

BIANNUAL REPORT

DENVER-
LAKEWOOD
MASS
SHOOTING

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MESSAGE FROM THE COLORADO HEALING FUND

More than two years since the Denver-Lakewood Mass Shooting, the Colorado Healing Fund (CHF) continues to support those families who lost their loved ones and those injured.

CHF continues to work with the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) to disburse the remaining funds for the families of the deceased and the survivors who were injured..

CHF's commitment is to be a trusted vehicle to direct community-generated donations while ensuring that the funds reach victims, survivors, and their families. No charitable giving model and disbursement formula for victims of mass casualty events can be perfect, but we are proud of the work we have done to help those in Colorado who need it most.



ACTIVATION OVERVIEW

On December 28, 2021, CHF activated in response to the Denver-Lakewood Mass Shooting. CHF, in accordance with its mission and guiding protocols, determined this tragedy fit within the criteria for activation.

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, 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:
<http://coloradohealingfund.org>.

ABOUT

The Colorado Healing Fund is a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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

The Colorado Healing Fund'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:** Create 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.



BIANNUAL SUMMARY

This report covers CHF activities through **December 31, 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 Denver-Lakewood Mass Shooting on June 28, 2022. Donations made that were not designated by the donor for the Denver-Lakewood Mass Shooting 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

\$98,343.63 disbursed to Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) to support the families of the deceased and injured victims.

Four (4) total disbursements to COVA from 01/14/2021 to 12/31/2023.

DISBURSEMENTS

- One (1) disbursement to COVA **01/14/2022** of \$36,000 as a cash disbursement to the families of the deceased and injured survivors for basic needs and travel.
- One (1) disbursement to COVA **03/10/2022** of \$14,000 as a cash disbursement to the families of the deceased and injured survivors for travel and immediate needs.
- One (1) disbursement to COVA **06/02/2023** of \$41,852.19 as a cash disbursement to the families of the deceased and injured survivors for immediate needs and mental health support.
- One (1) disbursement to COVA **12/06/2023** of \$6491.44 as a cash disbursement to the families of the deceased and injured survivors for support.



FUND ACTIVITY

PERIOD SUMMARY	TOTAL TO DATE
REVENUE	
Donations Received	\$99,498.81
EXPENSES	
Disbursements	\$98,343.63
Administrative Fee	\$0
Credit card processing fee	\$1,155.18
	\$99,498.81

DISBURSEMENT PLANS AND POLICY

Prior to the one year remembrance of the Denver Lakewood mass shooting, CHF made a distribution of funds, recognizing the mental and emotional impact the one-year mark has on the families of the deceased and survivors. The CHF Board of Trustees retained a small portion of all donated funds to address intermediate and long-term needs as they arise.

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 CHF has determined with the two-year mark to waive the 5% administrative fee and disburse 100% of the remaining funds to support the families of the deceased and injured survivors.



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

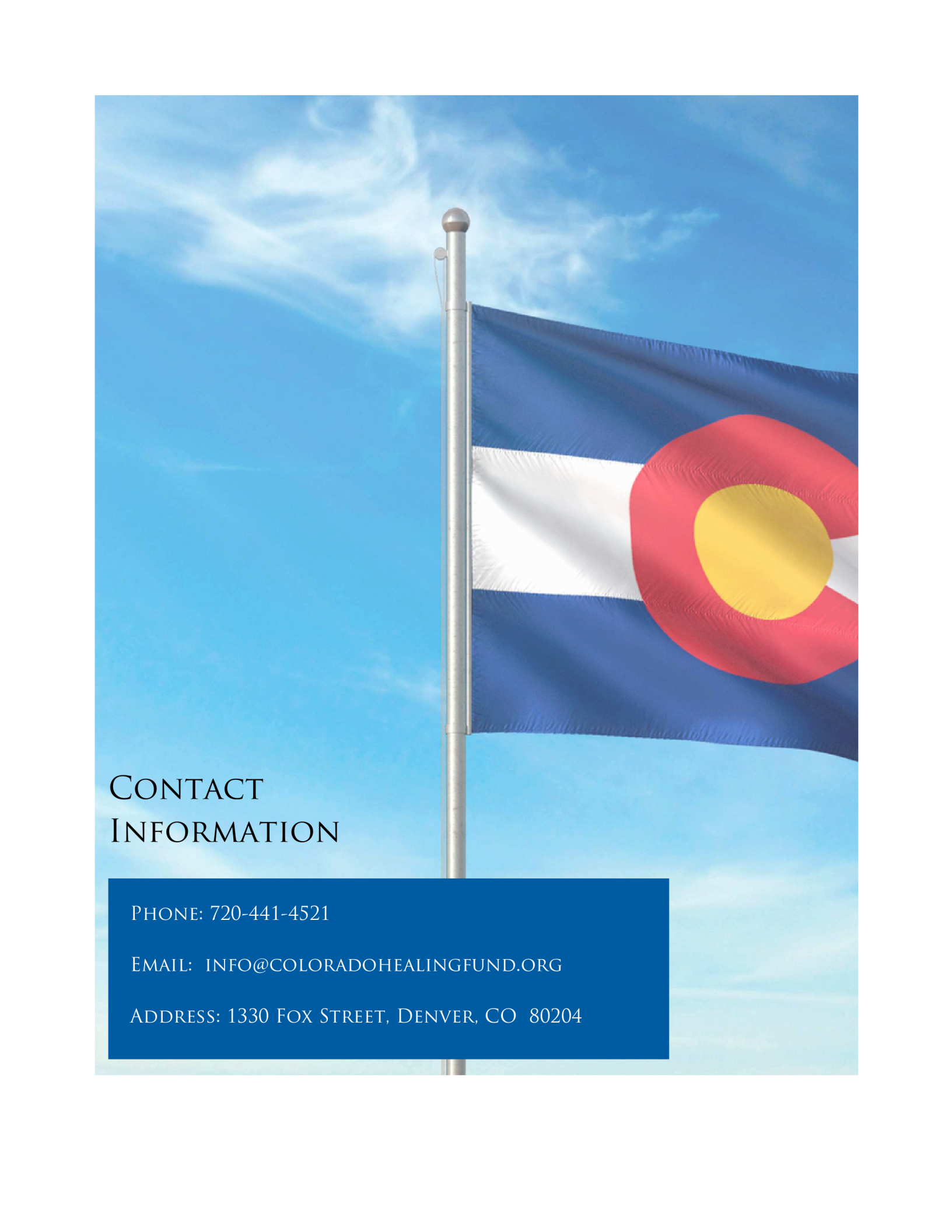
CHF is voluntarily governed by a Board of Trustees. It is the goal of CHF to maintain a board reflecting a wide range of community interests, cultures, and geographic areas within Colorado.

- Alyssa Carrier
- Cynthia H. Coffman
- Frank DeAngelis
- Ret. Major General Mike Edwards
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- Leslie Oliver
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHF is supported by an Advisory Council comprised of experts in victim assistance as a result of mass tragedies.

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

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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