

Our Community Impact 2022: Leprino Foods Company Fort Morgan

To support the communities where we live and work, 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 nearly \$4,000,000 to the communities where we operate.

As one of the largest employers in Morgan County, the Fort Morgan plant employs approximately 380 people. In 2022, the plant and the LFCF supported 16 regional organizations in Morgan County with donations and grants totaling nearly \$55,000.

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. 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, families and homeless.

The Fort Morgan plant's employee-driven Community Impact Team (CIT), made up of passionate employee volunteers, coordinated LFCF grants including a \$20,000 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 for early childhood development.

In support of Leprino Foods' focus on education, the CIT secured a \$11,500 grant for **Colorado State University Foundation's Global Business Academy**, an immersive summer business program for high school students. Donations were also made to the **Brush School District, Wiggins School District** and **Morgan County School District** in support of homecoming week, after-prom activities, field day and a school supply fundraiser, and arts and textile course at **Lincoln High School** (Morgan County School District).

The plant also sponsored **Lions Foundation of Morgan County's** scholarship luncheon and **Morgan Community College's** annual gala which raises funds for scholarships and special programming at the college.

Agriculture is thriving in Morgan County and the plant continued its annual \$3,000 chute sponsorship at the **Brush Rodeo**, where employees also volunteer at the beloved Mutton Bustin' event.

In support of fitness, another focus area for the Leprino Foods Company Foundation, a \$1,920 grant for the **Mustang Baseball Club**, funded travel and uniforms for the team, in addition to a donation supporting the **Mustang Booster Club**.

The CIT supported additional local needs throughout the community including **Break the Silence, Inc.** in support of suicide prevention and mental health awareness; the Lions Foundation of Morgan County's sneaker-stroll benefitting the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**; the **Brush Recreation Department's Wellness Walk**; **Sexual Assault Response Advocates, INC. (S.A.R.A.)** golf tournament sponsorship; **Fort Morgan Community Hospital**; and the **Optimist Club of Fort Morgan**. A \$500 donation to **Morgan County Family Center, Inc.** supported the **World Refugee Day** celebration in Fort Morgan Park.

Volunteerism is an important to Leprino Foods employees. CIT members and fellow employees donated their time to the **Sherman Wellness Festival, Special Olympics Bowling Tournament** and the **Fort Morgan Police Department BBQ with the Blue**. Employees also supported families experiencing food insecurity with a Thanksgiving food drive for benefitting **Wiggins Community Food Bank** and **Brush Food Pantry**.

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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.

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2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT

GROWING COMMUNITY LITERACY

A \$20,000 Leprino Foods Company Foundation grant to **One Morgan County's Growing Readers** supported the goal to provide 100 books to every four-year-old. The organization promotes community cohesion and serving immigrant and refugee populations in rural eastern Colorado.



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FEEDING FAMILIES GLOBALLY & AT HOME

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