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Safeway & Mondelēz International Support Families in Need

Colorado Springs CO - Safeway and Mondelēz International (the maker of iconic global and local brands such as *Oreo*, *Triscuit*, *Ritz*, *Clif Bar*, and *Tate's Bake Shop*), will present a Hunger Grant check for \$10,000 to support the Marian House Kitchen and Marketplace. The presentation will be November 20 at 2 p.m. at the Marian House

In addition to the check presentation from the Safeway Foundation and Mondelez International, Safeway will discuss the Holiday Helping Nourishing Neighbors campaign which provides \$50 Gift Cards distributed to nonprofit organizations whose mission is aligned with the Safeway Foundation's priority areas. For 12 years, Catholic Charities Marian House has been a recipient of this campaign which helps families and individuals struggling with food insecurity, particularly around the holidays. In 2020, due to COVID, the program changed from delivering full turkey meals to providing gift cards, allowing families more flexibility to shop for items most important to their family's needs. Catholic Charities distributes these cards through the Marketplace pantry.

Media are invited to the Marian House property—14 West Bijou Street in Colorado Springs—at 2 p.m. Nov. 20 for this amazing show of community support. Heather Halpape, Communications & Public Affairs Manager for Safeway Denver Division, and Andy Barton, CEO of Catholic Charities, will attend the event and be available for interviews. There may also be an opportunity to interview a Marketplace client.

“Working together with community partners like Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado, vendors like Mondelēz, as well as our generous customers, we can make the holidays a little easier and brighter for thousands of families in the communities we serve,” said Heather Halpape, Communications & Public Affairs Manager for Safeway.

“Mondelēz and our Triscuit brand team greatly appreciate our partnership with Safeway and the Nourishing Neighbors Safeway Foundation. Through our partnership, we have been able to work together to support and nourish the local community,” said Ryan Clayeux, Customer Business Lead for Mondelēz

“We continue to be blessed by the generosity of Safeway, their customers, and partners. These donations go directly to the families and individuals who depend on the daily meal served at Marian House 365 days a year and the families who shop at our Marketplace food pantry,” said Andy Barton, CEO of Catholic Charities which operates the Marian House Campus.

Other information on Safeway and Catholic Charities Marian House

- Besides the grant and holiday gift cards, Safeway provides weekly donations to support the Marian House nutrition efforts through store donations of food products.
- The Albertsons Companies and Safeway Foundation focus areas are Health and Human Services, Hunger, Youth and Education, Veterans, and support of Diversity and Inclusion of All Abilities.
- An average of 300 guests are served lunch at the Marian House Kitchen daily.
- About 25 families shop every day (Mon – Fri), free of charge, at the Marian House Marketplace pantry.
- Since 1985, the Marian House has been serving people who are hungry in downtown Colorado Springs, 365 days a year. The Marketplace food pantry opened Feb. 1, 2021, and serves over 200 households monthly.

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Catholic Charities of Central Colorado (CCCC) is a nonprofit organization serving people in need. We provide compassionate, competent, and professional services to strengthen and support individuals, families, and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. CCCC provides numerous services within a 10-county area for vulnerable and struggling populations through a variety of programs and services, from four facilities:

Helen Hunt Campus

Family Services – Services for Families using a 2Gen approach: *Family Connections Early Childhood & Parent Education* programs; comprehensive *Family Life Coaching/Case Management Programs*; *Family Navigation* (children's and maternity clothing; baby needs such as diapers, baby food, and formula; family showers and laundry). **Hunt Family Housing** – After purchasing the Helen Hunt Campus in Dec. 2022, the 1901 building is being renovated to yield *24 transitional family housing apartments for homeless families*, scheduled to open in 2025.

Marian House Campus

Adult Services — *Navigation, ID replacement, Case Management, Shelter Referrals, Legal Assistance*, and more; **Employment & Life Skills** – Goal Setting, *Employment Skills* (Resume Building, Barriers to Employment, Job Leads), *Digital Equity Program* (Computer Skills/Internet Literacy, Email Proficiency, Google Docs); **Food & Nutrition Services** – Offering a hot, nutritious meal every day of the year at the *Marian House Kitchen* or register to shop for groceries at no cost at *The Marketplace food pantry*; **Medical & Health Services** – Mon – Fri walk-in or appointments with the SET Medical Clinic, Penrose-St. Francis Community nurse, or meet with a variety of other medical providers and partner agencies; **Rent & Utility Services**.

Catholic Pastoral Center

Medical & Health Services – *Counseling & Therapeutic Services* – offering a variety of therapies; **Immigration Services** – offering *Legal Services* for people who have a path to citizenship, residency, and other legal immigration status, and *Immigration Resources*.

Catholic Charities Castle Rock Office:

Case Management/Care Plans, Emergency Services, and Community Outreach Programs.

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