

# BI-ANNUAL REPORT

CLUB Q  
SHOOTING

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 -  
JUNE 30, 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE COLORADO HEALING FUND

This report covers the seven months since tragedy unfolded at the Club Q Nightclub. In that time, the Colorado Springs community and the State of Colorado rallied to support those who were deeply impacted and were beginning their journey of healing. CHF offered a space for the community to donate and collected over \$3 million from local and national donors - individuals, charitable organizations, and corporations. Since then, 90% of those funds have been disbursed to support over 80 individuals. Those could not have accomplished without each and every one of the partners in Colorado Springs and beyond, who worked to ensure the needs of each survivor and the families of the victims were heard and met. We are grateful to them and could not do this work without them.





# ACTIVATION OVERVIEW

On November 20, 2022, the Colorado Healing Fund (CHF) activated in response to the mass shooting that occurred at the Club Q Nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In accordance with its mission and guiding protocols, CHF determined the Club Q Shooting fit within the criteria for activation and made this decision public following the press conference held by the Colorado Springs 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](http://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 CHF activities from **November 20, 2022, through June 30, 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 Club Q shooting on May 20, 2023. Donations made that were not designated by the donor for Club Q were directed based on CHF's discretion. The numbers below have not been audited and fluctuations in totals reflect developments or changes around donor intent.

## VICTIMS, FAMILIES, AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT

\$2,914,100 disbursed through our partners, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) and Community Health Partnership (CHP), as both cash disbursements and as support for any immediate needs.	\$2,325,600 of the \$2,914,100 was distributed in cash payments among the five families of the deceased victims, 52 survivors of the shooting, and 15 contractors and employees of Club Q who were not there that night.	\$538,500 of the \$2,914,100 disbursed was used to pay for any immediate needs of those directly impacted by the shooting, including travel for memorial services, rent, moving costs, and mental health support.	Sixteen (16) total disbursements from 11/20/22 to 6/29/23. No funding was given to the resiliency center. COVA and CHP did not receive an administrative fee for their work as distribution partners.
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## DISBURSEMENT PLANS AND POLICY

Throughout the last seven months CHF made sixteen (16) separate distribution of funds, in accordance with the general protocols, ensuring there was support for all impacted Individuals in the form of both cash and payment of any immediate needs as they arose. The Board, with the advisement of the Club Q Advisory Committee, has retained approximately \$300,000 to address long-term needs as they arise. CHF is working closely with its partners, including CHP, to plan for these funds and ensure they are available to those who need them most.

CHF was established to offer support and funding during a criminal case and beyond. Experience shows that birthdays and holidays, as well as annual 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 Colorado Springs community to monitor needs and respond in accordance with its mission until all funds have been appropriately disbursed.

## FUND ACTIVITY

PERIOD SUMMARY	11/20/22 - 6/30/23	TOTAL AS OF THIS REPORT
REVENUE	\$ 3,254,976	\$ 3,254,976
Donations Received		
EXPENSES		
Disbursements (total includes all disbursements for immediate needs and cash disbursements to individuals)	\$ 2,914,100	\$ 2,914,100
Remaining Funds for Disbursement (Donations Received minus EXPENSES)	\$ 340,876	\$ 340,876

## CLUB Q ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Rachel Keener - Community Health Partnership
- Denise Whinnen - Gill Foundation
- Jessica Laney - Pikes Peak Pride
- Jessie Pocock - InsideOut Youth Services
- Nadine Bridges - One Colorado
- Cari Davis - Colorado Springs Health Foundation

- Daniel Ramos - Colorado Democracy Alliance
- Curt Drennen - Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Kate Horn-Murphy - Office for Victims Programs at the Division on Criminal Justice
- Kelly Kissell - Office for Victims Programs at the Division on Criminal Justice
- Robin Finegan - Former Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VIII





# 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

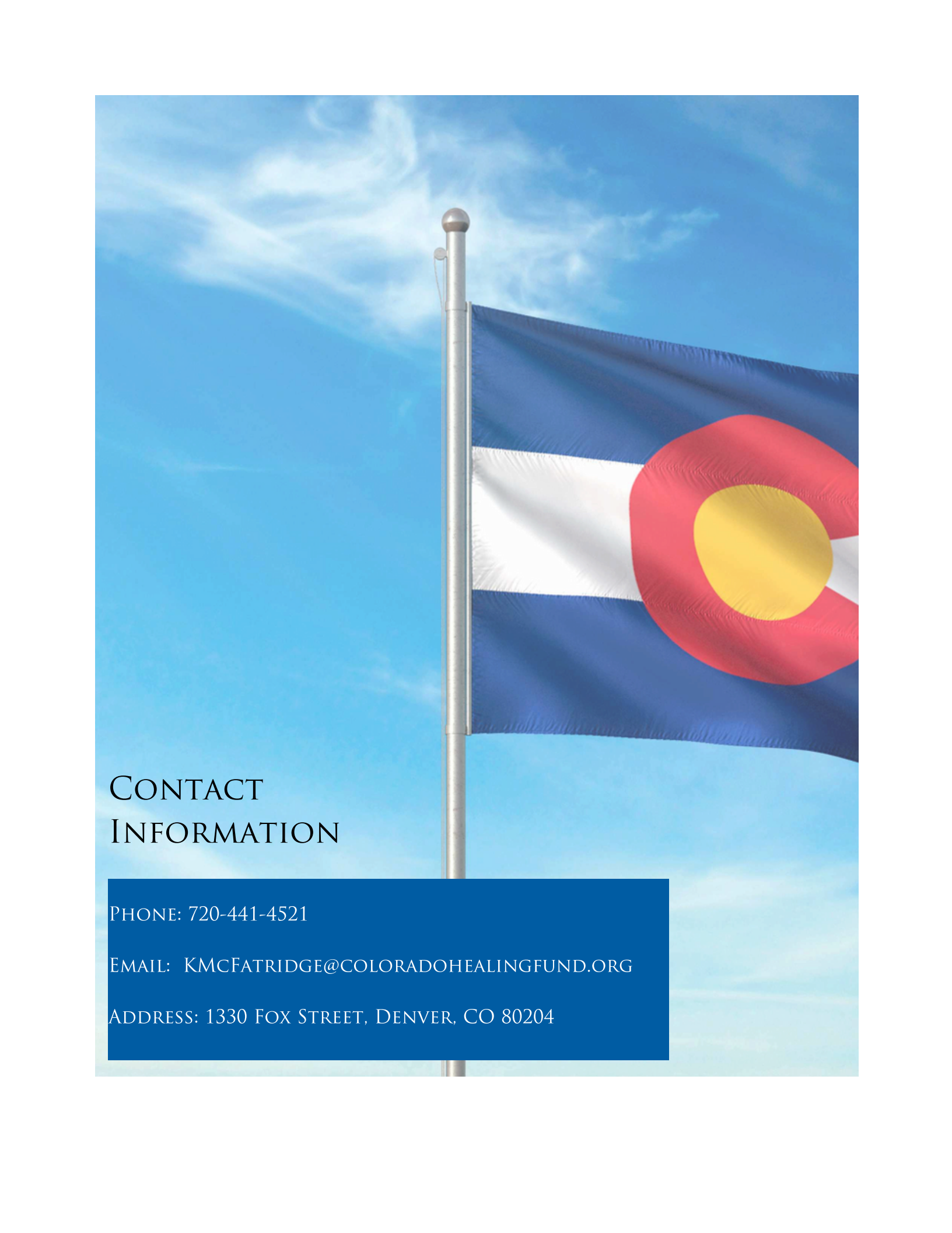
CHF IS GOVERNED BY A VOLUNTEER BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IT IS THE GOAL OF CHF TO MAINTAIN A BOARD REFLECTING A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS, CULTURES, AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WITHIN COLORADO.

- Alyssa Carrier
- Cynthia H. Coffman
- Frank DeAngelis
- Ret. Major General Mike Edwards
- Kevin Engoian
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- Dr. Tony Frank
- Steven R. Siegel

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

- Kelly Kissell - Office of Victims Programs at the Division of Criminal Justice
- Kate Horn-Murphy - State Crime Victim Compensation and Local VALE Administrator
- Curt Drennen - Healthcare Operations and Response Branch Supervisor, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, CDPHE
- Ellen Stoddard-Keyes - Operations Director, The I Love You Guys Foundation
- Robin Fudge Finegan - Former Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VIII
- Judy Page - Former Victim Services Coordinator for the Colorado Attorney General
- Dr. Rich Audsley - Professor and Systemic Therapist in Private Practice
- Donna Lynne - CEO of Denver Health and former Lt. Governor of Colorado.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Colorado state flag flying on a silver flagpole. The flag features three horizontal stripes of blue, white, and blue, with a large red letter 'C' in the center containing a yellow disk. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with some light, wispy white clouds. The flagpole is positioned vertically, slightly to the right of the center.

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