

ANNUAL REPORT
2024

COLORADO FARM TO TABLE



Dear friends and supporters,

We're thrilled to welcome you to the 2024 annual report for Colorado Farm to Table (CFTT). The past year has been a year of growth as we reached even more people than the year before and brought on many more volunteers.

In 2024, CFTT continued to do what it does best: growing and harvesting fresh produce to put on the plates of hungry Colorado residents. Our partners shared with us that those who access their services are quick to choose our produce. With packaged/canned food being cheaper than fresh produce, receiving CFTT's produce free of charge ensures they receive healthier food for consumption.

This has never been more urgent than the time we find ourselves in. At the beginning of 2025, lost access to \$5.5 million due to federal funding reductions. This has created a massive gap in access to nutritious food and could potentially lead to higher food insecurity across our counties.

CFTT is proud to be part of the solution amidst this crisis, donating fresh, healthy, and locally grown produce to feed people from all walks of life. In fact, our yield and the number of people we reached grew exponentially—from 68,282 pounds of produce and 56,902 individuals served in 2023 to 98,000 pounds, 81,667 individuals served in 2024.

With changing times, our approach is evolving to embrace a more sustainable approach to stewarding the land. As of 2024, we have successfully eliminated the use of synthetic herbicides and insecticides, ensuring the health of our soil and well as providing organic food.

We couldn't do any of this without you – the volunteers who get up with the sun to pitch in at the farm, the distribution partners who are that critical connection point with the people who need our food, and the generous donors who share our belief that everyone deserves equitable access to fresh and healthy food.

A sincere and profound thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey so far. We hope you'll all stay tuned for what comes next, as we look to the future with some new and exciting ideas for growing our mission and our impact.

Warm regards,

LAURIE KARI
Executive Director

ALLISON GROOM
Board President

MISSION

To sustainably grow nutritious vegetables for donation to those in need of healthy food throughout Colorado.



VISION

Sustain a mission farm rooted in stewardship, community and compassion for the hungry, where every Coloradan in need has equitable access to fresh, nutritious Colorado-grown produce.



VALUES

1

Practice stewardship and embody the values of place, community, and service through caring for and sharing our natural agricultural resources

2

Collaborate with local, state, and national partners to advance hunger relief, agricultural education and sustainability.

3

Engage youth and people of all ages in volunteer farming experiences to grow high-quality nutritious produce for hungry families in Colorado.

Who We Are

Colorado Farm To Table (CFTT) creates access to nutritious vegetables for Colorado's most vulnerable, and is the **only organization in Colorado** growing and **donating 100% of its produce** to organizations feeding food-insecure residents at no cost.



The issue

In 2022 the average cost for a meal in Colorado was \$4.13, with food insecure Coloradans needing \$521,298,000 more per year to meet their food needs. **671,340 people faced hunger, of which 172,280 were children.**

Colorado Governor, Jared Polis, recently stated that the **USDA funding cuts nullified the \$5.5 million** that Colorado would have otherwise received to strengthen local food systems, support farmers, and food producers, and help supply food banks.



Our unique solution

CFTT grows, harvests, and donates fresh, healthy, sustainably grown produce, at no cost, specifically to organizations feeding food-insecure Colorado families struggling to put food on their tables. Each year, we harvest approximately 100,000 pounds of sweet corn, summer, and winter squash, cabbage, and broccoli.

Our unique volunteer-driven model helps keep our costs low so we can grow and donate 100% of the nutritious produce each year - on a modest budget.

Our farm is engaged in multi-year practices to transition to more sustainable and regenerative farming. We want to preserve and maintain healthy soil and water for generations to come.

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Staff

Laurie Kari, Executive Director
Thomas McDaniel, Farm Director

OUR IMPACT



98,000

pounds of produce grown, harvested, and donated



326,667

nutritious servings provided, or a day's worth of vegetables for nearly **60,695** people



940

hours of time donated by **100** (plus board and committee members) valued at **\$32,298**



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distribution partners - including food banks, pantries, and faith-based groups - serving 9 counties



HIGHLIGHTS

Shifting toward greater sustainability: In 2024, we continued our transition toward more sustainable farming practices, and saw gains in areas like soil health and water retention. We're thrilled that Farm Director TJ McDaniel is stepping up as the next-generation leader to help guide CFTT down the path to that more sustainable farming future. Look for some creative new approaches in 2025!

Piloting new crops on the Salida farm: In 2024 we continued a variety of trials of new crops and varieties. Successful tests included Buttercup and Butternut squash, a new broccoli variety, and a one-acre strawberry patch.

Growing our digital engagement: We continued our website and grew our social channels in 2024 to reach a wider audience.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Just like the land that we farm on, CFTT has its own incredibly unique and resilient ecosystem that makes our work possible. We want to acknowledge the contributions from each part of that system that came together to make 2024 such a successful year.

A special thank you to the Shine Family, who have generously donated the use of the CFTT farmland since 2005.

Our donors include corporate foundations, family foundations, local government, local businesses, and many generous individuals who sustain our work. In 2024, we were supported by:

Foundation, corporate & government support

American Ag Credit
Anschutz Family Foundation
Anschutz Foundation
Birdcall Holdings
Chaffee County
Colorado Garden Show
Creel-Harison Foundation
Mabel Hughes Charitable Trust

John Duncan G T/U/W
Virginia Hill Foundation
Kettering Family Foundation
Kroger Foundation
Summit Foundation

Individual donors

Stuart Allen
Lynn Anderson
Judy Barnes
Gail Barry
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Julie and Dennis Weber
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David Wood
Lisa Nagle
Janet Ostrom
Marilyn Pahl
Dayna Pfeiffer
Laurie Poyer
Bob Schiermann
O. Edward and Patricia Schlatter
Peter Schopen
Carla Seyler
Patricia Hecht

VOLUNTEERS



Our volunteers contribute hundreds of hours each year to planting, tending, harvesting, and packaging produce – and so much more. Our 100 volunteers donated a total of 1000 hours of their time to farm. Their time was valued at \$34,360.00 (based on the Independent Sector's current assigned value of \$34.36 per volunteer hour in Colorado).

In 2024, we welcomed the following volunteers to our farm:

Brad Abblott
Roz Aceto
Steve Agent
Janie Allen
Ryan Allen
Stuart Allen
Nancy Anderson
Scott Anderson
Brenda Barger
Rachel Berger
Robert Bond
Keri Bown
Gail Brooke
Chandler Bueller
Janet Bundschuh
Jenny Burrig
Kyle Burris
Filicia Christman
Janet Crehan
Johnathan Daisy
Gaylyn Damner
Sunny Day
Jenn Dempsey
Alexandra Dirks
Diane Donley
Mark Donley
Chuck Dunlevy
David Easlahy
Mateo Eidson
Kristy Falcon
Sunny Filipini
Molly Franhoff
Kay Gerbig
Helen Gibson
Allison Groom
Brad Groom
Patrick Hardin
Jessica Hedayat
David Henderson
Marilyn Higgs
Denise Scipes
Colin Sholz
Stephan Siegfried
Mark Simpson
Pam Simpson
Tammy Snyder
Ashley Stenstand
Cindy Stephenitch
Galene Stevens
Teresa Thompson
Katie Tilt

Mike Hoffman
Shane Hogenson
Deborah Holter
Lindsey Howard
Nancy Hyde
Eric Jacobson
Faith Johnson
Kim Kalkus
Mary Kitzig
Ken Konopka
Nanette Laughrey
Gina Lee
Mike Lloyd
Linda Lunn
Chery Cook McCoy
Tracy M. McGuire
Penny Meirdirk
Stephanie Melzer
Doug Mendelsen
Sarah Moore
Mary Mueller
Lisa Nagle
Jennifer Naylor
Jim Oberheide
Joyce Office
Ron Osterholt
Cindy Osterholt
Carol Padlick
Jenny Palmer
Kim Palmer
Judy Pankow
Debra Perkins
Laurie Phillips
Rachel Rice
Teresa Rivera
Sandy Riverburg
Doug Robers
Beth Roberts
Mitch Roman
Beth Sanders
Michael Trantham
Kristi Turline
Michelle Walker
Bonnie Wall
Chuck Washer
Wendy Weathers
Lina Weisoman
Lina Weissman
Angela Winston
David Wood
Cathy Wood



COLLABORATION



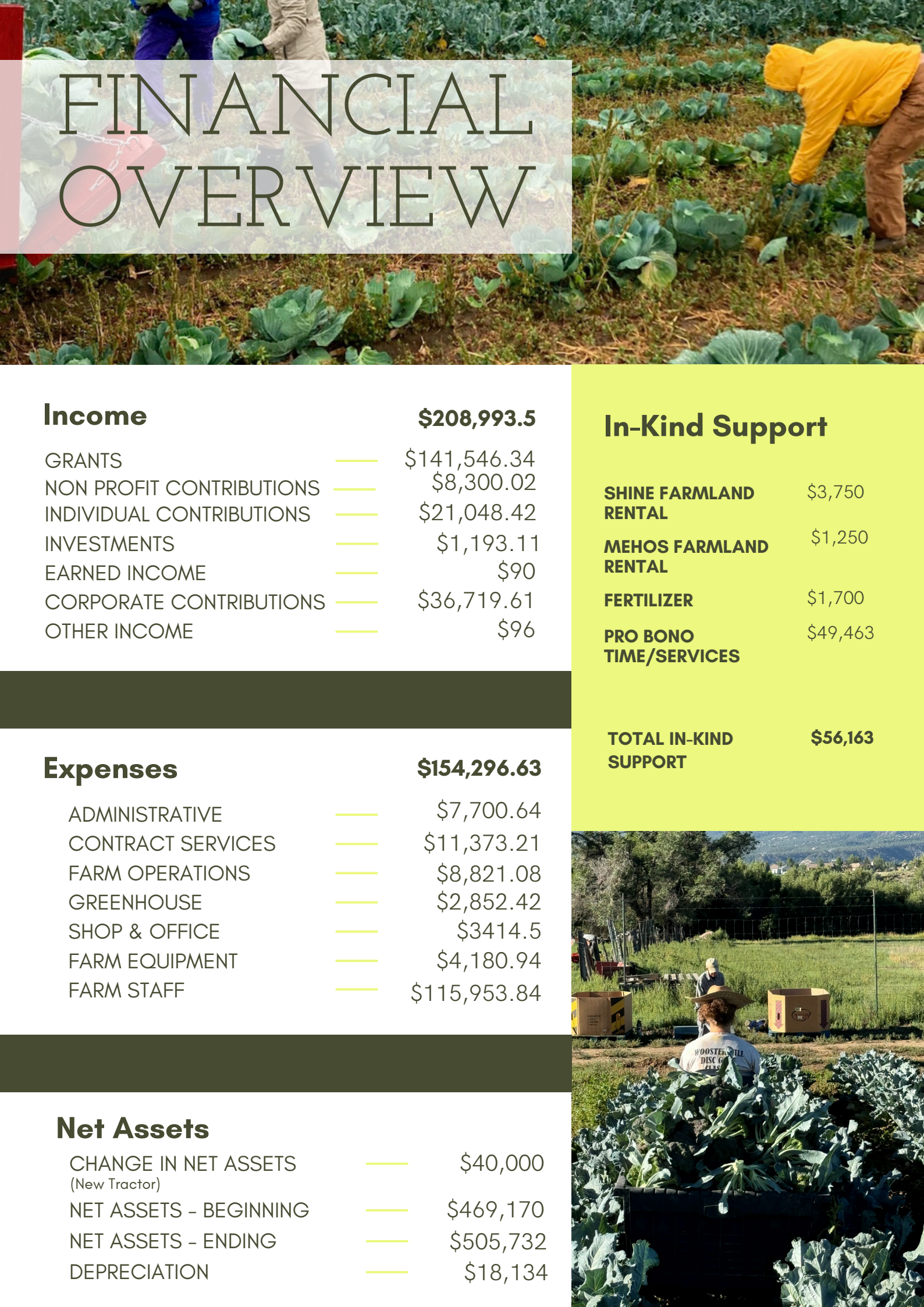
Our distribution partners are food banks, community centers, faith-based institutions, senior citizen facilities, and other aid-focused organizations that pick up CFTT's produce and bring it to people in need around the state.

In 2024, we partnered with:

Ark Valley Christian Mission
Care and Share Foodbank of Southern Colorado
Chaffee Community Resource Center
Country Church of Hartsel
Custer County Community Sharing
Denver Inner City Parish
First Presbyterian-Food Pantry
First Presbyterian-Soup Ladies
Food Bank Of The Rockies (Northern Colorado)
Grainery Ministries Food Pantry
La Puente Food Bank
Poncha Springs Thrift/Food Pantry

Public gleaning of all crops
Salida Apartments
Salida Community Center
Salida Housing Authority
Sharing Ministries Foodbank
(Western Slope)
Smart Bellies
South Park Food Bank
St. George Episcopal Church
Starpont Program





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income

\$208,993.5

GRANTS	—	\$141,546.34
NON PROFIT CONTRIBUTIONS	—	\$8,300.02
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	—	\$21,048.42
INVESTMENTS	—	\$1,193.11
EARNED INCOME	—	\$90
CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS	—	\$36,719.61
OTHER INCOME	—	\$96

Expenses

\$154,296.63

ADMINISTRATIVE	—	\$7,700.64
CONTRACT SERVICES	—	\$11,373.21
FARM OPERATIONS	—	\$8,821.08
GREENHOUSE	—	\$2,852.42
SHOP & OFFICE	—	\$3414.5
FARM EQUIPMENT	—	\$4,180.94
FARM STAFF	—	\$115,953.84

Net Assets

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (New Tractor)	—	\$40,000
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING	—	\$469,170
NET ASSETS - ENDING	—	\$505,732
DEPRECIATION	—	\$18,134

In-Kind Support

SHINE FARMLAND RENTAL	\$3,750
MEHOS FARMLAND RENTAL	\$1,250
FERTILIZER	\$1,700
PRO BONO TIME/SERVICES	\$49,463
TOTAL IN-KIND SUPPORT	\$56,163



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