

Our Community Impact 2022: Leprino Foods Company Denver

To support the communities where we live and work, Leprino Foods Company's Denver 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 nearly \$4,000,000 to the communities where we operate.

Leprino Foods Company has strong roots in the northwest Denver community where the headquarters has resided since 1950. Focused on building a stronger Denver, our employee-driven Community Impact Team (CIT), with the Leprino Foods Company Foundation (LFCF), provided nearly \$330,000 in monetary donations and grants to 30 organizations. Our Denver 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 support of our philanthropic focus on education, the Leprino Foods Company Foundation provided \$50,000 to the **Denver Scholarship Foundation**. A total of more than \$56,000 in Foundation grants and donations was awarded to the **Colorado State University Foundation** and **Colorado State University**, as well as a \$4,200 donation to the **South Dakota State University Foundation**. Donations totaling \$2,500 supported **Roosevelt Education Foundation** and **Trevista at Horace Mann Elementary School's** PTA.

\$20,000 LFCF grant continued a long partnership with **Girls Inc. of Metro Denver**, complemented by educational opportunities for participants.

Agricultural education was advanced in 2022 through a \$10,000 LFCF grant to **Colorado Future Farmers of America Foundation** as part of a five-year support initiative; a \$6,500 grant to **Colorado Foundation for Agriculture** sponsoring Colorado Ag in the Classroom materials; and \$1,000 in donations to **Lubbock County Junior Livestock Association**.

With an overarching purpose as an organization to sustainably feed and nourish families around the world, we feel particularly strong about our commitment to nutrition and, in 2022, held our first company-wide Month of Impact focused on promoting nutrition in our communities. 87,200 lbs. of cheese and pizzas were donated to **We Don't Waste, Denver Indian Center, Senior Resource Center, Butterfly Pavilion, Ramah in the Rockies, SAME (So All May Eat) Café, Little Sisters of the Poor, Metropolitan State University Roadrunner Food Pantry, Samaritan House, and Denver Rescue Mission**; and several in-kind donations were presented to organizations including a chest freezer to MSU Roadrunner Food Pantry.

LFCF grants of \$10,000 each were awarded to SAME Café and **Food for Thought Denver** to support Denver residents experiencing food insecurity. In addition, the **Bienvenidos Food Bank** received a \$3,000 donation and Denver employees hosted two food drives for the organization. Our employees donated their time throughout the Month of Impact to Samaritan House, Food for Thought, **Seniors Resource Center, Family Tree, Butterfly Pavilion, Bienvenidos and Metropolitan State University's Roadrunner Food Pantry**. Employee-donated medical items donated via **Project CURE** for Ukraine and kitchen items for **Family Tree**; and employee-donated Christmas gifts for **Tennyson Center for Children, Bryant Webster Dual Language School and Mount Saint Vincent**.

Additional Foundation grants totaling \$26,500 were provided to **Catholic Charities, Samaritan House, National Multiple Sclerosis Society for the MS 150 Bike Ride** and the **Gay Lesbian Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of CO's The Center on Colfax**.

Ascent Protein continued its long-time support of veterans through a combined total of \$26,000 to the **Christian McCaffrey Foundation** and **Team Red, White & Blue Inc.**

Many youth organizations focused on wellness, nutrition and fitness were funded through various grants and donations totaling a combined \$75,000 including **GENYouth**, a nationally recognized youth wellness organization committed to creating healthy school communities; **Sun Valley Youth Center** which provides after-school and summer programming for Denver kids; **Huddle of South Jersey** supporting a junior youth football program and camp hosted by NFL running back and Ascent Protein athlete Jonathan Taylor; **Club National Program** in support of **Camp FYR**, an opportunity for youth from to learn and bond over hard physical work, problem-solving, and shared experiences. Donations totaling \$4,500 supported nearby Tennyson Center for Children; **North High School; Shane Thurston Foundation; Bridge Church at Bear Creek's** artist-in-residence program; and **Boy Scouts of America Denver Area**.

Neighboring northwest Denver organizations including **Highland United Neighbors Inc., Sunnyside Music Festival** and the **Historic Elitch Gardens Theatre Foundation, Little Sisters of the Poor**, received a total of \$5,000. A combined \$12,500 was donated to **Serra Club of Denver, Alzheimer's Association, Cure Epilepsy, Suicide Prevention Partnership Peak Region, Butterfly Pavilion, The Community Foundation, and Epic Experience**. A combined \$7,000 supported the Boulder community through the **Boulder Crisis Fund** and **ColoradoGives.org** in support of the Boulder Wildfire Fund.

We are proud of the partnerships we've built and organizations we have 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.

DENVER, COLORADO

2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS

A \$20,000 Leprino Foods Company Foundation grant to longtime partner **Girls, Inc.** was complemented with a "field day" experience for participants with exposure to food safety, food science, cheesemaking, R&D, making pizzas and much more.



28 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

\$330,000
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FEEDING FAMILIES GLOBALLY & AT HOME

More than 87,000 lbs. of cheese was donated to **Denver Indian Center, Senior Resource Center, Butterfly Pavilion, Rameh in the Rockies, SAME Café, Little Sisters of the Poor, Metropolitan State University's Roadrunner Food Pantry.** Pizzas were donated to **Samaritan House and Denver Rescue Mission.**

