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Charitable Funds for Community Good

Help Alleviate Child Hunger on Colorado Gives Day



HELP US BUY ANOTHER
LUNCH LIZARD TRUCK
**DONATE NOW THROUGH
COLORADO GIVES!**

[Click here to donate
at ColoradoGives.org](#)

Donations made now
through Colorado Gives
Day will be matched
dollar for dollar up to
\$5,000 by one of our
Community Foundation's
generous donors.

You can pre-schedule
your donation any time
through the link above.



CMU students raised nearly \$2000 for a
second summer food truck.

[Read the Daily Sentinel
article here.](#)



CMU Honors Business student Lauren Heaton engages
students and professors during the successful Lunch
Lizard event @ #CollegeKidsCare.

Tuesday, December 8th is Colorado Gives
Day and donations to WCCF through
[ColoradoGives.org](#) will help with the purchase
of a second food truck to expand our work
feeding hungry children in our community. Our
Community Foundation is pleased to have a
**generous donor who will match all
donations made through Colorado Gives
Day, dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000.** That
means your gift will double in value towards
our work to alleviate child hunger.

After the successful launch of the Lunch Lizard
in the summer of 2015, our Community
Foundation is working closely with School
District 51 Nutrition Services to expand this
critical program by adding a second route in
Mesa County. Even with the success of
serving 4,000 meals last summer, we know
there is a wider need in areas that could not
be covered by one food truck. Donations
from Colorado Gives Day will be combined



CMU Honors Business students Peter Davis and Ryan Ruark celebrate the success of their fundraising event.

[View the KKCO News Coverage Here.](#)



We are pleased to welcome our new Executive Assistant, **Lindsay Martin**, to the WCCF staff team. Lindsay is responsible for a wide range of administrative support and office management functions for our organization.

Prior to joining our Community Foundation, Lindsay earned her associates degree in paralegal studies from Kaplan University and has worked as a paralegal for various law firms in the Grand Valley for the past 12 years.

In her free time,

with funding from other donor funds to purchase a second food truck to cover Clifton as well as East Orchard Mesa next summer.

In addition to our efforts in Mesa County, our Community Foundation is working with partners in surrounding counties to help them launch or expand summer meal programs. In Rifle, we are supporting RE-2 School District, Live Well and Lift Up to deliver meals on Fridays when students are not in school. Our partners in Delta County are planning to prepare lunches at the new Abraham Connection kitchen, to be delivered to the highest need neighborhoods next summer. And in Eagle County, we are working closely with InteGreat! to expand their summer meal program.

The need is clear throughout our communities, and the support for this project has been tremendous. We hope our donors, friends and supporters will continue to give generously and help us reach our Colorado Gives Day goal of \$5,000.

Feed Hungry Kids... One Neighborhood at a Time. Click the link below and choose Programs>Child Hunger on the drop down menus. Your donation of any size is greatly appreciated!

[Click here to make your donation through ColoradoGives.org to help WCCF buy a second summer food truck!](#)

CMU Honor Business Students Host the Lunch Lizard on Campus to Raise Funds for a Second Food Truck



Lindsay likes to shop for shoes, spend time with family and friends, take photos and just enjoy life. She's always happy to share pictures of her two boys.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about the Community Foundation as a whole, so I can better help donors and staff," said Martin. "I really like what WCCF does for our community."

Contact Lindsay at lmartin@wc-cf.org.

A word of farewell and good luck to our Office Manager/ Program Assistant **Zoey Fife** who is now working for a community foundation in Tucson, AZ.



The Western Colorado Community Foundation is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations by the Council on Foundations.

[Visit our Website](#)

CMU Honors Business students make their campaign to raise funds go viral @lunchlizard!

The Colorado Mesa University Quad was the place to be on Thursday, November 12th as CMU Honors Business students hosted a very successful awareness and fundraising campaign, raising \$950 in one day. These funds will be matched and applied toward our Colorado Gives Day campaign to buy a second food truck. Later in November, the students presented their project to the CMU trustees and were rewarded with a matching check for \$1,900, further compounding their successful efforts.

Our Community Foundation was thrilled to work with the Honors Business Society class at CMU these past two semesters as they took on child hunger in Mesa County as part of their learning project.

Under the direction of Business Department Chair Morgan Bridge (and a former WCCF Board Member), and Assistant Professors Nathan Perry and Emma Fleck, the students worked diligently to research and produce a report on the economic impacts of hunger in Mesa County. Next, the students designed and implemented a public education campaign to raise awareness about hunger and raise funds to purchase a second food truck.

Hundreds of students and faculty learned about child hunger as they passed through the Quad. Participants purchased breakfast muffins and street tacos from the Lunch Lizard food truck and made cash donations. Their campaign involved promotion of the event through doorknob signs, social media and traditional media coverage. Educational stations included visual displays related to the number of boxes of food donated daily in Mesa County and calorie comparisons for typical meals eaten by CMU athletes compared to the calories available in a standard food box provided to a family of four by the local food bank, the contents of a weekend Kids Aid backpack and Locker Mates emergency meal sacks.

Reflections from the Executive Director

It's been a privilege and a joy to be welcomed into the CMU Honors Business classroom

multiple times over the past year to provide information, feedback and encouragement to an impressive and energetic group of junior and senior business students who want to apply what they are learning in their marketing and business planning classes to a "real world situation." And these students have a heart for others, specifically children in our own community who do not get enough to eat.

If these students are any indication of our future business and community leaders, we are in good hands! Please give generously on Colorado Gives Day... to help raise funds for a second food truck and to show support for CMU's students' special project.

- *Anne Wenzel*
