2017 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 2017, LEAF permanently adopted the Lyons Meals on Wheels program. Additionally, 2017 marked the first full year of LEAF operating as 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 2017 Revenue: $177,174
- TOTAL 2017 Expenses: $133,538
- % Of expenses as overhead: 15%
- Total value of in-kind support $27,000

*Form 990 will be available on the LEAF website in May 2017
The Lyons Community Food Pantry is open every Wednesday afternoon in downtown Lyons. The pantry is available to anyone who is in need of food 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.

2017 FOOD PANTRY DATA:

- 97% of clients at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Level
- 1,650 pantry visits (4% decrease from previous year, 18% increase from 2014)
- 81 households, 167 individuals, 45 children
- 12,916 pounds of food collected outside of Community Food Share
- 34,085 pounds of food collected from Community Food Share
- 1,300 volunteer hours
Basic Needs Assistance Program

The Basic Needs Assistance program helps households who are in crisis meet their basic needs. Consultation services are provided by LEAF staff, which works with the household to identify and enroll in resources that will help meet basic needs. When all other forms of assistance have been exhausted, LEAF will provide basic needs assistance.

Basic Needs Assistance 2017 by the numbers:

- 434 consultation services provided
- 62 households, 124 individuals, and 43 children participated in the program
- 22 resource agencies including Boulder County Housing and Financial Counseling, Boulder County Healthy Kids & Adults, Boulder County Housing Stabilization Program, Area Agency on Aging, OUR Center, Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley, Lyons Volunteers, Mental Health Partners, and Colorado Community Health Alliance collaborated with LEAF
- $5,414 basic needs assistance provided toward housing needs such as rental assistance
- $1,538 basic needs assistance provided toward medical and dental needs
- $3,814 basic needs assistance provided toward transportation needs such as gas vouchers and car repairs
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 2017 by the numbers:

- 104 individuals received Holiday Giving Tree gifts from their wish lists such as warm coats, boots, and toys
- 34 families received holiday baskets piled high with ham, fresh fruit, bread, canned goods and more through the annual collaboration with Higher Ground Ministries, LEAF, and Lyons Elementary PTO
- 34 families received bags full of household goods such as toothpaste and laundry detergent from Lyons Middle/Senior High School
- 2,847 food items were donated to the Holiday Baskets and the food pantry by the Lyons Elementary School PTO
- 100+ pairs of socks, hats, and gloves were collected and donated from the Lyons Leos
Lyons Meals on Wheels

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. The LEAF board voted to permanently adopt the program in October, 2017.

**2017 MEALS ON WHEELS DATA:**
- 14 unique clients
- 1,922 meals served
- 729 volunteer hours
- 40% of all meals served are at no cost to the participants, thanks to a sliding fee scale as well as “Free Sandwich Mondays” provided by the St. Vrain Market
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