

GROW TO SHARE

2020 Season



HIGH COUNTRY
CONSERVATION CENTER

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Providing fresh produce & nutritional education to qualified families in Summit County

1,160 lbs

produce donated

171%

increase over 2019

A PARTNERSHIP

Between High Country Conservation Center (HC3), Summit County Women, Infants & Children (WIC), and the Family & Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC)



New in 2020

HOW FAMILIES RECEIVED FOOD

In past years, families received food at WIC appointments and at garden events. Neither was possible in 2020 due to COVID restrictions. Instead, HC3 provided produce boxes for families to pick up each Tuesday. Remaining food was distributed through the FIRC food pantry. Participants received education and recipes.

PLANNING FOR PRODUCTION

The Dillon Valley Garden, our main growing space, was operated with maximum yield in mind. Our experienced staff from the farm-share planned and timed all growing to provide 20 shares weekly.

MORE GROWING SPACE

Staff and volunteers built new beds outdoors and in the greenhouse. This added 137 square feet of growing space, an increase of 22%. Plant protection and trellises were also added.

DRIP IRRIGATION

In 2020, drip irrigation was finalized at the Dillon Valley Garden. Not only does this save on staff time previously required for hand watering, it's more efficient and better for the plants.

WASH STATION

The wash station provides an essential shaded work space for efficient postharvest handling and cooling. This preserves quality, extends shelf life and allows for extended harvesting on hot days. Also included is a hand-washing area, adequate space for processing, and graywater runoff to irrigate a newly-planted perennial zone.





New beds & vertical growing



"Veggies are sooooo amazing."



New Wash Station



Preparing for drip irrigation

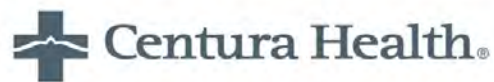


Drip & hoop houses added

THANK YOU

Grow to Share Partners

St. Anthony Summit
Medical Center



Our entire network of Sustainable Food partners & recipients

