LEAF
Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund

2016 Annual Report
Executive Summary

Thank you for your interest and support of LEAF. Our mission is to provide a human services safety net for those in need in the greater Lyons area. Because of your support, LEAF is able to make a real difference in the lives of those in need in Lyons. Our organization continues to grow to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. In 2016, LEAF took over the Lyons Meals on Wheels program for a pilot year. We also started a Holiday Giving Tree program. Additionally, in 2016, LEAF officially became our own 501c3 nonprofit, graduating away from our fiscal sponsor Colorado Nonprofit Development Center. Thanks again for your interest and support of LEAF. We cannot do this work without you!

Pam Browning, President
LEAF Board of Directors

Emily Dusel
Executive Director

Financials

- TOTAL 2016 Revenue: $131,605
- TOTAL 2016 Expenses: $126,217
- % Of expenses as overhead: 15%
- Total value of in-kind support $25,000
The Lyons Community Food Pantry is open every Wednesday afternoon in downtown Lyons. The pantry is available to anyone who is in need within the greater Lyons area. Since many of our recipients often have limited transportation resources or health issues which make travel difficult, access to a local food pantry is of great importance.

2016 FOOD PANTRY DATA:

- 98% of clients at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Level
- 1,720 pantry visits (6% increase from previous year, 20% increase from 2014))
- 92 households, 198 individuals, 53 children
- 13,009 pounds of food collected outside of Community Food Share
- 35,878 pounds of food collected from Community Food Share
- 1,300 volunteer hours
The Basic Needs program offers resource matching and financial assistance to those in need in the Lyons area. Each LEAF client in the Basic Needs program works with LEAF staff to help them reach their goals of financial stability and self-reliance.

Basic Needs Program 2016 by the numbers:
- Total clients assisted - 93 households, 169 individuals, 57 children
- $5,740 provided toward housing needs such as rental assistance
- $1,444 provided toward medical and dental needs
- $2,148 provided toward transportation needs such as gas vouchers and car repairs
- $2,189 provided toward utility expenses
- $1,025 other direct client support such as funeral costs
Holiday Programs

Thanks to hundreds of community members and organizations, the holidays were filled with hope for local families in need this year. LEAF helped organize numerous efforts to make a big difference including local food drives, holiday giving baskets, and LEAF’s new program, the Holiday Giving Tree.

Holiday Programs in 2016 by the numbers:

• 89 individuals received Holiday Giving Tree gifts from their wish lists such as warm coats, boots, and toys
• 35 families received holiday baskets piled high with ham, fresh fruit, bread, canned goods and more through the annual collaboration with Higher Ground Ministries, LEAF, Lyons Elementary PTO, and the Sheriff’s office.
• 800 pounds of food were collected and donated to the food pantry from the Lyons Middle School Student Council
• 2,500 food items were donated to the Holiday Baskets and the food pantry by the Lyons Elementary School PTO
• 200+ pairs of socks were donated by the O’Brien’s “Sock it to ‘Em” collection
The Lyons Meals on Wheels program provides home-delivered meals to frail elderly people and disabled who are at risk of malnutrition because they have difficulty getting and preparing food. Lyons Meals on Wheels began operations on October 1, 2016 for a pilot year.

2016 (Since new program inception on October 1) MEALS ON WHEELS DATA:
• 11 unique clients
• 401 meals served
• 150 volunteer hours
Staff and Board of Directors

LEAF Board of Directors

Pam Browning, Chair
Tanya Daty, Vice President and Secretary
Peter Maves, Treasurer
Ellen Hine (retired from the board in 2016)
Meghan Pound
Maridy Dandeneau
Susan DeCastro-McCann
Heather Santasteban (joined board in 2017)

LEAF Staff
Emily Dusel, Executive Director

LEAF Lead Volunteers
Nancy Reckling, co-director, Lyons Community Food Pantry
Monique Sawyer-Lang, co-director, Lyons Community Food Pantry
Deb Tabor, administration, Lyons Community Food Pantry
Toni St. John, director, Lyons Meals on Wheels
Ann Low, assistant director, Lyons Meals on Wheels
Maridy Dandeneau, lead reception, Basic Needs & Resource Matching