

BI-ANNUAL REPORT

BOULDER
SUPERMARKET
TRAGEDY

JANUARY - JUNE 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE COLORADO HEALING FUND

On March 22, 2022, we reflected on one year since the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy. The cameras have gone away, but the road to healing is in front of all those whose lives were changed forever. History has shown us that the first year after a tragedy can be especially difficult, and CHF remains steadfast in our work to help all those immediately impacted as they continue to grieve, heal, and look for support.

Through the course of the last year and a half, CHF has made 10 disbursements. Over \$2,540,000 of those disbursements were cash disbursements to the families and the survivors named in the criminal case. \$603,000 was utilized to support any individual directly impacted by the tragedy, by paying for their rent, utilities, moving costs, medical bills, travel, and more. Furthermore, CHF has been working in close collaboration with the Boulder community to identify unmet needs in supporting law enforcement as they heal from the trauma they experienced responding to the tragedy. Lastly, CHF continues to work closely with the Boulder Strong Resource Center (BSRC) to support all holistic services provided there, as those services are not covered by state or federal grants but are a key pillar in trauma recovery.

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, District Attorney's Office, and the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA).



ACTIVATION OVERVIEW

On March 22, 2021, the Colorado Healing Fund (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. The 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, the 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: www.coloradohealingfund.org.

ABOUT

The Colorado Healing Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit 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

CHF'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 The Fund creates 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.



BI-ANNUAL SUMMARY

This report covers the CHF activities from **January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022**. 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 that were not designated by the donor for the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy were directed based on CHF's discretion. The numbers below have not been audited and quarterly 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) for cash disbursements and to support any immediate needs and \$313,973 disbursed to the BSRC of the \$959,100 pledged.

\$2,441,000 of the \$3,044,000 disbursed to COVA was distributed as cash to the 10 families and additional individuals named in the criminal case.

\$603,000 of the \$3,044,000 disbursed to COVA was used to pay for any immediate needs of anyone directly impacted by the BST, including travel for memorial services, rent, moving costs, and medical expenses.

Nine (9) total disbursements to COVA from 3/24/21 to 6/30/22. Two (2) disbursements to the BSRC.

DISBURSEMENTS

- **3/10/2022:** CHF disbursed \$401,000 to COVA for distribution as direct cash disbursements to the 10 victims' families and 28 named in the criminal case. The amounts individuals received were different for the two groups, however equally within their group. \$100,000 disbursed to COVA to address any Immediate needs of those directly impacted, including family and survivors.
- **6/14/2022:** \$313,973 of the \$959,100 pledged to the BSRC was disbursed. This disbursement covered five mental health staff positions from July - December 2021 and provided ongoing support for holistic therapeutic programs not covered by federal grants (e.g., massage, acupuncture, stretching) from July 2021 - June 30, 2022. It is anticipated that use of the BSRC will increase as the criminal proceedings continue and once trial proceedings begin, however, if any funds pledged are not utilized by the end of the grant period (June 2024), CHF will redistribute the remaining funds to support the individuals directly impacted by the shooting in other ways.



FUND ACTIVITY

PERIOD SUMMARY	JAN - JUN 2022	TOTAL TO DATE
REVENUE		
Donations Received	\$ 3,200	\$4,787,200
EXPENSES		
Disbursements (total includes all disbursements and entire pledged amount to the BSRC)	\$ 501,000	\$4,003,100
Administrative Fee (5% of included donations. 5% was applied to any GO FUND ME donations)	\$ 160	\$ 221,200
Remaining Funds for Disbursement (Donations Received minus EXPENSES)		\$ 562,900

DISBURSEMENT PLANS AND POLICY

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

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 organization 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 the CHF's decisions

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CHF IS GOVERNED BY A VOLUNTEER 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 ALSO SUPPORTED BY AN ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF EXPERTS IN VICTIM ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF MASS TRAGEDIES.

- Kelly Kissell - Office of Victims Programs at the Division of Criminal Justice
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