



# Community Giving Program **2024 Annual Report**



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# Colorado Access Community Giving Program

We are a local, nonprofit health care company, and we've been caring for the health of Coloradans for 30 years

We partner with communities to help people get access to quality, equitable, and affordable care. We prioritize the total health of our members and the communities we all live in, not just with traditional health care, but also through community investments to address health-related social needs and improve health equity and outcomes for our members.

The Community Giving Program (CGP) allows Colorado Access to elevate and integrate community voices by funding projects that support health-related social needs in the communities we serve. In 2024, the CGP opened quarterly application cycles for community partners to request support for programming serving our members and communities, with a focus on their health-related social needs.

Throughout 2024, Colorado Access invested over

**\$3.3 million**

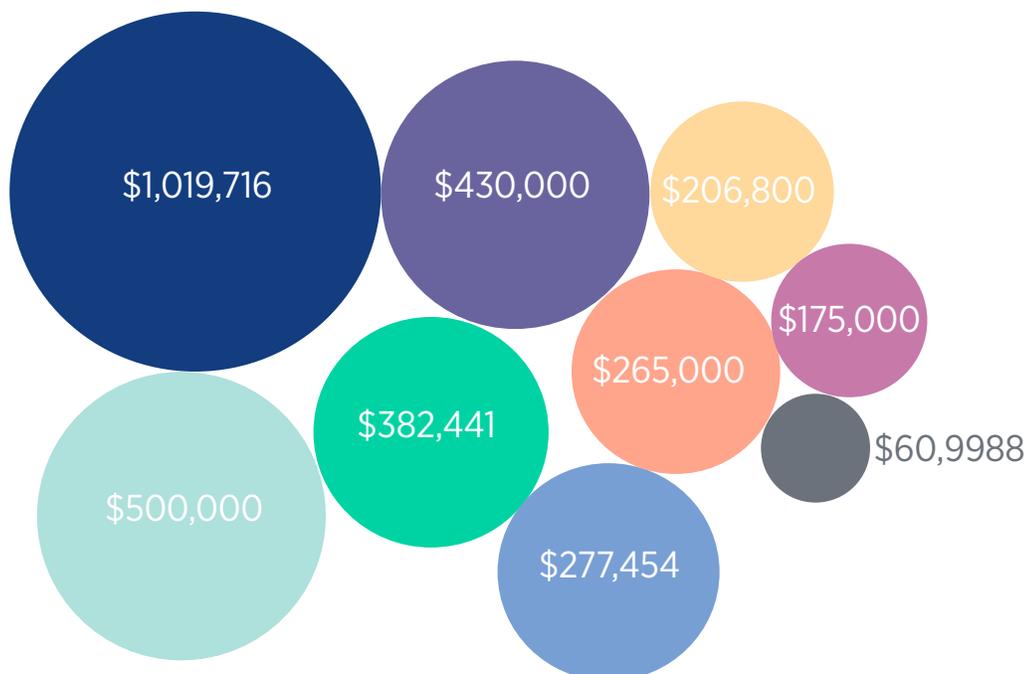
in programming, reaching over

**314,000**  
individuals

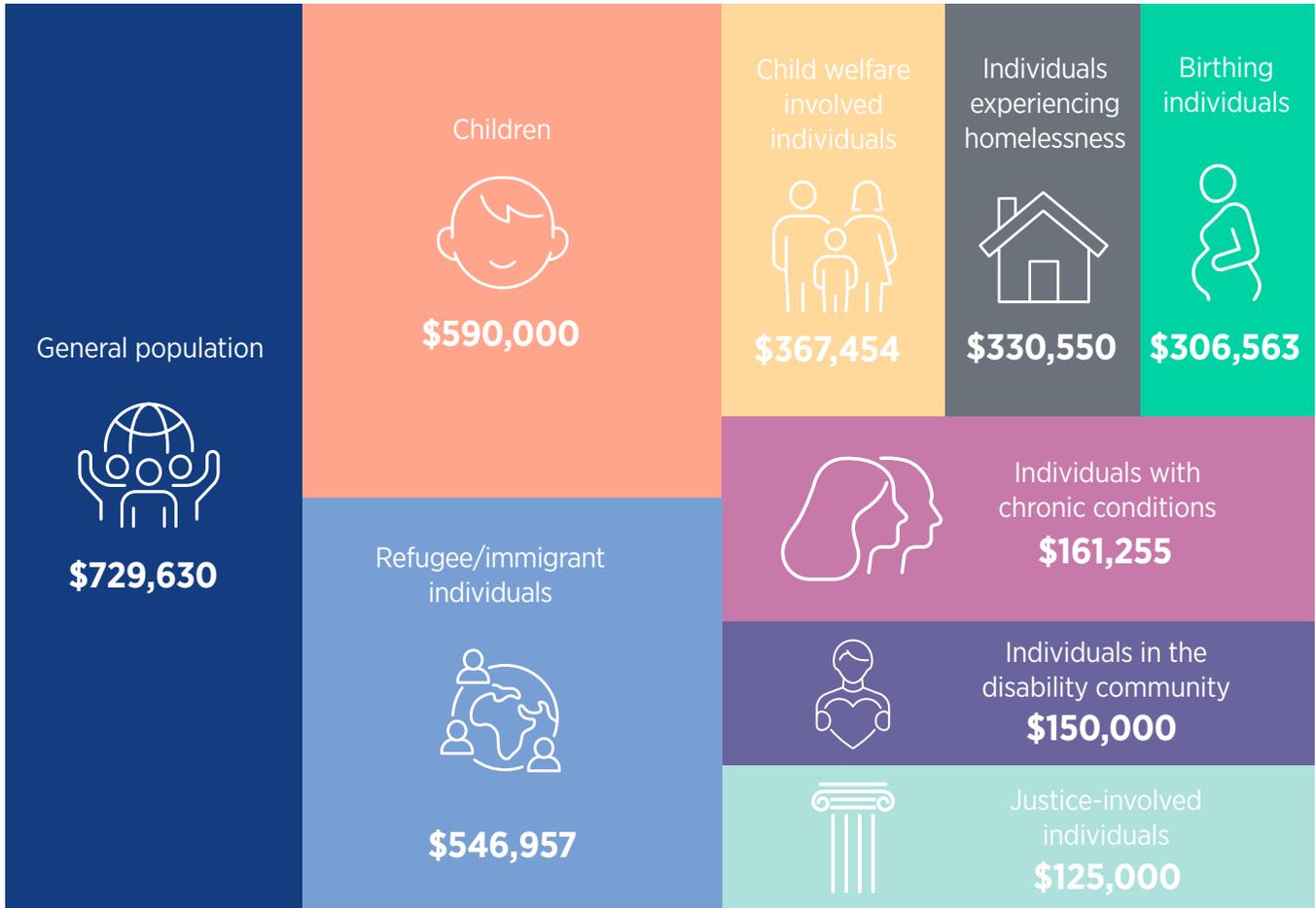
**24,000**  
households

**71**  
community-based  
organizations

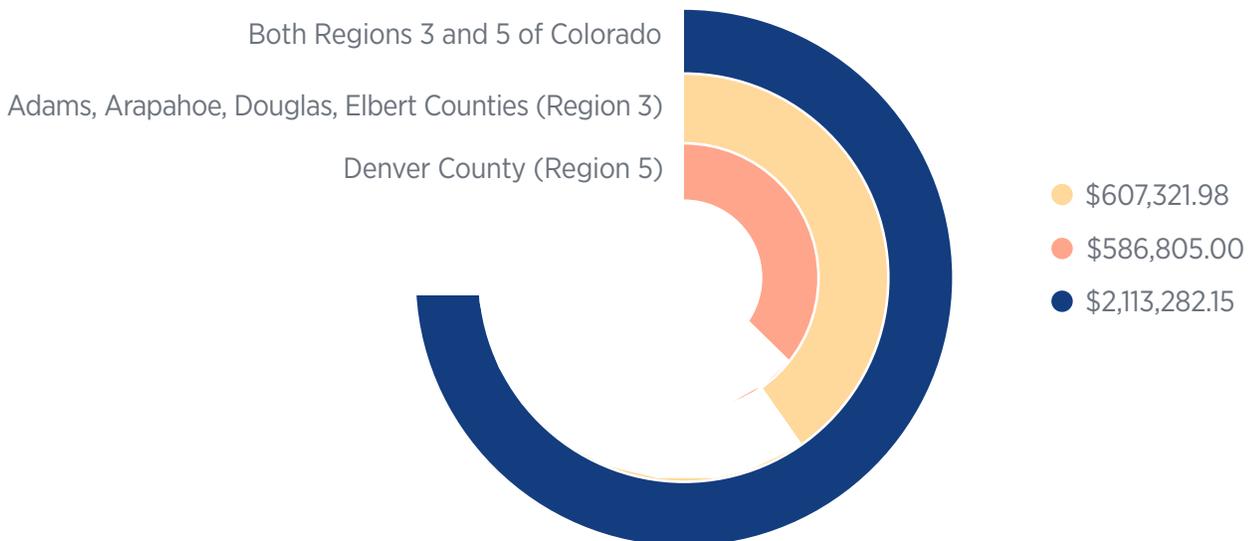
## 2024 Giving by Theme



## People We Helped in 2024



## 2024 Giving by Geography



# Community Giving Program

## 2024 Partner Funding Highlights



### The Fax Partnership

The Fax Partnership is an organization that strengthens and supports those who live and work along the East Colfax corridor while advancing a vision of equitable development to sustain a thriving, diverse and affordable community. In 2024, Colorado Access provided \$50,000 to support the continuation and expansion of The Fax Partnership's food security work. In addition to sustaining the food pantry, this funding supported the launch of monthly fresh produce pop-ups, which are bringing in partners to connect community members with resources to help them



*Figure 1: Fax Partnership staff distribute local produce boxes to community members at their March fresh food pop-up.*

access the care they need. In the first six months of funding, The Fax Partnership served a monthly average of 171 households through their food pantry, and an average of 62 households through the produce pop-up events.



### Elephant Circle

With the new reimbursable doula benefit, many people who previously worked as doulas outside the Health First Colorado system, as well as those interested in becoming doulas, needed help to transition into the Health First Colorado provider role. We invested \$196,000 in Elephant Circle's efforts to train doulas and support newly trained doulas and support newly trained doulas who assist birthing individuals and families in Colorado. Elephant Circle connected with more than 100 doulas across Colorado and invested in training programs, including those for immigrant and refugee doula trainees, to meet the increasing demand for doula support during and after pregnancy. Colorado Access provided funding to ensure that trained doulas could continue to support birthing individuals and families in Colorado.



*Figure 2: "Doula is a Verb" training with refugee doulas who served families in Regions 3 and 5 of Colorado.*



## Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Douglas County

Colorado Access provided \$100,000 to support CASA's Foundations Program, supporting young adults aging out of foster care as they transition to independence. This program provides advocacy, navigation, and skill development support to young adults who are eligible for the "Fostering Success" housing voucher through their local housing authority. Participants receive one-on-one mentorship and life skills development with the hope that these transition supports prevent the young adults from experiencing homelessness, as nationally, between 31 to 46% of youth exiting foster care experience homelessness by the age of 26.

The best way to highlight this work is through "Mission Moments." Here is a "Mission Moment" from a CASA housing navigator who has worked closely with T, a young adult in CASA's Foundations Program:

*"Three years ago, T entered into foster care at the age of 16. During that time she was placed in three residential facilities, two kin placements and one foster placement. The constant moving made it difficult for T to feel loved and supported. She longed for an opportunity to be stable enough to start college and get a job and begin the healing process by starting a new chapter. She met with our housing navigator expressed her desires and began working towards building a plan of independence which included applying for a housing voucher. On July 29, T moved into her first apartment! T did so much of this without needing support, CASA was able to eliminate financial barriers, provide thought partnership in her decision-making, and fill in any gaps with logistical things (i.e. how to transfer utilities over, completing her own move-in inspection, etc.). I am so proud of her!"*



## Guided by Humanity (GBH)

GBH is a community-focused nonprofit organization that offers inclusive, accessible, and equitable holistic health and wellness services for everyone and every ability. Their mission is to transform the health and quality of life for people with disabilities. We provided \$150,000 to support GBH's Health Advocacy Program, which offers services to children and families, including health-related resource referrals. Colorado Access also contributed to GBH's Partnerships in the Community program, which brings wellness programs to schools for students with disabilities. GBH also launched their Prevention Health Series Pop-ups to screen for high blood pressure, mental health needs, and other social health issues.



Figure 3: Guided by Humanity's inclusive yoga class



## Second Chance Center (SCC)

SCC, considered the state's premier community re-entry program, is a local organization that offers case management, mentoring, and vital resources, including permanent supportive housing, for formerly incarcerated individuals. SCC's approach centers lived experience combined with proven clinical theories and models of behavior.

We provided \$50,000 to support their food security programming. In the first six months of funding support, SCC served 7,846 hot meals, with a weekly average of 327 individuals receiving meals



Figure 4: Individual receiving a hot meal from SCC's food coordinator



Figure 5: Mealtime at Potomac facility



## The Gathering Place (TGP)

TGP is a day center focused on removing barriers to care and meeting basic needs, offering comprehensive support throughout members' journeys. They serve women, gender-diverse people, and children. We invested \$150,000 to support TGP's programs and provide a safe, trauma-informed community environment for individuals in recovery. In the first three months, TGP served over 2,700 individuals at the day center, transitioned 34 individuals into permanent housing, and assisted 227 individuals with resource navigation and case management. They also provided over 14,000 meals to clients during this period.



Figure 6: A young member plays in the sandbox on the rooftop garden and patio of The Gathering Place.