



BRIGIT'S BOUNTY

Community Resources



Mission Statement

To provide education, training, and resources toward transforming the lives of individuals and strengthening the Carbon Valley community.

Roster of Officers and Board Members:

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History

The garden at Brigit's Bounty Community Resources (BBCR) was first planted in 2009 as a free field trip destination for students at Thunder Valley K-8 in Frederick, Colorado. It was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2011. BBCR operates a 1-acre Giving Garden and Greenhouse where we offer affordable gardening education programs and from which we donate all of the fruits and vegetables to community members in need. BBCR immediately serves the community by increasing access to healthy foods and offering affordable, enriching gardening education programs. Our education programs and volunteer opportunities improve the long-term health and resilience of the Carbon Valley Community by giving people the skills, resources, and support to grow their own food.

Demographics

Brigit's Bounty Community Resources primarily serves the Carbon Valley community which includes the Colorado towns of Frederick, Dacono, and Firestone. BBCR also focuses their services on a larger scale to Longmont, the St. Vrain Valley region, and all of Weld County.

Activities & Accomplishments

The Giving Garden has continued to expand, now consisting of 52 raised beds, a pumpkin patch, herb and pollinator beds, three beehives, an orchard, a chicken coop with five hens, and a newly-constructed 216 square-foot greenhouse. Volunteers play an integral role in taking care of the garden and making it flourish. 975 volunteers devoted 4275 hours to supporting the Giving Garden. Without their tireless efforts, we would not have been able to 2,292 pounds of fruits and vegetables grown in the Giving Garden. BBCR donated **X amount of snack bags** through our partnership with Meals on Wheels Firestone. Moreover, we donated **X amount of bags** through our partnership with the Weld Food Bank Mobile Food Pantries in Frederick and Dacono.

BBCR also involves youth from Weld County in gardening activities. BBCR has a close relationship with Thunder Valley K-8, which has one of the highest percentages of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch in the St. Vrain Valley School District - 64.2% (in 2020-2021 school year) compared to the School District average of 32%. BBCR offers in-class workshops and field trip opportunities for Thunder Valley K-8 and any other interested schools. BBCR held four sessions of its low-cost Summer Garden Camp in 2021, as well as hosting youth from county-wide programs (like TIGHT Crew and Chainsaw Crew) to complete job training and community service at the garden. We also hosted individuals and groups for community service.

In 2021, 748 youth participated in BBCR programming.

Financials

The following information is based on Brigit's Bounty Community Resources' internally produced financial statements for the fiscal year ending Friday, December 31, 2021.

Source of Funds

Expenses