COLORADO BLUEPRINT  
TO END HUNGER

HUNGER IS A REAL PROBLEM IN MESA COUNTY

HUNGER IN COLORADO

1 in 10
Coloradans don’t know where they will get their next meal.

That is true for 1 in 6 Colorado kids.

HUNGER IN MESA COUNTY

An estimated
20,780 in our county are experiencing hunger.

WHAT CAN HELP?

Hunger is an issue that impacts educational, health, economic, and wellbeing outcomes for our neighbors and every community in our state. One of the most effective and proven ways of addressing hunger and improving health outcomes is to ensure that all Coloradans can access nutritious food they need. That access will also have a positive impact on the economy. For example, each county resident receiving federal help in accessing food will bring about $2,800 in local economic development per year, supporting local businesses and local jobs.

COLORADO’S OPPORTUNITY

WIC: 100,000 Coloradans eligible but not enrolled

SNAP: 322,600 Coloradans eligible but not enrolled

MESA COUNTY’S OPPORTUNITY

WIC: 3,957 eligible but not enrolled

SNAP: 18,735 eligible but not enrolled

WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE?

- Support local school districts in expanding access to lunches, breakfasts and summer meal programs for all kids so they have the fuel to live, learn, and play
- Encourage local development of grocery stores where residents struggle for access
- Build and support local pipelines that get fresh, healthy food in the hands of Coloradans in need
- Strengthen the capacity and efficiency of local food banks and food pantries to reach underserved Coloradans

Learn more at endhungerco.org