



**Broomfield**  
**FISH**

*Feeding Families and Fueling Hope*

# HISTORY



## 1963

Women from six local churches saw a need for a local support system and came together to help their neighbors as Church Women United - a group that would later become Broomfield FISH. We started out of our founders' homes and in our first year, we served 25 families.



## 1969

Church Women United incorporated and became "FISH of Broomfield."

## 1977 - 1983

Cowboy Cleaners and Jim Van Buskirk's Grocery Store hosted the "FISH Cupboard," and we were able to distribute 60-75 food baskets each year.



## 1982

Shirley McGuinness became the Director and President of Broomfield FISH in 1982. She was the driving force behind providing food and financial assistance to Broomfield families in need until her passing in 2009. During her time at FISH, approximately 10,000 families were served.



## 1984 - 1995

As the need grew, we expanded our operations and moved into the basement of the Broomfield Depot Museum, where we were able to distribute 469-600 food baskets each year.

## 1996 - 2017

The City, and later County, of Broomfield provided FISH with the #12 and #26 Garden Center locations. During this time, we distributed 823-4,210 food baskets each year.



## 2017

Through a generous lease agreement with the City and County of Broomfield, #6 Garden Center became FISH's new home in May of 2017. The Lakin Family donated funds so that FISH could remodel the space to meet the growing needs of the Broomfield community and enable residents to select healthy food items in our self-shop marketplace.



## 2018

FISH joined the Colorado Family Resource Center Association, allowing us to expand our services to help families thrive!



## 2023

FISH celebrated 60 years of feeding families and fueling hope! In 2023, six decades after our founding, we served over 13,000 unduplicated people and distributed over 1.5 million pounds of food.



# SERVICES



## PREVENTING HUNGER

Food security is a critical issue in our community. In FY2023, FISH distributed 1,560,603 pounds of food to neighbors in need. FISH has a large, self-shop marketplace where participants can select food with dignity and respect. FISH also collaborates with Community Food Share to run a Mobile Pantry, and delivers food to those who have barriers to access. FISH works with residents to make sure they have access to fresh, healthy foods, which are essential to whole family wellness.



## STABILIZING HOUSING

FISH participants often spend more than 70% of their monthly income on housing costs. Our programs seek to stabilize families in existing housing and prevent homelessness. In FY2023, FISH provided housing stability to 734 Broomfield residents. FISH also worked collaboratively with the City and County of Broomfield on a hotel voucher program for residents facing emergencies and with Almost Home and the Refuge on the Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP) for cold weather care.



## SUPPORTING ECONOMIC SUCCESS

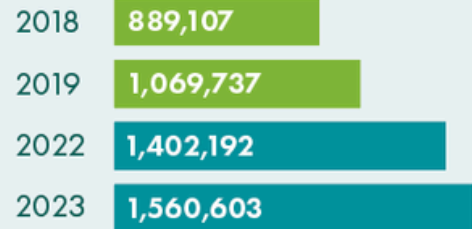
FISH offers emergency financial assistance and family development programs that provide low-income residents the support they need to achieve two-generational, whole-family success. The purpose of Family Resource Centers across the country is to foster healthy communities by focusing on individuals' self-determination and building upon participants' strengths. We work with our participants to plan programming that promotes overall self-sufficiency.

# TRENDS

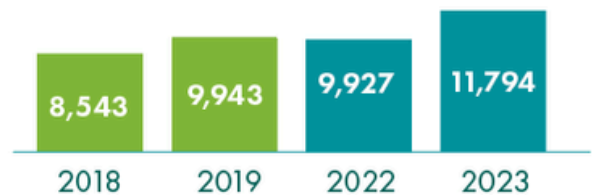


## POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE IN NEED

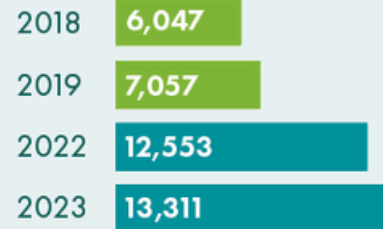
NONE OF OUR NUMBERS INCLUDE SPOILAGE



## NUMBER OF VISITS TO FISH'S MARKETPLACE



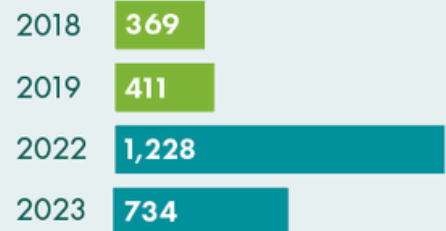
## NUMBER OF UNDUPLICATED PEOPLE SERVED



## NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



## NUMBER OF RESIDENTS RECEIVING HOUSING ASSISTANCE FROM FISH



## UNDUPLICATED FAMILIES RECEIVING UTILITY ASSISTANCE

