EFAA, Fresca Foods and Rudi’s joined forces to assemble **1,000 Holiday Food Baskets** for our neighbors in need. Each basket provides food for a week and the makings of a special holiday meal for those who are struggling to meet their basic needs. For many, the winter months hit hard with lower income from seasonal jobs like construction and landscaping, and higher expenses, especially utility bills.

EFAA’s Holiday Food Baskets are distributed to food insecure families, seniors and people with disabilities through our food bank and throughout Boulder County, including the mountain communities. **Together, we will feed about 3,000 Boulder County residents who otherwise may go without this holiday season.** This is all made possible by generous supporters, like you. Thank you!

Think of the look of wonder and excitement on a child’s face when they partake in special holiday celebrations. Sadly, many parents, reeling or recovering from homelessness miss out on this experience with their children. But, **thanks to our Adopt-a-Family donors, 75 families will have a bright spot of abundance this holiday season.**

Donors buy gifts to fulfill a family’s wish list – things like warm coats, books, games and clothes – so parents can share in the season of giving with their children. EFAA’s Adopt-a-Family program is available to our community’s most vulnerable families – those averting homelessness with their children by living in EFAA housing while they work their way back to self-sufficiency.
Many of EFAA’s dedicated staff members are highly engaged out in the community, participating in an impressive network of partners and service organizations that work together to help those in need create a better future. They sit on boards and committees for organizations like Boulder Food Rescue, Coalition for the Homeless, Boulder Outreach for Homeless Overflow, Mental Health Partners, CASA Voices for Children, Boulder County Circles Program, Louisville Cultural Council, Boulder County’s Administering Board, and the Boulder Transitional Housing panel.

DID YOU KNOW?

Think about what it takes to keep your house in working order.

Now think about what it takes for EFAA’s 53 (soon to be 58) housing units to be maintained.

Old decks need to be replaced for safety, siding and painting need to be redone to protect building integrity, appliances need to be replaced, and the list goes on. Plus, EFAA is in the process of new construction on 5 units at our 16th Street Transitional housing, opening for families in 2016.

Thanks to Boulder County and the Worthy Cause funds they have awarded EFAA in recent years to help us address immediate needs and keep our capital stock up.