



2020 IMPACT REPORT



"This place is
central to my
wellbeing in every
way. I love it!"
-Patrick



BRAD REUBENDALE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LETISHA STEELE
OPERATIONS OFFICER

CHRIS KOCH
BOARD PRESIDENT

IMPACT



29,297 Meals Served!

The impact of SAME is in meals served, individuals trained, and communities reached, but the positive change over time happens when people recognize the value they inherently have and what they can offer to others. When people recognize their own dignity and the value they bring, they change themselves, their community, and eventually the world.



28,028

Cafe Meals
Served



1,269

Food Truck
Meals Served



\$4,237

Donated
Produce



5,624

Hours
Volunteered



12

Service Members
and Interns



27

Cook to Work
Students

882

Volunteers smiling
behind
masks

"SAME gave me a place to work in a kitchen as a volunteer, it gave me a place to frequent without stigma. It was a great place during covid - the vibrance of the staff is special."

-John

PEOPLE



Brad Reubendale | Executive Director

"SAME is the most incredible place on earth! Guests from every background are welcomed to the table and treated exactly the same."



Letisha Steele | Operations Officer

"SAME honors the dignity of guests by serving fresh, nutritious, culturally relevant & delicious food, regardless of ability to pay."



Theresa Marten | Café Director

"Denver would not be the SAME without this Cafe. I love participating with my community to create a welcoming atmosphere every day."



Carrie Shores | Executive Chef

"I am grateful for the community centered at SAME Café. The dignity and respect you get as staff or guest is unlike anywhere else."



Katie Donnelly | Kitchen Lead

"Food is a right, not a privilege and working at SAME allows me to ensure everyone has the right to healthy food."



Megan Roberts | Cook

"As a new transplant to Denver, I'm so glad I found SAME. I love being able to cook amazing food for my new neighbors."



Gabbie Noack | Service Member

"This community excels at making every individual who comes through the door feel a sense of belonging."

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SAME Café TOLEDO

Why Toledo? Grassroots leaders from around the country frequently approach SAME asking about the possibility of starting a community café in their city. As a response, SAME developed the **Five Pillars of Readiness** for communities who want to establish and sustain a SAME Café - because it takes a whole community to raise a Café.

For over two years, friends of SAME in Toledo have worked to respond to the Pillars of Readiness by gathering a supportive coalition of partners to the table - restaurants, farms & gardens, donors, and volunteers, while seeking the right location. After unanimous SAME Board approval of Toledo's readiness, **SAME Café Toledo is set to open in 2021!**



Steve North | Toledo Advisory Chair

"Everything about SAME is beautiful and completely good!"



Erin Peterson | SAME Toledo Lead

"We are thrilled there has been a groundswell of support for bringing SAME Café to Toledo!"

Advisory Members

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Lifeline Toledo

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SAME Café Coins

SAME Café Coins help spread the word that SAME offers healthy and delicious meals to everyone, regardless of ability to pay. **SAME Café Coins** are available to volunteers who give extra time or for a donation of any size - \$12 covers the cost of providing one meal.

Some guests also choose to be **Ambassadors** of SAME's mission by taking a handful of Coins into the community to give to their friends and neighbors. **The Ambassador program empowers guests to represent SAME's mission and give back to their community.**



FINANCIALS

Funding:



Expenses:



FOUNDATIONS:

\$83,600	Anonymous
\$30,000	Stewart Family Foundation
\$30,000	Bank of America Foundation
\$25,000	Kenneth King Foundation
\$20,000	Buck Family Foundation
\$15,000	Mile High United Way
\$12,500	CO Foundation for Public Health & Environment
\$10,000	BCS Foundation
\$10,000	Delta Dental Foundation
\$8,000	Sands Family Foundation
\$6,500	Clif Bar Family Foundation
\$5,000	Living Closer Foundation
\$5,000	Whole Cities Foundation
\$2,500	MDC / Richmond American Homes Foundation

“My relationship with the SAME community helped me evolve from a hopeless person looking for purpose into a community leader. I now support others with the same dedicated passion that was modeled for me at SAME.”

– Bonita

PARTNERS

Community Partners:

- **Denver Human Services** - SAME provided meals to families living in DHS emergency housing during the pandemic and the SAME Café Food Truck served meals to families accessing services.
- **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless** - Referred individuals experiencing homelessness to SAME's Cook to Work program.
- **Lost City Farmers' Market / Focus Points Family Resource Center** - SAME Café Food Truck served meals to people shopping at the "pay-how-you-can" farmers market in the Globeville Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood.
- **Cintas**
- **City Harvest @ VOA**
- **Colorado Village Collaborative**
 - Safe Outdoor Spaces
- **Cook Street Culinary School**
- **Denver Department of Public Health and Environment**
- **Food Bank of the Rockies**
- **Denver Mayor's Office**
- **Mental Health Center of Denver**
 - Dahlia Campus
- **Out Patch**
- **River + Root Photography**
- **Simply Bulk**
- **Urban Peak**
- **We Don't Waste**

Food Partners:

- **Denver Botanic Gardens** - SAME supports local food systems that use sustainable farming practices by sourcing produce from DBG's garden.
- **EKAR Farms** - One of the largest urban farms in the country, EKAR grows produce specifically for SAME's mission to serve everyone.
- **Pablo's Coffee** - SAME's guests love the delicious taste of Danger Monkey Coffee roasted here in Denver, generously donated from Pablo's, and brewed fresh each morning at SAME Café.
- **Altius Farms**
- **Augustana Lutheran Church Community Garden**
- **Greater Park Hill Community**
- **Kiowa Family Farms**
- **Leprino Foods**
- **MetroCaring/SAME garden**
- **Monroe Organic Farms**
- **Teatulia**
- **The People's Bees**
- **Urban Farm at Montessori School of Denver**

Restaurants Gave Generously

During the COVID-19 shutdown, a number of restaurants that were forced to shut their doors made heartwarming contributions of fresh produce, proteins, and supplies to help support the ongoing mission of SAME including:

- **Chocolate Lab**
- **City O' City**
- **Common Grounds Coffee**
- **Denver Marriot Tech Center**
- **Fleming Steakhouse**
- **Fox Run Café**
- **Grand Hyatt Denver**
- **Irish Snug**
- **Izzio Bakery**
- **Jimmy John's**
- **Lucky Mutt Bar**
- **Mulberries Cakes**
- **Pete's Kitchen**
- **Piatti Denver**
- **Racines**
- **Sexy Pizza**
- **Tokyo Joe's**
- **Vine Street Pub**
- **Vesta Dipping Grill**
- **12 @ Madison**

"I have been coming to SAME Café for a few years and love the atmosphere. At SAME Café I feel like an equal. I feel safe at SAME Café."

- Cersillo



Volunteer



Donate



Give

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