

God's Love Shines When His People Show Up

Every day in houses and apartments across Colorado Springs, people are making gut-wrenching choices. They must choose what's important today—groceries or heat? Clothing or rent? Gasoline or school supplies? Sometimes they're weary from the pressures of unending medical bills. Or they're seniors whose costs of living increased but their subsistence checks do not. These folks are often one paycheck away from the specter of homelessness despite their best efforts or multiple jobs to provide for themselves and their families. These are the unheralded households whose financial pressures, lives and histories don't make headlines. And they are the guests Crossfire Ministries serves. They are the ones for whom Crossfire is a tangible experience of Jesus through the dignity and freedom of shopping for groceries without cost.

Crossfire is also a ministry hotspot for volunteers. Most are Jesus followers from churches across the city, eager to express practical, tangible love. They are individuals, small groups and youth groups with hearts to give. There is a place for everyone and the need for volunteers is great. This is a great way for churches and church members to get involved.

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– Renee Beebe, Executive Director




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Crossfire Ministries exists to show the love of God to folks in tight places by providing no-cost groceries, clothing and care.

BY THE NUMBERS:

In 2022...

11,521 unique individuals received services.

248,395 personal hygiene items distributed.

1,863,341 pounds of food distributed.

2,784 Bibles and New Testaments distributed.

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Crossfire is a place where we see God's Kingdom revealed through the faithfulness, love and compassion shown by the staff and many volunteers in a very tangible way to the people of our community. I help as a Spanish-language translator. It has been a blessing to serve the Hispanic community, not just by speaking to them in their language, but also helping them feel welcome. We are here to be God's hands and feet, and in this way, to shine His light and show His love to the people in our midst.

KEEP CROSSFIRE IN YOUR PRAYERS

- For the guests that we serve who are struggling and need hope. That they would see Jesus and feel His love through us at Crossfire.
- For volunteers. As we serve more people, we need more people willing to step into ministry right here in our community. We need Spanish translators, grocery department workers, clothing processors and intake volunteers.



For more information, visit our website **CROSSFIREMINISTRIES.ORG**.
To join the volunteer family, email Amy at volunteer@crossfireministries.org.

Learn how you can easily donate food and hygiene items on **page 17**. 