



Denver Emergency Food Relief Fund Report for Lincoln Hills Cares:

In December of 2021, Lincoln Hills Cares Pathways Program led a food distribution effort with \$100,000.00 in support from the City and County of Denver Emergency Food Relief Fund (DEFRF). Braylen Aldridge and Jamar Holmes from Lincoln Hills Cares led the food distribution process.

Lincoln Hills Cares primary community partners in this work included:

Mo Betta Green Marketplace.
People's Community Food Projects.
RAMERC (Robert A Miller Resource Center)

The fiscal sponsor for this effort with funding from the City and County of Denver was the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (CNDC).

Other important community partners include:

D3 Arts
Chocolate Cultura
East Denver Food Hub
Strive Prep at Kepner Middle School
Project Angel Heart
Food Bank of the Rockies
Sprouts Market

Our food distribution effort focused on providing healthy, fresh, and locally sourced food to lower income residents in southwest and northeast Denver, Colorado.

In southwest Denver, an exciting event we were able to support with healthy food was the Stive Kepner Middle School Resource Fair.



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Hundreds of young people and families were able to pick up healthy food for the holidays through this resource fair.

Strive Prep-Kepner Demographics:

93% Economically Disadvantaged

96% People of Color Enrollment

Lincoln Hills Cares also supported two Community Events in Westwood on Morrison Road.

Westwood neighborhood demographics:

88% People of Color

23% Non-English Speakers

46% Births to foreign mothers

87% Children qualify for free and reduced lunch

At the community events we support women led business and local vendors to distribute fresh vegan and healthy food to neighbors.



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In northeast Denver, Lincoln Hills Cares used a food box program to distribute healthy and fresh vegetables, fungi, bread, beans, beef and chicken with various fruits and dairy to lower income neighbors in our community.



Purchasing food in bulk from the Northeast Denver Food Hub, the Lincoln Hills Cares Team and Community Partners distributed a total of:

336 Boxes of Food to low-income neighbors and families.

An example of a neighbor who received food is Ms. Minerva. Ms. Minerva is a cook for her local retirement home, and she used her food boxes to prepare holiday meals for the residents in the home.

“Thank you for the food donations, this means a lot to the people in our building”.

Ms. Minerva



(Ms Beverly Grant from Mo Betta Green Marketplace with other black women leaders including Ms. Pam Washington from People’s Community Food Projects and Talia Abdullah at Girltrek.)



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Our community partners are women led business who connect community to health through food. These women of northeast Denver identify as black and have deep relationships in Denver's black community.

Our community partners in Westwood are long-time residents and residents of Denver's brown community. Many identify as indigenous; some identify as Hispanic, and others identify as Chicano.

Our partners in northeast and southwest Denver represent the communities that we serve and are instrumental in accomplishing the Lincoln Hills Cares Pathways Programs goal of healthy communities.

We are very grateful for this funding and this opportunity to provide healthy food to lower income neighbors in Denver, Colorado. Often, our health work involves growing fresh food in urban gardens and distributing food through pop up events and markets. Due to the global pandemic of COVID 19, we were able to connect a large amount of our families and neighbors to fresh foods over the holidays. Though the Lincoln Hills Cares Pathways Program will continue to focus on using nature as a tool for youth development, we are proud that our leaders are able to be fluid and lead new programs during times of need in our community.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lincoln Hills Cares Pathways Program.

Please let us know any questions and or concerns.

Shane Wright and Braylen Aldridge.

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