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The Action Center Receives Lakewood Sustainability Award

The Food Rescue Program was selected as a recipient of the Community Sustainability Award

LAKWOOD, CO – The Action Center’s Food Rescue Program was a recipient of the 2016 Lakewood Community Sustainability Award presented at the City of Lakewood Sustainability Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 25 at Lakewood City Council.

Organizations and businesses were honored for their efforts in making Lakewood a more sustainable city.

The Action Center’s Food Rescue Program salvages perishable food items that wholesalers and grocers in our region have set aside as damaged and expendable or close to expiration. As is often the case, only a fraction of those perishable grocery items slated for the garbage are actually unusable. The Action Center identifies these viable pallets of food and “rescues” the items for our clients to consume. During the last fiscal year, The Action Center rescued more than 1.15 million pounds of food through the Food Rescue Program



"We are so thrilled to be recognized for this award by the City of Lakewood," stated Mag Strittmatter, Executive Director of The Action Center, who accepted the award at the ceremony. "We take sustainability and the utilization of best practices very seriously. For every vendor that participates in this program we have more healthy foods that we can provide for the hungry in our community and decrease the amount of waste going to landfills. It is a win-win all the way around."

About The Action Center:

The Action Center is a human-service non-profit organization that offers the single-most comprehensive range of services to struggling residents of Jefferson County and the homeless. We meet the immediate needs for our clients, treating them with respect and dignity. Then, we provide clients with the resources needed to develop pathways to self-sufficiency, breaking the cycle of poverty. You can learn about our services and ways to get involved by coming on a tour, visiting www.theactioncenterco.org or by contacting Jill Messinger at 720.407.6686.

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