9Cares Colorado Shares is the largest one day food drive in the region.

31st Annual 9Cares Colorado Shares Holiday Drive
Saturday November 16th, 2013
7 am - 4 pm
30 sites throughout Colorado, 5 in Metro Denver

9NEWS Studios
Speer & Logan

Southwest Plaza
Wadsworth & Bowles

Pima Medical Institute
Mississippi & Potomac

Inverness Hotel & Golf Club
East of I-25 & Dry Creek

American Furniture Warehouse
I-25 and 84th

King Soopers is joining us in collecting money in stores from Castle Rock to Ft. Collins.
100% of funds go directly to purchasing food for neighbors in need.

9Cares Collects:

Food: 9Cares accepts all non-perishable food, but food banks say they need items high in protein the most. Tuna fish, peanut butter, beans, nuts, canned stews, and canned meat are all perfect. Again, all foods must be non-perishable, and encourage viewers to avoid items in glass jars.

Clothing: 9Cares accepts all new or used clothing.

Toys: 9Cares accepts new or used toys, however we do encourage people to consider new toys. Old toys will be cleaned up and in some cases refurbished. They do not seek electronic toys which require batteries or toys which are violent in nature, such as guns or knives. They also do not distribute videos or DVDs.

Cash & Checks: 9Cares Colorado Shares accepts cash, check or credit donations. Cash and check donations are accepted on the day of the drive at all 9Cares sites and year-long at 9NEWS. Online donations can also be made through 9news.com.

About 9Cares Colorado Shares
9Cares Colorado Shares is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization established in 1983 to help Colorado's less fortunate families.

9Cares Colorado Shares began the program 31 years ago in the 9News parking lot. Since then the drive has grown into the largest one-day food, clothing, and toy drive in the region. Our mission of helping Coloradoans in need still remains at the core of what we do. Last year, we collected more than 166 tons of food and $232,033 helping thousands of families.

Who Benefits From 9Cares

Food: 9Cares believes that food collected in a community should stay in that community. In all we serve over 135 food banks in Colorado. Over 100 of them are in Metro Denver.

Here in Denver, the food collected is sent to our partner Food Bank of the Rockies. They sort and distribute the food to banks in need across the Front Range.

Outside of the metro area we partner with community food banks and pantries. They organize 9Cares collection sites in their cities and towns and then distribute food to needy families in their communities.

Clothing: Clothing donated to 9Cares Colorado Shares will be given to our clothing partners Goodwill Industries and ARC Thrift Stores. In turn these two non profit groups will provide 9Cares with clothing vouchers. We will give local clothing banks vouchers to be used to support their clients. Vouchers can be used to buy winter coats for children, business clothing for people moving off of welfare into self sufficiency and other needs.

Toys: Toys given during 9Cares Colorado Shares benefit the Santa Claus Shops. Founded in 1931, the Shop was the first group in the country to pioneer a toys store for the needy. Operating with a crew of volunteers, the mission is simple: To provide a Christmas toy for every girl and boy.

If you need help, go to the 9Cares Colorado Shares page on 9News.com for information.

History of 9Cares

9Cares Colorado Shares started back on March 5, 1982. The drive was spurred by a conference on hunger held by then Governor Dick Lam. 9NEWS executives (then KBTV) met with community leaders, including businesses and non-profits to take action. They decided to hold a one-day food drive. The first 9Cares Colorado Shares drive was held in the parking lot of the old station at 11th and Bannock.

Eventually the drive outgrew its home. According to early volunteers, the station had to have police direct traffic to help handle the flow. With the increasing need and a desire to provide viewers throughout the metro area with the opportunity to take part—the drive grew to several sites.