

BIANNUAL REPORT

BOULDER
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TRAGEDY

JULY-DECEMBER 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE COLORADO HEALING FUND

More than two years since the tragedy at the Table Mesa King Soopers in Boulder, Colorado, the Colorado Healing Fund (CHF) continues to help those immediately impacted as they continue to grieve, heal, and look for support.

During the second half of 2023, CHF has continued to work with our partners. The Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA), as one of our primary partners in covering immediate needs, continues to have funds available to help with any immediate needs that individuals may have. CHF remains diligent in reviewing and revising long-term disbursement plans for funds that have been set aside for support in years to come, utilizing the insight and knowledge from partners on the ground, including the Boulder Police Department Victim Advocates and Boulder District Attorney's Office Victim Advocates. The Boulder Strong Resource Center continues to be a support for individuals and CHF continues to support the holistic services provided there.





ACTIVATION OVERVIEW

On March 22, 2021, CHF activated in response to the mass shooting that occurred at the Table Mesa King Soopers in Boulder, Colorado, also known as the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy. CHF, in accordance with its mission and guiding protocols, determined the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy fit within the criteria for activation and made this decision public following the press conference held by the Boulder Police Department.

Criteria the CHF Board of Trustees takes into consideration when deciding to activate are the

nature and scale of the event, the number of murdered and injured individuals, those directly witnessing or affected by the violent act, the likelihood of adverse community impact, and the potential for exhaustion of currently available resources. Once activated, CHF officially provides a secure location for the public to donate, while making funds from its general victims fund immediately available to fill gaps in resources. General protocols are detailed in the Reports section of the CHF website: <http://coloradohealingfund.org>.

ABOUT

The Colorado Healing Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It was founded in 2018 by a group of victim advocates and community leaders to establish a secure way for the public to contribute to victims of mass casualty crimes due to violence, also known as mass tragedies, in Colorado. Initial funding was provided by the Colorado Attorney General's Office. Donations are tax deductible.

MISSION

The Colorado Healing Fund's mission is to assist local communities with the financial, emotional, and physical needs of victims of mass tragedies that occur in the state of Colorado. The Colorado Healing Fund will serve as the single point in Colorado for the collection of public donations in the aftermath of a mass tragedy and in conjunction with community partners the Colorado Healing Fund will coordinate the disbursement of funds to victims.

VALUES

- **COMPASSION:** Provide immediate and long-term assistance and support to victims who experience mass tragedy in Colorado.
- **SECURITY:** Create a safe and effective way for the public to make monetary donations to help victims of mass tragedy in Colorado.
- **TRANSPARENCY:** Deliver information about the funds used to assist victims of mass tragedy in Colorado in a timely manner with respect to victim privacy.
- **PARTNERSHIP:** Collaborate with community stakeholders who are essential in collecting funds for victims in the aftermath of a tragedy.



BIANNUAL SUMMARY

This report covers CHF activities from **July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023**. During this time the response continued to address needs of the families of deceased victims, survivors, and those directly impacted, as determined by the victim advocates working with them. CHF's formal activation ceased six months after the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy on October 22, 2021. Donations made after that date that were not designated by the donor for the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy were directed based on CHF's discretion. The numbers below have yet to be audited; fluctuations in totals reflect developments or changes around donor intent.

VICTIMS, FAMILIES, AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT

\$3,044,000 disbursed to Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) to support immediate needs and \$524,494.83 disbursed to the Boulder Strong Resource Center (BSRC) of the \$749,100 pledged, which was reduced by the BSRC.

Eleven (11) total disbursements to COVA from 03/25/2021 to 12/31/2023. Nine (9) disbursements to the BSRC from 12/31/2021 to 12/31/2023 as requested by the Boulder community.

DISBURSEMENTS

- Three (3) disbursement to BSRC from **7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023** as part of the total pledged amount as requested by the Boulder community.



FUND ACTIVITY

PERIOD SUMMARY	JUL - DEC 2023	TOTAL TO DATE
REVENUE		
Donations Received	\$0	\$4,847,847
EXPENSES		
Disbursements (total includes all disbursements and entire pledged amount to the BSRC)	\$160,247 (to BSRC)	\$3,793,100
Administrative Fee (5% of included donations. 5% was not applied to any GO FUND ME donations)	\$0	\$221,450
Remaining Funds for Disbursement (Donations Received minus EXPENSES)		\$833,297

DISBURSEMENT PLANS AND POLICY

Prior to the two-year remembrance of the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy, CHF made a distribution of funds, recognizing the mental and emotional impact the two-year mark has on the families and survivors. The CHF Board of Trustees has retained a smaller portion of all donated funds to address intermediate and long-term needs as they arise. These plans were developed in the months since the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy and reflect lessons learned from past activations.

CHF was established to offer support and funding during a criminal case and beyond. Experience shows that birthdays and holidays, as well as three- and six-year observances, are known to be triggering events for families of the deceased and survivors of mass violence. The CHF will continue to coordinate with the Boulder community to monitor needs and respond in accordance with its mission until all funds have been appropriately disbursed.



GOVERNANCE

The members of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council carry a wealth of experience and expertise in mass tragedy response. Collectively, these individuals have assisted in more than 50 mass tragedies across the country and have over 233 years of combined experience in response and recovery to mass tragedy incidents. Their extensive knowledge and expertise inform CHF's decisions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

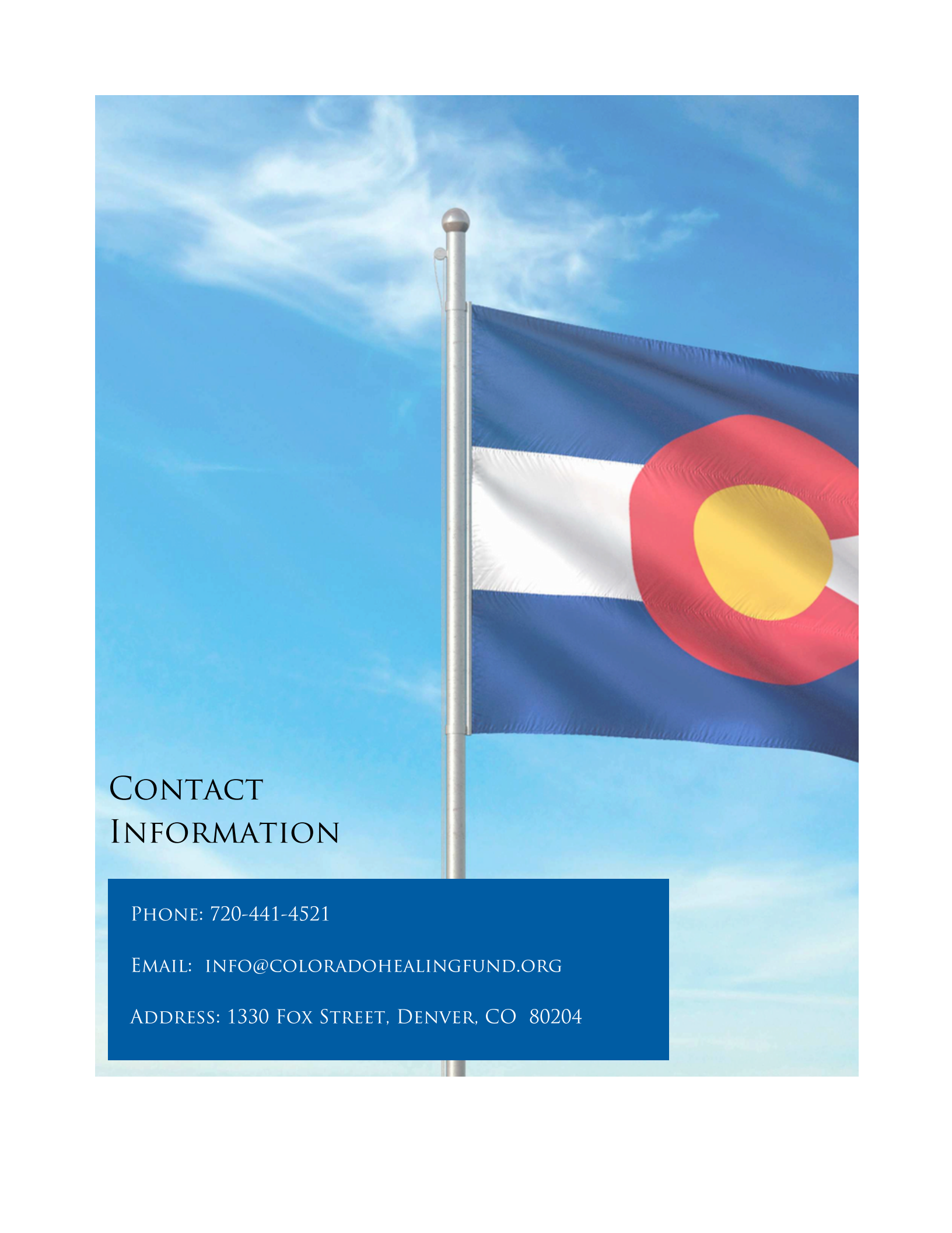
CHF is voluntarily governed by a Board of Trustees. It is the goal of CHF to maintain a board reflecting a wide range of community interests, cultures, and geographic areas within Colorado.

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CHF is supported by an Advisory Council comprised of experts in victim assistance as a result of mass tragedies.

- Rich Audsley, PhD - Professor and Systemic Therapist in Private Practice
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