

The h.o.p.e. Review

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- New Location:
3940 S. Broadway
Englewood, CO 80113
- New phone numbers:
Carol – 720.436.2696
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- h.o.p.e. 's Attic & Food Pantry
- Available office space for rent
- Board of Directors Treasury position available
- Near New Sale every Friday & Saturday at 3940 S Broadway 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Fall Craft Fair

We're still here! The year is half over and we wanted to get you caught up with all we have done so far. h.o.p.e. is expanding to a second location, located at 3940 South Broadway in Englewood. The building is a two-story building with over 6,400 square feet. The building is currently going through some refurbishing to repair the vandalism that it suffered when it was vacant. The main floor plan is to have a second food pantry on the south side and a thrift store to be called "h.o.p.e.'s Attic" on the north side.

h.o.p.e. is partnering with other food pantries in the area. The goals for this partnership is to help manage the way food is delivered, stored and distributed, and to increase the pantries' efficiency and capacity. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee recently visited three very successful food pantries in the Lakewood and Arvada areas to see how they ran their pantry. We came back with a lot of great ideas. One was to change the way we distribute the food. Currently, we provide the client with a box of food that contained 3 meals for a family of 4. The client didn't have much choice in what was given and may not have been able to use it or like it. The new way is called "Client's Choice". The food pantry will be set up much like a grocery store divided into basic categories, such as: carbohydrates/grains, dairy, fats, fruits, protein, vegetables, miscellaneous items (sauces, syrups, etc. and a free section (no points assigned) – toiletries, diapers, etc. The client will be able to choose items based on a point system. The points are established based on the number of servings per can or package – 2 servings = 2 points. For example, a family of four could select up 4 points of pasta, rice or macaroni and cheese, and 3 points of protein (meat, beans, nuts). h.o.p.e. could then monitor how much is distributed per family and the client can use what they select. The client could donate some money to the pantry, if they can afford to, otherwise, the food is given to them, or they can volunteer at the thrift store for additional food. The thrift store will be filled with all of your wonderful donations and will help fund the food pantry. It will contain furniture, toys, books, kitchen items, bedding, clothes, electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, etc. All items affordably marked.

The second story will be rented out as office space. One of the goals would be to provide additional resources to our clients or to the Englewood community. For example, assistance in completing the forms to obtain food stamps. But if you are in the market for renting office space, please contact either Carol Bouchard at 720.436.2696 or Robin Young at 720.255.4021. Our expectation is to have the office space available by this fall.

Your Cash Donations are greatly appreciated in helping our community fight hunger. 88% of money donated goes directly towards h.o.p.e.'s programs.

Clients Served in 2011
4,922 Adults
3,468 Children
Total 8,390



Board of Directors Treasurer: h.o.p.e. would like to thank Harold Bouchard for his contributions to the Board of Directors as Treasurer for the past four years. Harold was one of the original Board Members. The terms in h.o.p.e.'s bylaws state that "all Board Members shall serve two-year terms with a maximum of two terms (for a total of four years)". We are now looking for someone who would like to be part of the Board of Directors for h.o.p.e. The treasurer's responsibilities are to provide a Profit and Loss Report at each Board Meeting, chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fund-

raising projects, and make financial information available to Board members and the public. The board meets every two months. If this is something you would like to do and would like to volunteer your time, we would like to hear from you. Currently we process our accounting through QuickBooks, so any experience with this system would be helpful. Please contact Roberta Braun at Roberta.braun@comcast.net or 303.741.0940 if you are interested.

Near New Sale: h.o.p.e.'s Attic will open their doors to the public **every Friday and Saturday through the summer, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** This will be at the 3940 S. Broadway location. We currently have clothing for all sizes, furniture, electronics, appliances, and household items.

Proceeds from the sale go directly to the refurbishing of the building. So come by and checkout the new building and find some great bargains at the same time.

Crafters Wanted: h.o.p.e. has had several crafters inquiring about participating in another craft fair. To make it profitable and maximum number of displays, we would like to get more crafters involved. We are looking at having a Craft Fair the first part of November. The fair will be held at the new Broadway location. It has been reported that over 60,000 cars pass by the building every day! This will be a great opportunity to make additional money or to purchase holiday items. Please contact either Carol or Robin if interested in selling your products.

