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Dear **Grand Peak Academy Students and Families,**

Care and Share Food Bank is a nonprofit near and dear to our hearts. Last year, they provided more than 22 million pounds of food to more than 220,755 children, families, and seniors across Southern Colorado. This year, they need our support more than ever before. It is projected that 1 in 6 Southern Colorado children does not have consistent access to food. We need your help to raise food and fund donations from Nov 1st to Nov 19th for Care and Share Food Bank's largest food drive of the year: **Harvest of Love**. Harvest of Love is an annual food drive held in participating Colorado Springs area schools. Did you know our school has won the Charter school Category for most food donated twice in the past years?

This year, our goal is to raise **15,000 lbs!**

To make a food donation, students bring non-expired food donations to their class starting 3 Nov and put in the box with their teacher's name on it. Most needed items include: canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, and cereal. Monetary donations also go a long way. For every dollar that Care and Share receives, they are able to acquire 6 meals for our neighbors struggling with hunger. To make a monetary donation, Care and Share **prefers checks** and will send an automatic tax acknowledgement letter to the address printed on the check. **Please put in a sealed envelope with the teacher's name on it. Checks should be made out to "Care and Share".**

**Volunteer Help:** We need some adult volunteers in the morning (starting Wed, Nov 3rd) to help collect and weigh the food during the first hour of school. If you would like to help, please follow this link to sign-up: <https://signup.com/go/zrBMbhi> walk-ups are also welcome.

**ON-LINE:** Parents can donate on-line and your student's class will get credit for it. We have established individual links for each class.

Here is the 2021 Link for the School: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/careandsharehol21/team/886720/>

Once on the page find your teacher's name and select their page. When making a donation state the teacher's name in the "Donation Message" section "i.e., Mrs. Smith's 3rd grade class" to ensure your student's class will get credit. You will receive a tax acknowledgement from Care and Share for your on-line monetary donation.

The classroom with the highest "weight" (based on actual food and equivalent monetary donations) will receive a Pizza Party.

We are also open to any business owner who would like to make a donation on behalf of GPA to Care and Share. Please have them contact our HoL Coordinator directly. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the HoL Coordinator, Mr. Doug Luckett at 447-5340 (cell) or [dkadluekett@msn.com](mailto:dkadluekett@msn.com). Thank you all for supporting the Care and Share, Harvest of Love Annual food drive. Your donation to Harvest of Love can make a lasting impact in the lives of so many. Together, we can solve hunger.