



AMERICAN CHARITIES, INC.

Annual Report 2010



2009-2010 *Year in Review*

To Our Friends and Partners,

In a tough economy with high unemployment rates, more families than ever have needed a little extra help to make ends meet. In fact in 2010, **1 of every 8 Americans visited a food pantry at least once**. American Charities has been here for these families providing food to over 40,000 Individuals in 2010. We distributed over 26,000 clothing items, toys, household items and other basic necessities through our Clothing centers in 2010.

American Charities widened its reach in 2010 by opening our Denver location in March. We have already served thousands from our new Location. Our program is open to anyone in need regardless of where they live, income or any other criteria. In 2010 we served Coloradans from 158 zip codes.

As our organization has quickly grown into one of the largest direct service food and clothing centers in Colorado, we have maintained our commitment to operating on a limited budget and remain an all volunteer organization.

Thank you

Many businesses and individuals in the community joined us in our mission to help families in need this year. Special Thanks to:

The Whole Foods Stores of Colorado Springs worked year round through their "Grab and Give" Program and held a massive holiday food drive to Provide us with over 125,000 pounds of food in 2010!

The Wal Mart Stores of Colorado have been a friend and partner to our organization since we opened the doors. They have allowed us to fundraise at their locations throughout the year. In 2010 Wal Mart provided us with over \$30,000 worth of clothing, household items, and Toys for our clothing centers and have donated over \$8,000 in cash.

American Charities Partners held several events to support our Denver location throughout the year and with the help of companies like **The Tilted Kilt** and **Arrowhead Golf Course** over \$10,000 was raised on our behalf.

McCabe's Tavern has offered their facilities, time, and product to assist us in countless events over the last year and have been here for us since our beginning .



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Thanksgiving Giveaway

Special thanks to Wal Mart, Whole Foods, and Care and Share for helping us provide Thanksgiving Dinner to over 260 Families





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About American Charities

HISTORY: American Charities (ACI) opened its Food Pantry & Clothing Center in January of 2009, in response to the growing need to address the increasing population of individuals may not receive assistance by other non-profits offering food and clothing because of qualifying criteria. After researching this issue the Founders discovered that the population “falling through the cracks” includes disabled veterans, unemployed receiving unemployment, retirees on fixed incomes, disabled residents and others eliminated due to residential criteria, Including homelessness, stranded motorists, etc.

In response to this huge population of individuals having to choose between food and prescriptions or utilities, etc. (according the Care & Share and USDA statistics) the Directors opened ACI as the first secular non-profit in the area that does not qualify it's clientele by location, income or any other criteria, and does not accept any government grants.

ACI is a grass roots organization formed to help those in need first. Most agencies raise funds and apply for grants prior to opening their facility to ensure that salaries and benefits can be paid to management and personnel. ACI opened to serve the community before we began fundraising, trusting the community to respond to the need. ACI does not apply for government grants. We rely solely on local businesses and individuals' donations to fund our programs.

Our Volunteers

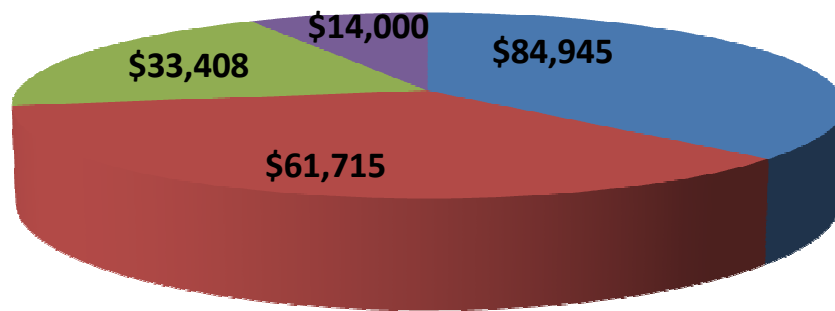
ACI remains an all volunteer organization. Our organization is honored to have a dedicated group of volunteers who make our mission possible. Most of our volunteers are current or former clients. Our volunteers manage every aspect of our business including reception duties, client intake, loading and unloading food and clothing and serving our clients directly during open hours. Most organizations our size have at least 5 full time employees and 3-5 part time employees.

In 2010 our 50 volunteers donated over 7,000 hours of their time to support our mission. This has allowed us to use your funds to help those In need and not for payroll or administration costs.

In 2010 we began a program to give our clients an opportunity to gain valuable work experience and network in the community. Clients using this program work at regular fundraising events in the community and receive a portion of the amount they raise towards their rent or utilities. Through this program ACI was able to provide over \$80,000 in rental and Utilities assistance to Colorado Families in 2010.

Financial Information

Expenses



- Rental Assistance
- Facilities
- Direct Services
- Vehicles/Fuel

Donations

Private Donors	\$161,101.92
Business Contributions	\$11,695.97
Counseling Program Income	\$8,723.00
In Kind Donations (Food)	\$382,325.00
In Kind Donations (Clothing)	\$89,908.20

Total Contributions = \$653,754.09