

# The h.o.p.e. Review

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Helping Our People Excel - 11949 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215 & 3940 S. Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113

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- Elephant Talk delivers over 10,000 pounds of produce each week to h.o.p.e.
- 13,510 clients' served through August 2011.
- Volunteers needed on Friday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday between noon and 2:00 p.m.
- h.o.p.e. now distributes food Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Annual Check Challenge fundraiser during the month of September.
- Kay Ballinger the new Treasurer on h.o.p.e.'s Board of Directors.



The h.o.p.e. building, located at 3940 S. Broadway has a lot of character and potential but needs some help! h.o.p.e.'s staff has submitted five separate grants here in Colorado in hope to fund the repairs of the building. We are anxiously waiting to hear if we qualify. If received, the grant money will go towards the refurbishing of the building and the purchase of food. In addition to the grants, the Program Director, Robin Young, has also sent an

introduction letter to all the surrounding businesses in Englewood, requesting any support they can offer - with building materials, manpower, or financially. The refurbishing of the building will also positively impact the appearance of the block and surrounding buildings and provide a much needed service to "food insecure" families in the area. As with any project, money is needed in order to go forward.

The need for this second building has been exemplified with the increased number of clients served. Through August 2011, h.o.p.e. has provided fresh fruits and vegetables for 13,510 clients (7,938 adults and 5,572 children). During the first six months of 2011 we served an average of 1,400 clients each month. In July and August alone, that average increased to 2,560 per month due to sharing the food with other food pantries.

The fresh produce was made possible by h.o.p.e.'s partnership with Elephant Talk, <http://elephanttalk.org>, a non-profit organization, that collects produce from participating local food stores. This truckload is delivered to h.o.p.e. every Friday and Saturday. The delivery averages around 10,000 pounds of produce every weekend with 90% distributed to the community. The 10% of the produced that is spoiled is delivered by h.o.p.e. to several local nurseries for use as compost, therefore, giving back to Mother Earth!

With every silver lining comes a little gray cloud! The weekly delivery of 10,000 pounds of food has become very labor intensive, so volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday to help unload and restock the selves. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Robin Young at 720.255.4021.

With the increased amount of food received, h.o.p.e. has accomplished another goal by being able to offer food to our clients and other participating food pantries. We are now open Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., instead of only on Fridays.

During the month of September, h.o.p.e. is sponsoring the annual "Check Challenge" fundraiser. You can help support our mission and projects by mailing a check, for any amount you can spare, to either location listed above or through the Donate button on the website, [www.hope-online.org](http://www.hope-online.org). Our goal is to double the dollar amount of 2010, which was \$440.00. As always, your donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.



**Board of Directors Treasurer:** We are happy to announce the appointment of Kay Ballinger to h.o.p.e.'s Board of Directors on August 13, 2011. She is replacing Harold Bouchard who had served as the Treasurer for four years. During Kay's 20 years of accounting experience she was responsible for the accounting and reporting of operating and savings accounts for Hill City Ambulance District and Custer Gold.

With All American Realty Group she was a Broker Associate and Bookkeeper responsible for accounting and reporting of the Operating, Property Management and Trust accounts for up to three Real Estate companies, She also worked for Accent on Independence as their Finance Officer/Bookkeeper. Kay is currently serving as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Hill City Ambulance District and for the Southern Black Hills Association of Realtors. We know Kay will provide a lot of guidance, knowledge and support towards meeting h.o.p.e.'s mission.

