

Mountain Family Center Community Connections Newsletter



Building Strength. Developing Self-Reliance. Strengthening Our Community.



Program Spotlight: *Hunger Relief*

Food insecurity continues to affect working families, seniors, and children throughout Grand County. No one should have to choose between paying rent and buying groceries. **This year we have continued to:**

- Operate client-choice food pantries
- Deliver mobile food distributions
- Expand healthy food options
- Support children through the Totes for Kids program
- Assist residents with SNAP enrollment
- Connect families with nutrition education

GROW TO SHARE HOW TO SHARE



YOU HARVEST

in the morning or evening to maximize freshness



YOU DROP

your harvest off at the Granby or Kremmling pantry during open hours:
Granby M-Th 9-3, F 9-12
Kremmling T and Th 10-2



WE DISTRIBUTE

your donation to families participating in WIC and people who utilize our food pantries

Hunger Relief Connections By the Numbers

- **9,123 Pantry Visits**
- **23,772 Totes for Kids** distributed from January to June 2026.
- **35 Smile Boxes** distributed monthly to Jackson County Seniors thanks to Mountain Parks Electric.
- **23 Average Weekly Mobile Food Pantry Visits** serving residents throughout Grand and Jackson Counties



Mobile Food Pantry Schedule

Check out our [website](#) for more info

1st Tuesday of the Month:
Granby/Winter Park

2nd Tuesday of the Month:
Kremmling

3rd Tuesday of the Month:
Walden

Grand Restaurants Food Security Fund

MFC is working to address sustained funding for our programs beginning with Hunger Relief. We're launching a pilot: Grand Restaurants Food Security Fund! If you're a local restaurant interested in making a monthly contribution to feed community members in need, please reach out to info@mountainfamilycenter.org.



Department Update

Client Services

Starting on July 1, 2026

Mountain Family Center will be implementing changes to our rent and mortgage assistance program.

New CFSA Program for Returning Clients

If a client has received rent or mortgage assistance with us before, they will be asked to participate in the evidence-based Colorado Family Support Assessment (CFSA) program prior to approval for further assistance.

Changes in Eligibility

- Families must have been residents of Grand or Jackson counties for at least 6 months and have not received the same assistance from us in the last 12 months.
- If an individual or family requests assistance for a second time, they must complete the 3-month CFSA program, to be eligible for rent/mortgage assistance again.

The goal of implementing family and individual development programming is to help move clients out of poverty or financial hardship through goal setting and additional resource support.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Alex Sidell or Silvina Spatocco at 970-557-3186.



CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD!



Sep 27, 2026 | 11am - 3pm | POLHAMUS PARK, GRANBY

GRAND LATIN is a group of Latinos working together as a team to support and educate the community on our cultural background and traditions.

In partnership with **DESTINATION GRANBY**, GRAND LATIN is excited to present Celebrations Around the World!, which reflects our commitment to inclusivity by highlighting not only Hispanic heritage but also other cultures represented in our region, including American traditions. This broader focus will create opportunities for cross-cultural learning and connection while still honoring and uplifting Latino voices and contributions.

The event will feature live bands, local vendors, traditional foods, and interactive activities for children, creating a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere.

Sponsorships Gold: \$1,000 | Silver: \$500 | Platinum: \$300

If you or your business would like to contribute or participate in this event, we have a few options for sponsorship. To make a donation please visit Destination Granby website and click the DONATE button. Donations should be made by August 14 to ensure sponsors' information and logos are added to social media and other marketing material.

We really appreciate your support, and we hope to bring more events like this to our community, making Granby and Grand County a lively destination for all residents and visitors alike!

When making a donation through Destination Granby, please specify that your donation is for the "Celebrations Around the World" event.



Ready to get involved? Email sarah@destinationgranby.com

Deadlines:

Commitment Required by 08/01/2026

Payment due by 08/14/2026



Program Spotlight: *Grand Seniors*

The **Grand Seniors** Program continues to help older adults remain independent and connected to their communities. Services include:

- Non-emergent transportation for errands, wellness outings, medical appointments, and social engagement activities
- Grocery shopping trips
- Wellness and recreation activities
- Congregate meals
- Home-delivered grocery support through Bountiful Baskets
- Educational programming

Transportation remains one of the most important services we provide, helping seniors safely access healthcare, nutrition, and social opportunities.



Senior Connections - *By the Numbers*

- **630 Senior rides provided**
- **88 Weekly Bountiful Baskets** provided to homebound seniors
- **Numerous organized social events and outings**

Jodi Johnson replaced Missy Posey as Grand Seniors Program Manager in July 2026.



Expanding Community Outreach

Mountain Family Center continues to increase access to services by strengthening relationships throughout the county.

Highlights include:

- Expanded outreach through **Grand Latin**
- Spanish language interpretation and translation services
- Increased collaboration with schools
- Partnerships with municipalities
- Strong relationships with healthcare providers, churches, and nonprofit organizations

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These efforts help reduce barriers and ensure all community members know where to turn when they need support.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Our volunteers remain the heart of Mountain Family Center.

From stocking pantry shelves and sorting donations to delivering groceries, driving seniors, assisting with events, and supporting our thrift store, your generosity makes everything we do possible.

Thank you for investing your time and compassion in our community.

Volunteer Connections *By the Numbers*

- **476 Volunteer Hours served**
- **\$16.2k in economic impact**

Interested in volunteering?

Contact

meg@mountainfamilycenter.org



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to learn about our volunteer opportunities.

Donor Spotlight

Every donation creates opportunity.

Whether supporting emergency assistance, senior transportation, children's nutrition programs, or everyday operating needs, **your generosity helps neighbors remain healthy, housed, and hopeful.**

Together, we are building a stronger Grand County.



Donate to MFC today!

This month's spotlight donor is **Church Project of Winter Park** for donating to our Backpacks and School Supplies Program.





TAKING STEPS FOR CANCER

The Taking Step for Cancer fund at Mountain Family Center helps an average of 60 community members per year with costs related to cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment. **Through June of 2026 the fund had already supported 54 residents with a total of \$103,000 in assistance.**

Thanks to the hard work of the Taking Steps volunteers and the generosity of the community, the committee was able to increase the max assistance to \$6,000/person for costs related to treatment. The max per person for diagnostic screening remains at \$1,500.

Check out takingstepsforcancer.org for information on Taking Steps' summer fundraising events, such as the 14th Annual 5k and Auction in Grand Lake on September 27, 2026.

Reproductive Health Clinic Grand County Public Health

Grand County Public Health provides confidential and free or low-cost reproductive health services. Anyone can get care by visiting us in person, through video, or by phone.

Services offered:

- Counseling, screening, treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Pregnancy testing and birth control
- Pre-pregnancy and basic infertility counseling
- Cervical cancer screening
- Breast cancer risk assessment
- Mental health screening and referral
- Immunizations for HPV and Hepatitis B

Learn more at co.grand.co.us/220/Public-Health

Health & Home Modification Grants

If you or someone you know needs assistance with out-of-pocket costs for dental treatment, hearing aids or durable medical equipment, MFC may be able to help! For people with disabilities and older adults, funding may also be available for home repairs or modifications needed for accessibility or to ensure safe living conditions. All available insurance benefits must be utilized first, and **applicants must have proof of residency in Grand County for at least 6 months, and proof that household income is less than 80% Grand County AMI.** For more information or to see if you qualify, contact Katie at 970-557-3186 or katie@mountainfamilycenter.org.

Destination Granby Features MFC

Mountain Family Center is honored to be featured by Destination Granby for our work in the community. Read their article by scanning the QR code or visiting destinationgranby.com



Looking Ahead to the Rest of 2026

During the second half of 2026, Mountain Family Center will continue focusing on:

- **Expanding outreach** throughout Grand County
- **Growing Grand Seniors** programming
- **Strengthening donor** and volunteer engagement
- **Increasing access** to healthy food
- **Enhancing language access** and culturally responsive services
- **Building long-term sustainability** for future generations

Save the Date

Watch for upcoming:

- **Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Party:** August 27, 4-7pm (MFC Parking Lot, 480 E. Agate, Granby)
- Volunteer opportunities
- Community food distributions
- Senior activities
- Backpacks and school supply assistance
- Holiday assistance programs



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Follow us on social media or check out our POINT Volunteer Portal for updates.

