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United Way Welcomes Mayor Yemi to Mitchell Food Distribution
Bimonthly distribution serves hundreds of local families

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobolade will visit Pikes Peak United Way's food distribution site at Mitchell High School on Thursday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m.

During his visit, Mobolade will learn more about the program and will be present as families and individuals come to get much-needed food assistance from volunteers, including Mitchell's JROTC students.

"In today's economy, food prices have gone up drastically," said Elizabeth Quevedo, senior vice president of community impact at Pikes Peak United Way. "We've seen demand for food rise as well — and United Way is here to try to meet that demand. We're honored Mayor Yemi is coming to see this important work."

On the first and third Thursday of every month, volunteers deliver more than 20,000 pounds of food to between 150 and 300 families. Each food box costs \$93.29 per family, and more than \$29.2 million of groceries have been distributed. Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado partners with United Way and provides the food for the distribution.

"This program — staffed by students and volunteers — is so important to the community," Quevedo said. "Many of our families have come for the first time this year, and many rely on extra food distributions. Those in need can call 211 to learn more about other community organizations that can provide food assistance."

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About Pikes Peak United Way: The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to help at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit <https://www.ppunitedway.org/> for more information. #LiveUnited

