

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

### Volunteer News

**Stamp Out Hunger:** We received 30 tons of donation through the annual post office drive. Nine volunteers helped us unload 6 vans and a U-Haul Saturday May 13. The weeks following, volunteers have been a great help sorting donations.

**We have T-Shirts!** All of our regular volunteers now have IFCS merch!

This month we hosted several groups in addition to our weekly groups

- **Littleton Sertoma** hosted our Wednesday distribution May 3.
- **St Andrews UMC** spent their Here To Help Day refreshing IFCS' landscape May 6
- **Swedish Medical Center** hosted our Wednesday distribution May 10
- **Highlands Ranch Rotary Noon** hosted our Wednesday distribution May 17
- **Highlands Ranch Rotary Sunrise** hosted our Wednesday distribution May 24
- **Dry Creek Sertoma** advertised IFCS Volunteer opportunities at a Highlands Ranch Volunteer Fair April 18
- **Colorado Center for the Blind** will put away a delivery May 24
- **Dry Creek Sertoma** will put away a delivery May 31



## **Recruitment**

***Food Market:*** We currently have 36 weekly volunteers, with 4 volunteers who come in as their schedule allows.

***Wednesday Food Market:*** Service clubs are excited to shop with clients, and express that they greatly prefer this model to the previous drive thru. This month, Littleton Sertoma, Swedish Medical Center, Highlands Ranch Rotary Noon, Highlands Ranch Rotary Sunrise, Highlands Ranch Rotary Noon, and Dry Creek Sertoma hosted distributions.

***Administrative Assistant:*** We currently have 3 weekly volunteers, and 1 temporary volunteer who will return to the Market once an injury is healed. Recruitment is paused for Administrative Assistants in favor of recruiting food market volunteers. These volunteers have transitioned to primarily responding to voicemails, entering data as available, and miscellaneous tasks.

***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 have 1 volunteer interested in this task regularly.

***Delivery Stocking:*** This month we Colorado Center for the Blind to put away a large deliveries.

***Miscellaneous Market Tasks:*** While no longer creating food boxes, Ability Specialists still volunteers every Wednesday, helping with whatever we need done that day. Tasks include stocking shelves, sorting produce, cleaning, and other tasks as needed.

***Maintenance and Repair Volunteer:*** We currently have 1 volunteer helping with building maintenance.

***Drivers:*** We currently have 3 regular drivers. Drivers pick up TEFAP, food boxes, produce from FERN, and other deliveries as needed.

**Administrative:**

***Trauma Informed Practices:*** I attended a training on Trauma Informed Practices May 10. This training overviewed best practices when interacting with people who may be experiencing a crisis, as well as signs that someone is reacting to trauma triggers. This was a great training, and I shared knowledge with staff and volunteers.

***Stamp Out Hunger:*** I developed a donation sorting guide for volunteers and have focused on recruiting volunteers for sorting shifts.

***Reverse Career Fair:*** May 19, I attended a Reverse Career Fair at Denver University. The goal of this fair was for businesses to connect with affinity groups for underserved communities (Latinx/e, disability, lgbtq+, etc) to build community and learn what these groups need.