

Mountain Family Center

2025 - Year in Review



Every year presents its own unique challenges and successes, and 2025 was no different. While changing economic conditions and an unseasonably warm winter tested our community, these circumstances also inspired remarkable collaboration and community engagement. Mountain Family Center (MFC), alongside our partners, donors, and volunteers, worked tirelessly to adapt resources and find new ways to support local families.



Through commitment and collective effort, we not only met the year's challenges but strengthened the very connections that define our community.

MFC concluded 2025 with gratitude and pride for what we were able to accomplish working together to serve ~3,800 unique individuals annually.

Organizational Successes

The Grand County community is nothing less than GRAND.

Economic woes can sometimes lead donors to become risk adverse and minimize charitable contributions. That is NOT how Grand County donors operate. Mountain Family Center supporters instead opened their hearts and gave generously.

During the federal government shutdown and into the holiday season, MFC received mass quantities of donated non-perishable food and necessities in our food pantries. In total, we received 65,867 pounds of food pantry items in 2025. Thanks to a generous donation from Grand Foundation and Graham Powers, we were able to distribute grocery gift cards to individuals whose SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps) were on hold for the first two weeks of November. MFC gave away the following to SNAP recipients:

\$3,350 in grocery gift cards to 81 individuals in Grand County

\$4,000 to 97 individuals in Jackson County

Additionally, **not only did our 2025 Colorado Gives Day fundraiser exceed our goal of \$60,000, at \$81,489, MFC sponsors donated more than any previous Colorado Gives Day.**

Mountain Family Center

A nonprofit organization

\$81,489 raised by 129 donors

100% complete

\$60,000 Goal

POINT Volunteer Platform

Volunteers are the heartbeat of any nonprofit organization. From hosting food drives, to accepting donations in the Main Street Thrift Store, to stuffing backpacks with school supplies and acting as Santa's elves at the Grand County North Pole, volunteer opportunities are plentiful at Mountain Family Center. To help staff coordinate volunteers and track the economic benefit of our volunteer base, MFC joined POINT Volunteer Management Platform. By using POINT, volunteers are able to view and sign up for upcoming volunteer opportunities. In 2025, MFC had

131 volunteers | 49 events | 797 hours | \$26,680 economic impact



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Hunger Relief

Food Pantries

MFC operates food pantries in Granby, Fraser, Kremmling, and Walden.

In the summer, we also have a mobile food pantry. **In 2025, MFC food**

pantries had 15,539 visits.

In addition to non-perishable food items, residents can also take home fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, eggs and milk; breads and sweets; as well as hygiene products and diapers. In partnership with Grand County Public Health, MFC proudly

grew and distributed over \$1,300 worth of fresh, organically grown

produce to families participating in WIC and other members of the community. Thanks to Colorado Garden Foundation, we were able to expand our growing space in 2025.



School Fruit Stands & Food Totes

To ensure that every child has proper nutrition while in and away from school, MFC funds school fruit stands and food totes. Totes are also available during summer break.

\$1,025 of Fruit Provided Weekly
43,189 Food Totes Provided

Thanksgiving Meals

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time for gathering of family and friends. To ensure that food insecurity wasn't a barrier, MFC provided food baskets or grocery gift cards to

363 families | 1,000 individuals
in Grand & Jackson Counties

Eat Play Grow

Providing hunger relief isn't just about providing food to people, it is also about teaching the next generation how to live happy, healthy lives. Eat Play Grow is an 11-week series that teaches children ages 6 and younger about the importance of making positive choices in areas that affect health the most: nutrition, physical activity and sleep. **MFC taught Eat Play Grow in the Spring of 2025 at both the Church of Eternal Hills Preschool and Granby Elementary Preschool where, for the first time, we offered simultaneous Spanish interpretation!**

Direct Client Services - Housing & Utilities

Mountain Family Center's Housing and Utility Assistance programs help residents stay in their homes, keep the lights on and their houses warm. These programs provide assistance with paying for rental/mortgage payments or utility bills that are past due or that cannot be paid for the upcoming month. Clients may only seek help with utilities and/or rental assistance once every 12 months.

117 Housing Payments Made | 129 Utility Bills Paid | 30 Granby Water Assistance Bills Paid
125 Additional Direct Client Services Provided

Starting in 2026, families and individuals applying for rental or mortgage assistance will begin working more closely with our case workers to identify personal goals and explore additional supports. **By focusing on the unique strengths and resilience of the families we serve, we aim to create lasting, positive change that extends well beyond immediate assistance.**

Grand Latin

Grand Latin joined MFC in 2025 to achieve a support network for Latinos in Grand County. Grand Latin proudly hosted two different initiatives in 2025. Every Thursday from June through August, Grand Latin and Mountain Family Center set up a table at Granby's Music and Market to provide outreach and networking. Additionally, on September 21, **Grand Latin hosted a Hispanic Heritage Celebration in Granby, attended by more than 200 people.**



English Lessons

Mountain Family Center provides free English Lessons to community members whose first language is not English. It does not have to be Spanish; it can be any language!

Contact Alejandra about English Lessons:
Alejandra@mountainfamilycenter.org

Main Street Thrift Store

Main Street Thrift is more than just a thrift store! It is a revenue stream for Mountain Family Center, with all proceeds going to support MFC's programs and services.



Grand Seniors

Grand Seniors, through Mountain Family Center, provides a variety of services to Grand County seniors (ages 60 and over) with the goal of maintaining their independence in the beautiful county they love and call home.



1,503 One-Way Rides Given
459 Grocery & Wellness Visits Made
Numerous Social Events and Outings Held

Vision & Dental Assistance

The **Fraser River Valley Lions Club** provides Mountain Family Center with a limited number of vision vouchers each year. Vouchers are good for an exam and a pair of glasses at **Winter Park Optical in Fraser**.

Dental, Hearing, Medical Assistance are also be available to Grand County residents on a case-by-case basis.

25 Vision Vouchers & 19 Dental Vouchers were given in 2025

Cancer Treatment Assistance

Mountain Family Center acts as the fiscal agent for the **Taking Steps for Cancer** fund which exists to ease the financial burden of treatment for Grand County residents battling cancer. The Cancer Fund is available to help cover gas, lodging, meals and other expenses associated with cancer treatments.

63 Residents Assisted
\$142,000 Expenses Paid

Special Programs

In addition to the everyday services Mountain Family Center provides, we also have seasonal special programs specifically for children.

Backpacks & School Supplies

Using funds donated by the community, MFC provides backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need in Grand and Jackson Counties.

190 Backpacks Supplied

A special thanks goes out to Church Project of Winter Park for putting together our Middle/High School backpacks.



Another thank you goes to the volunteers above who helped stuff the Elementary backpacks.

Winter Coats & Boots for Kids

If anything could be considered essential for a child living in Grand County, it would be winter clothing. For this reason, MFC provides winter coats and boots to local children in need.

103 Families Helped | 198 Children Clothed

A special thanks goes out to Summit County Knights of Columbus, Wheatley Creek Services, Queen Bee's Laundry Services, and MCR Plumbing for supporting this program.



Another thank you goes to the volunteers who helped with the Coats/Boots Giveaway.

Grand County North Pole

For many families facing hardship, the holidays can be a especially difficult time. Mountain Family Center's Grand County North Pole helps make the holidays brighter for those families.

130 Families Helped | 267 Happy Children

Thank you to all the community members who donated gifts, the businesses that hosted toy drives, and the Inn at SilverCreek for providing the location.

Another thank you goes to the 40+ volunteers who spent more than 200 hours helping with the North Pole.

