I was suicidal,” she recalled.

She didn’t have a permanent home and didn’t know how to manage the limited income of disability and retirement she receives each month.

She started going to SummitStone for her mental health. A friend in Estes Park told her about Crossroads Ministry.

“Crossroads has helped me in so many ways,” Reba stressed. “They helped buy some medical supplies. They got me a set of all-weather tires to help me get around better. I took a Money Management class.”

Crossroads helped her find a one-bedroom apartment in an income-based complex for seniors and people who are disabled.

“They helped me with a deposit and some furnishings for my apartment. It’s been so great,” Reba said. “It’s plenty for me and my cat.”

To help make ends meet, Reba still comes once a week to the Crossroads food pantry, The Market.

“It’s wonderful,” she commented. “They have so much good, healthy food and other things like paper products and pet food. The community donates well. There’s just so much selection. Everybody treats us with such dignity.”

Reba pointed out that Crossroads is not only a place for people to find basic necessities. Clients also receive encouragement and Christian fellowship.

“Not once have I ever been made to feel ashamed of the position that I was in,” she said. “All through these five years, Crossroads has been by my side. If they are in need, people should feel confident and assured they will be treated with respect.”

Reba has made so much progress that she plans on stopping her use of The Market at the end of 2024. In the future, she plans to work as a volunteer at Crossroads, helping her neighbors in need.

She is a great example of the way we all experience seasons. Sometimes we are the ones giving help. Sometimes we need to receive help.

