

## Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Tara Magaña – January 2023

### Volunteer News

**Volunteer Core Growth:** IFCS' Volunteer program has more than tripled in less than two years! In 2020, we saw ~20 volunteers in our building on a weekly basis. We currently see 60-70 volunteers a week, depending on what groups are volunteering.

**Volunteer Trainings:** Throughout December and the beginning of January, IFCS hosted a training series, addressing policies and procedures surrounding upcoming limits to IFCS Food Market participation. Across 5 training sessions, we hosted 49 volunteers, whose service to IFCS spans weekly, monthly, and seasonal commitments. Incoming volunteers will be sent a recording of the training.

If interested, please view the link and passcode below to watch the training, which starts at the 7:00 minute mark.

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**Littleton Sertoma club Meeting:** I joined Littleton Sertoma's club meeting as their speaker. I discussed IFCS' upcoming once-per-month limits and our plan to open the market to client choice. Members had great questions, and I was able to assure them we are still in need of their monthly volunteer support.

### Recruitment

**Food Market:** We currently have 26 weekly volunteers, with 6 volunteers who come in as their schedule allows. 1 new weekly volunteer started this month. We are hoping to fill all shifts with 4-5 volunteers, whether they be long or short term.

**Admissions Assistant:** We currently have 4 weekly volunteers and 3 volunteers who come in as their schedule allows.

***Grocery Rescue Sorting:*** Every Tuesday, we receive grocery rescue produce from Food Bank of the Rockies, which requires sorting. Dry Creek Sertoma continues to volunteer two Tuesdays a month. Ability Specialists has agreed to sort produce on an every other week basis.

***Delivery Unload:*** While not a new opportunity, volunteers can now specifically sign up for shifts dedicated to unloading and putting away cold/frozen deliver items. We already have 3 volunteers interested in this task regularly.

***Grocery Product Restock:*** As groups are looking for volunteer opportunities, I am suggesting they help stock shelves with recently delivered grocery product. I prefer groups with 3-6 volunteers, but have accepted groups as large as 9 volunteers. Larger groups allows us to make additional grocery boxes in addition to stocking shelves. This month, we hosted Colorado Center for the Blind and Canvas Credit Union.

***Grocery Box Assembly:*** Ability Specialists continues to volunteer on Wednesdays, assembling grocery boxes, which are distributed the following day. This is an opportunity I also offer to small groups, occurring alongside daily distribution.

***Maintenance and Repair Volunteer:*** We currently have 1 volunteer, who is primarily working on taking down market walls, in preparation of opening the market for participant choice.

***Drivers:*** We currently have 2 regular drivers, who help us pick up TEFAP allocations and our weekly supply of boxes for food. We recently approved a 3<sup>rd</sup> driver, who will visit FERN to pick up additional produce.

***Nibbles and Sips:*** I have set up VolunteerHub to recruit Nibbles and Sips event volunteers. Once finalized and approved, volunteers will be invited to sign up in exchange for 1 free ticket.

## **Administrative:**

***Community Service volunteers:*** I have reached out to county courts to become an approved community service (court-ordered) agency. Thus far, Jefferson and Arapahoe Counties have offered to perform background checks on IFCS' behalf and only refer individuals who meet our defined criteria. Applications have been submitted.

***Student Volunteers:*** I have sent volunteer information and flyers to area high schools, hoping to recruit more students and small groups.