

Our Community Impact 2021: Leprino Foods Company Fort Morgan

To support the communities where we live and work, the Leprino Foods Company's Fort Morgan employees and the Leprino Foods Company Foundation (LFCF) annually partner with local nonprofit and other organizations to provide philanthropic donations and volunteer support. Since 2015, the LFCF has contributed over \$3M to the communities where we operate.

Our Fort Morgan employees volunteer their time to help improve livelihoods, foster empowerment, and build resilient communities. Volunteering is employee-driven, and activities support four focus areas of Nutrition, Education, Fitness, and Local Needs. In Fort Morgan, we are proud to be involved with local and regional organizations that celebrate the many diverse cultures, communities and lifestyles that comprise our community like youth, veterans, and elderly.

As one of the largest employers in Morgan County, the Fort Morgan plant employs approximately 385 people. In 2021, the plant and the LFCF supported 18 regional organizations in Morgan County with donations and grants totaling \$41,490.

The Fort Morgan plant's employee-driven Community Impact Team coordinated LFCF grants including a \$17,500 grant to **One Morgan County's Growing Readers** in support of community cohesion and serving immigrant and refugee populations in the predominantly rural area in eastern Colorado. The goal of this program is for every four-year-old to have access to 100 free books. A \$7,500 grant was awarded to the **Regional Home Visitation Program of Baby Bear Hugs** which provides in-home resources for parent education and support regarding early childhood development. The **SARA House**, which serves victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, received a LFCF grant of \$5,000, and benefitted from an annual golf-tournament donation of \$1,000.

The plant supported agriculture education with a donation of nearly \$4,000 to **Fort Morgan FFA** for the purchase of a fair animal for a local Morgan County 4H student. The Fort Morgan plant annually sponsors the **Brush Rodeo**, hosting three nights of the beloved Mutton Bustin' event.

The plant supported the **Fort Morgan Police Department's** BBQ with the Blue event with a \$1,000 donation as well as string cheese. This event was organized to bring the community together and spread awareness that the police department is here to provide valuable resources within the community.

The plant donated a combined \$2,800 towards the focus area of local needs by supporting **Morgan County Economic Development, Special Olympics of Morgan County** and **Out of the Darkness**, a suicide prevention awareness walk in Morgan County.

With a focus on supporting education, the plant contributed to the **Morgan Community College Foundation** to help defray expenses for five local students. **Morgan County School Districts** received annual contributions of support to the Booster Clubs of all four districts as well as donations to sponsor after-prom parties to combat drunk driving and ensure the health and safety of about 400 high school students. Other donations to Morgan County School Districts included a donation for the Gay-Straight Alliance which is a Diversity and Inclusion pilot for **Fort Morgan High School** and a contribution to the **Fort Morgan School District** supported the Sherman Elementary Reading Program, which improves reading skills and inspires a love of reading for nearly 300 children. A combined total of \$1,870 was donated to school-related programs.

Supporting the community's youth is important to the plant. An annual donation to the **National Child Safety Council** sponsors a program to help prevent childhood bullying with the Fort Morgan Police Department. This program runs at all schools within Morgan County. A contribution supported the 11th annual Sneaker Stroll event hosted by the Lions Foundation of Morgan County benefitting the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**. A donation to the **Northeast Colorado Manufacturers Association (NECOM)** supported a Girls in Manufacturing event in which they visited local dairies to learn more about agriculture and foster growth of potential woman leadership in manufacturing. A combined total of \$1,250 supported these youth efforts in the community.

In 2021, the Fort Morgan plant donated more than 3,000 lbs. of string cheese to local groups and non-profits including Rinsing Up, which fights homelessness, hunger, and poverty in Morgan County. Plant employees donated more than 170 food items to the **RisnerUp Foundation** and approximately 70 toys to **Morgan County Golden Stars**.

We are proud of the partnerships we've built and organizations we've been able to support in our community. We look forward to continuing to make a positive impact on our community and the people in it.

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2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT



PROMOTING YOUTH LITERACY



Our CIT continued its partnership with Growing Readers, which distributes free books to children over the summer. We secured Leprino Foods Company Foundation grants totaling \$15,000 and provided backpacks and art supplies at a summer barbecue.



SUPPORTING POSITIVE CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

We supported SARA House, a community organization dedicated to helping sexual assault and domestic violence victims and advocating for change, with a \$5,000 donation and sponsored its annual Prairie Golf Challenge to raise additional funds and awareness about the organization's work.



3,060
LBS. OF CHEESE

DONATED TO LOCAL GROUPS AND NON-PROFITS, LIKE RISING UP, WHICH FIGHTS HOMELESSNESS, HUNGER AND POVERTY IN MORGAN COUNTY

\$41,490
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

18 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE FORT MORGAN PLANT + LEPRINO FOODS COMPANY FOUNDATION