



A Year In Review

2021 AT ECHO

Wow, 2021 was an incredible year!

As a community we embodied resilience and growth while we all adjusted to the new “normal” and embraced change with grace and poise.

EChO finished its first full year in our new home! Yahoo! We dove head first into unique challenges and explored new territory with your continued support and generosity.

It has been tremendously encouraging to see the outreach of Evergreen and our neighbors in the surrounding areas. You’ve come together from all walks of life to lend a hand, donate your time and energy as well as financial support and donations to ensure a better life for our families in need. We couldn't ask for a better community. Thank you!

HAPPY ONE YEAR DALE!

In January 2021, we welcomed Dale Flanders as EChO’s new Executive Director and we’ve received excellent feedback on the progress he’s made and the joy he’s brought to our organization.

Check out the next page to see what staff had to say about their first year with Dale!



Dale Flanders, Executive Director

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STAFF INSIGHT

“Dale has raised the level of everything at EChO. He has increased internal and external communication with the staff, the volunteers and the community. He has actively encouraged more grant requests. He has brought greater clarity and vision to what EChO is and where it is going.” Tim Clancy, Shelter

“Dale is an advocate for his staff! He recognized the need for an increase in benefits and wages to meet living standards. He has worked tirelessly to make adjustments and improvements for us all. Dale brings a much needed calming influencing to EChO and has impacted our culture overall.” Kaethe Zellner, Director of Program Services

“He has brought greater clarity and vision to what EChO is and where it’s going.” Tim, Shelter

We are so happy to have Dale join the EChO family.
He brings professionalism, experience and laughter to our team!”
Kim Gaudet, Resale Manager

“Dale has a passion for helping others. We witness it in everything that he does for this organization, our volunteers and staff. He brings a unique form of leadership, purpose and value to the table that we are blessed to experience as a team.”

Meaghan Moore, Development, Marketing & Communications

“We are thankful for Dale and his calm and caring demeanor. We love that he has a great sense of humor, and each month, we await breathlessly to see who will be awarded the “Gumby Award.” We are happy to have Dale supporting the team as we work through the challenges of each day.”

Amy Lankutis, Client Services Manager

A WORD FROM DALE. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“What a year it has been. The kind words from the staff are humbling and greatly appreciated. I am incredibly fortunate to come alongside this team of staff, Board members, volunteers and supporters to be part of this amazing organization that makes a real difference in our community.

In reality, I have only begun to scratch the surface of meeting the many people that make our work so successful and discovering the potential for impact that still lies ahead. When I took this opportunity a year ago it was hard to imagine the many great accomplishments and the challenges we would face in 2021. We continue to operate at high capacity to meet the ever-growing needs of those we serve. We seem to have new volunteers starting all the time who bring tremendous energy to our space. I see donations come in from a passionate people who often give sacrificially. “

“I marvel at the fact that I get to be part of this.”

“Every day as I walk through our renovation project I marvel at the fact that I get to be part of this. And yet I also stay awake some nights pondering how we can better serve our community; reflecting on the real human suffering that goes on around us, thinking of ways we can grow the funds to meet those needs, planning how we can run a successful Capital Campaign. For me, being able to think about those challenges is also a profound privilege.

So I say, “Thank you.” Thank you for how you support and serve our community through EChO. Thank you for your generous gifts of time, treasure, and talent. Thank you for the ripple effect that happens because you do the things you do. Thank you for trusting us to be stewards of your gifts to us. Thank you for making EChO one big, extended family.”

Dale Flanders, Executive Director



*Susie Nuccio, Client Advocate & Jo Haynes, Food Pantry Manager
in front of our new building and the new signage!*

ECHO'S NEW HOME

In 2020 EChO's Board of Directors made a bold choice to buy our new building in the middle of the pandemic. The need for expansion both physically and professionally to better offer wrap-around services motivated the organization's move.

We are thankful to have such a great team of leaders who care about this community. In fall of 2022 EChO officially moved from Bancroft Hall to Meadow Drive.

This building has lots of history in Evergreen and we are happy to make it our permanent home. Please feel free to stop by and get a tour to see how construction is going, where our new food pantry will be and the space Resale will be moving into around June 2022! We are so thrilled.

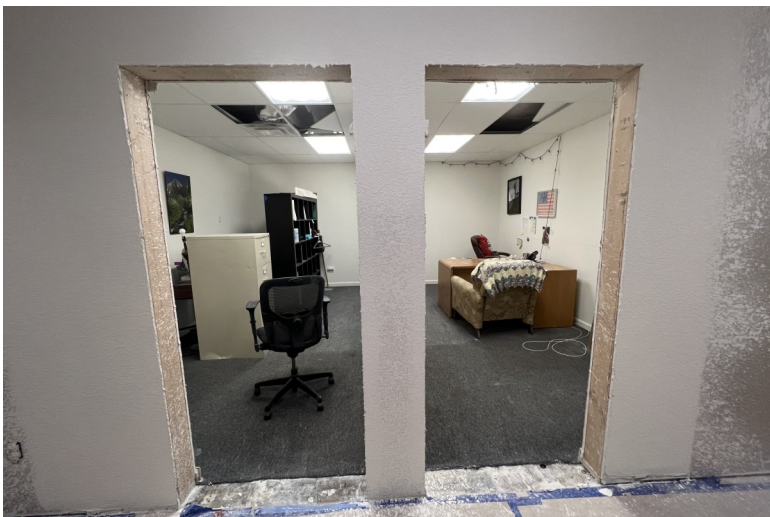
We began the official remodel in Fall of 2021. Here are some updates on the progress!



The new food pantry in progress! EEEK!



The EChO Resale Shop will soon be here...



Client Advocate office remodel!

ECHO IS...

The single mom needing a little help with food, school supplies and Christmas gifts for her children. EChO is the young man struggling with homelessness that needs a hot meal and a warm bed so he can go to work the next morning and keep moving forward. EChO is the older adult who by shopping at the food pantry can afford to stay in her home on a fixed income. EChO is the person who lost a job and seeks help navigating the job application system. EChO is the family that needs firewood to keep warm and finds a well-stocked wood lot thanks to hard working volunteer lumberjacks.

EChO is a listening ear for those who need hope on what may be the worst day of their life. EChO is clients with complex and life-long challenges that require ongoing love and support in order to face another day. EChO is an incredible staff that goes the extra mile to support and care for people no matter their life circumstances. EChO is a team of volunteers whose commitment to the work of EChO and our community is immeasurable. EChO is businesses, churches, and organizations that promote and support us throughout their networks. EChO is a cadre of supporters who trust us to steward their generous donations in the best possible way.

EChO is YOU!

OUR NEW HOME

REMODEL

Early campaign donations made the launch of the remodel possible. You can see how much progress has been made in just a few weeks.

Shout out to our general contractor Coyote Construction, Mike Wampler.

J&D Painting

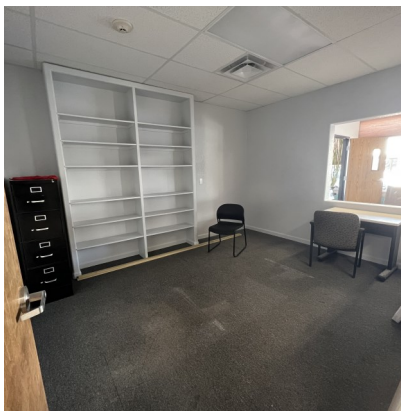
Turn2 Roofing



Front Hallway—Food Pantry Entrance



Front Hallway—Food Pantry Entrance Finished!



Reception Office



The new front desk reception in progress!



The new Food Pantry! Isn't it fantastic?



The Food Pantry staff worked hard to set this up!



A bright and happy place to shop with dignity and joy!

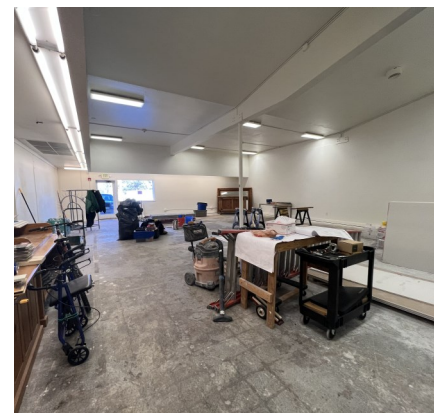
Our staff has been so patient, flexible and excited during this entire process!



Food Pantry Kitchen



Client Advocate Offices



Resale Shop in Progress!

FOOD PANTRY STATS

The EChO Food Pantry feeds an average of over 800 families per month. That's over 8,000 visits per year!

22,000 pounds of food was donated in 201 alone!
Holy cow! Good job guys!

944 summer lunches were given to children over the summer!

Over 1,300 holiday meals were provided throughout the holiday season!

Over 200 individuals are involved in TEFAP, The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

We have a volunteer crew of 64 volunteers!

FOOD PANTRY— CROCK POT CLUB

Crock Pot Club was introduced to our food pantry in January 2021! 88 families who had crockpots joined and 25 families were able to take home their very own Crock Pot donated by Colorado Community Health Alliance.



Colorado Community Alliance donated 25 Crock Pots to EChO to make home meals easier for families on the go!

Katey Greene, EChO's onsite Nutritionist, brings the best recipes in for our clients. Every other week individuals and families can take home prepped meals to cook.

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Jo Haynes & Katey Greene
Christmas Party, 2021.



Shelly, Volunteer helping out with our summer lunch program. Great job preparing meals for children learning at home, Shelly! You rock.



Lori Tieszen, Food Pantry



Mike Wells is our resident handy man, truck driver, heavy lifter, you name it!

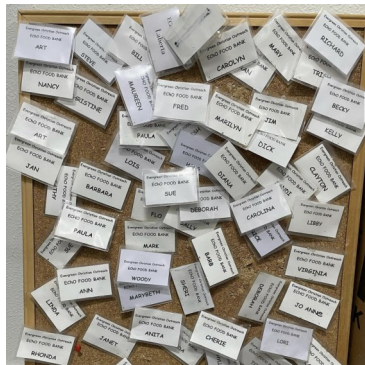
OVER 30,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Our food pantry runs on helping hands! We are so thankful for each individual who volunteers their time each week. EChO is who we are because of YOU! Keep up the great work volunteers!



Fred, Volunteer & Board Member

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. - Helen Keller



We are abundantly blessed with 64 unique volunteers!



Left, Susie, Mike, Sharon and Jo in the food pantry!

Our little elves Sheryl & Anita working hard!



Below, Sharon Volunteer



Below, Libby, Volunteer



ECHO YOUTH!

A LEGACY CONTINUES...

We are lucky to have schools, Scout Troops and youth groups host food drives for EChO!

When parents and mentors encourage children to give to those in need it warms our hearts! We love seeing you and your kiddos giving back to the community!



Evergreen Montessori School— 1,000 lbs of food



*Girl Scout Troop 1103 of Parmalee Elementary
— 100 lbs of cookies & 1,000 lbs of food donated!*



Evergreen Montessori
unloading their donation
of 1,000 lbs!



*Girl Scout Troop 817—
120 lbs of food at their food drive!*



Bergen Park Youth Group— donated cases of cans!

Wow, look at our wonderful community of children giving back!



Keira— 8th grader collected 165 lbs of food school!



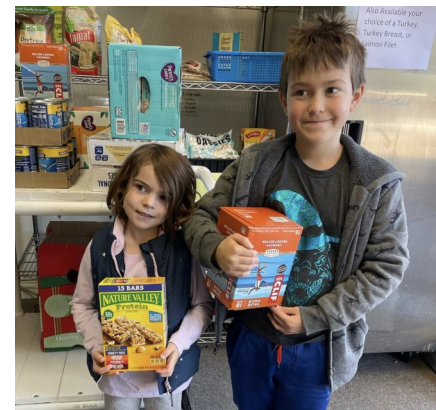
Girls Scout Troop 68222—221 lbs of food!



This young lady had a food drive at her birthday party!



Boy Scout Troop 119—605 lbs of food!



Audrey & Owen—thank you for your donation!

BLESSINGS

Teacher Kathleen & Principal Matt—Wilmot Elementary—814 lbs of food donated from their food drive! Thank you!



Jennifer Gann, State Farm & Paulette Dyon, Mt. Foothills Rotary collected 165 lbs for the first food drive of 2022!



Remote Learning Snacks



These two helped sort and stack all of the cat food for our cat clients!



Gavin, Eagle Scout Troop 737, built 6 carts for the food pantry and filled them with food. Pictured with Gavin, Holly and Carolina.

YOU ARE ECHO!

Donations make up the entirety of our food pantry, our resale store and essentials for homeless clientele.

We are endlessly amazed at the hard work we see in our volunteers and our donors. You really go the extra mile to bring in much needed food and personal items. Wow! What a blessing!



Evergreen Fire & Rescue collected 1,184 lbs of food and \$808! Wow!

“You have two hands. One to help yourself and one to help others.”



Evergreen Master Swim Class donated 505 lbs of food and \$955 for Coach Lisa Marrow’s birthday!



Each week these kind gentlemen, Tom and John from the Mother Cabrini Shrine, pictured with volunteer Mike, deliver a truckload of fresh fruit, vegetables and goodies from the Safeway warehouse. What a blessing to have them!



Conifer Women’s Lacrosse Team stacked wood at the wood lot



The Umpress Group at Keller Williams Realty collected and donated 1995 lbs of food!

TEAMWORK!

Evergreen is one of the most generous communities to live in. The amount of people who come in daily to get involved is just astonishing. In this town, you see a need and you fill a need. We get to meet so many generous people who just want to help and donate their time. Check out these pretty great groups who have come to EChO with open arms and left with full hearts.



Evergreen Mtn Movers relocated our storage sheds from our old location to our new location!



Colorado Life Church, Scatter Church Program, cleaning up the wood lot for us!



EAPL donates dog and cat food for EChO pets! For Christmas they donated bags of dog and cat treats! Thank you Elizabeth!



Mt. Metro Association of Realtors' "Stuff the Truck," event donated 729 lbs of food for EChO!



Support Palizzi Farms at Boone Mt. Sports Tuesdays am-2pm on season!

donations FOR **DIGNITY**

In 2020, -diane of Donations for Dignity began donating personal hygiene products and diapers to EChO and continues to make deliveries to us today!



Jose, Palizzi Farms in Brighton donates fresh fruits and vegetables for our clients!



EChO Lumberjacks keep our wood program going for families in cold weather! Great Job!



Bob & Carla bring in our King Sooper's deliveries.



Sober Souls Motorcycle Club donated 504 lbs of food, clothing and supplies for our clients!

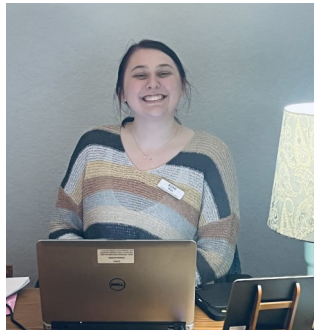


Mt. Area Realtors delivering hats and gloves for clients!

OUR STAFF KNOWS HOW TO HAVE FUN :)

EChO is a great place to work and to serve but even on the best of days, it can be a tough job!

We thrive on laughter, quality time and sharing good food!





WE'RE A FUN BUNCH!

CLIENT QUOTES TO MAKE YOUR DAY!



Suzanne & Maggie, Front Desk

“I like coming to EChO because Maggie always remembers my name.”

“I love that if I ask for prayer, you sit with me and pray for me and it’s always what I need.”

“EChO is the place you can go if you get lost. Echo is the place you get found.”

“The food pantry saves my life each week.”



Peter, Client Advocate



Carolina, Client Advocate

“My favorite thing about EChO is the people.”



Our 2021 Staff Board :)

“I get to give my kids Christmas this year. It’s been a hard year for everyone. Thank you.”