

# Brigit's Bounty Community Resources

Annual Report 2019



# 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:

Eileen Bisgard, President  
Libby McQuarie, Secretary  
David Whelan, Treasurer  
Rev. Rick Meyers, Member at Large  
Patti Walkenhorst, Member at Large  
Ron Wormke, Member at Large



# Accomplishments

2019 Program Service Accomplishments: BBCR runs a Giving Garden established in 2009, and incorporated in 2011 as an independent non-profit organization serving the Carbon Valley. The Giving Garden helps families by donating its organically grown produce to the community through partnerships with regional aid organizations and health centers. BBCR is also dedicated to working with children to provide hands on opportunities for garden education. Through partnerships with the local school system, the “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County, and BBCR’s annual low-cost garden camp, BBCR teaches students about where food comes from while providing direct food assistance.

The Giving Garden has continued to evolve over the years and consists of 52 raised beds in addition to the pumpkin patch, herb and pollinator beds, beehives, orchard, apiary, and greenhouse. BBCR added a chicken coop and 5 chickens in 2019. BBCR relies on volunteer work from hundreds of community volunteers to maintain the garden. **556 volunteers performed 4,300 volunteer hours in the garden in 2019.** BBCR donates fresh produce to the community weekly throughout the growing season, primarily by setting up alongside the Weld County Mobile food pantry in Frederick and Dacono. It also donates to Meals on Wheels in Firestone. **BBCR donated 2,056 pounds of food reaching 1,234 households in 2019.**

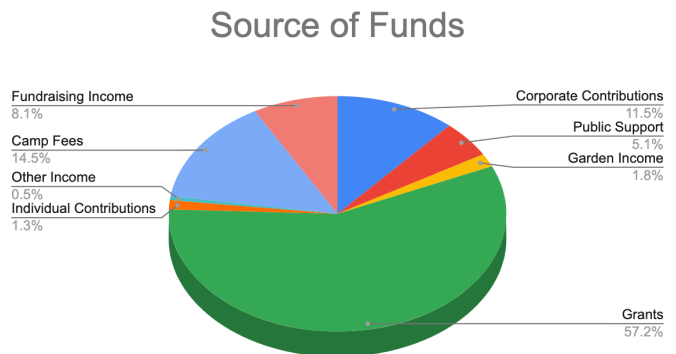
BBCR partners with Thunder Valley K-8 School, which has one of the highest percentages of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch in the St. Vrain Valley School District – 53.2 percent compared to the state average of 41 percent and the School District average of 33 percent. BBCR teaches in-class workshops at Thunder Valley in addition to hosting on-site field trips. BBCR also partners with the “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County which sponsors low-income youth at Thunder Valley through a long-term, comprehensive program focusing on both educational and social-emotional development. BBCR hosts a low-cost garden camp which has grown in size and popularity each year - in 2019, the camp reached its maximum capacity with **90 students.** Grant funding and individual donations allow BBCR to provide scholarships for low income families and keep tuition costs at just \$10 a day. **BBCR reached 756 students with hands-on garden education in 2019.**

# Financials

The following information is based on Brigit's Bounty Community Resources's internally produced financial statements for the fiscal year ending Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

## Source of Funds

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Corporate Contributions  | \$2,723         |
| Public Support           | \$1,195         |
| Garden Income            | \$431           |
| Grants                   | \$13,532        |
| Individual Contributions | \$300           |
| Other Income             | \$129           |
| Camp Fees                | \$3,421         |
| Fundraising Income       | \$1,925         |
| <b>Total Income</b>      | <b>\$23,656</b> |



## Expenses

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Program               | \$26,557        |
| Fundraising           | \$219           |
| Administrative        | \$731           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$27,507</b> |

Income in Excess of Expenses: **(\$3,851)\***

## Assets

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Net Assets | \$18,576        |
| Ending Net Assets    | \$14,679        |
| Total Liabilities    | (\$46)          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b>\$14,725</b> |

\*Historically, BBCR has had a contracted, seasonal (Summer) Garden and Education Coordinator. In anticipation of adding the Coordinator as a salaried, year-round position in 2020, BBCR used funds left from a 2018 surplus to keep the Coordinator on contract from Oct-Dec 2019. The deficit spending was planned, and is not anticipated to occur again in the future.