The mission of Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF) is to offer a human services safety net to those in need in the greater Lyons area.
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. The most up to date financials for LEAF, including IRS Form 990, can be found on our website at leaflyons.org. Thanks again for your interest and support of LEAF. We cannot do this work without you!

In gratitude,

LEAF Board of Directors and Staff

From left to right Kevin Schafer, Emily Dusel, Heather Santesteban, Susan DeCastro McCann, Tricia Marsh, Tanya Daty, Rebecca Major, Meghan Pound (not pictured).
The Lyons Community Food Pantry is open every Wednesday afternoon in downtown Lyons. The pantry is available for anyone who is in need of food that resides in the greater Lyons area. Since many participants have limited transportation resources and/or health issues, access to a local food pantry is of great importance.

2018 Food Pantry Data:

- 1,648 pantry visits
- 90 households, 186 individuals, 56 children
- 14,825 pounds of food donated directly to the pantry from local individuals and businesses
- 33,471 pounds of food collected from Community Food Share
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.

2018 Basic Needs Data:

- 134 consultation services provided
- 34 households, 71 individuals, and 21 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
- $10,677 basic needs assistance provided toward housing needs such as rental assistance
- $1,291 basic needs assistance provided toward medical and dental needs
- $1,892 basic needs assistance provided toward transportation needs such as gas vouchers and car repairs
- $806 basic needs assistance provided toward utility expenses
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 and the Holiday Giving Tree.

2018 Holiday Programs Data:

- **124 individuals** received Holiday Giving Tree gifts such as warm coats, work boots, and toys
- **47 households** participated in the Super Holiday food pantry where they could choose three times as much food (thanks to the Lyons Elementary), a ham or a turkey (thanks to Higher Ground Ministries), households goods (thanks to Lyons Middle/Senior) and fresh oranges, apples, and potatoes (thanks to Lyons Community Church & Lyons Catholic Community)
- There were 1998 pounds of food and non-food items donated directly to the pantry by Lyons residents and businesses for the month of December. In addition, the elementary school delivered 3600+ food items from their Holiday food drive, and the middle and high school had a paper product and personal hygiene drive for us.
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.

**2018 Meals on Wheels Data:**
- 27 unique homebound elderly and/or disabled served
- 1,995 meals served
- 53% of meals served were at no cost to the participants, thanks to a sliding fee scale and “free sandwich Mondays” from the St. Vrain Market.
LEAF Staff & Board

LEAF Board of Directors

Tanya Daty, Chair
Meghan Pound, Vice President
Heather Santesteban, Secretary
Susan DeCastro McCann, Treasurer
Tricia Marsh
Rebecca Major
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Maridy Dandeneau & Pam Browning retired from the board in 2018

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
Eric Andreson, director, Lyons Meals on Wheels

Maridy Dandeneau & Ursula Geiger, lead reception, Basic Needs Assistance