

Colorado Farm To Table: Not Your Usual Food Nonprofit

Colorado Farm To Table, Member since 2011

Colorado Farm To Table is a nonprofit organization located in the beautiful Arkansas Valley, just outside of Salida, Colorado. The purpose of Colorado Farm To Table is to raise as much fresh produce as donated acres and available water will allow and provide this bounty, free of charge, for hunger relief to those in need across Colorado.

Begun in 1996 by career farmer Tony Madone, Jr. with a two acre garden plot, Colorado Farm To Table is like no other program in Colorado. A lifelong friend suggested back then that Tony donate the produce he raised to soup kitchens and food banks. Tony says, "That it just felt right" to provide individuals and families in need with fresh produce at no cost to them.



Colorado Farm To Table harvest and plow

In 2006, Colorado Farm To Table (CFTT) became a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. The prior year, Tony moved the farm operation to its current location on Highway 291 outside Salida, growing vegetables on 10 of the site's available 15 acres. Use of this land has been donated for a multi-year term by the Shine Family, a local farming family whose 92-year-old matriarch passed away in May 2010 but not before instructing to her family that CFTT continue to have access to the property for the fresh produce program.

The distinctive nature of CFTT is exceptional. The history and mission of CFTT are more expansive than just growing produce and bigger in many ways than a modest farm outside Salida. Tony Madone has founded an

organization that touches the spirit and hearts of Coloradans from all walks of life; this ministry belongs to people across Colorado. CFTT has exceeded many expectations and has fed tens of thousands of people with more than 466 tons of fresh produce grown especially for those in need – just short of 1 million pounds (932,029) since 2005; the potential for greater good works by CFTT is significant.

Sharing Ministries, Inc. Food Bank, one of CFTT's recipient partners in Montrose, Colorado, said on their Facebook page "Colorado Farm To Table has provided Sharing Ministries with many, many pounds of cabbage and broccoli. Thank you so very much to Mr. Tony Madone and his crew in Salida – this produce is a huge blessing for our customers!"



Colorado Farm To Table's 2013 goal is to provide wholesome produce at no cost to the three dozen food bank, soup kitchen and food pantry client

partners across the state in order to supplement the nutritional needs of their clients. Wish us abundant moisture this spring and summer!

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Mission: "Volunteers grow, harvest and distribute fresh produce at no cost to food banks, soup kitchens and pantries, feeding families in need across Colorado." coloradofarmtotable.org