Sun Valley Kitchen & Community Center Mini Study

Just south of Mile High Stadium, the Sun Valley Kitchen and Community Center was established in 2014 to provide affordable meals and community building efforts. The area is considered a food desert and the organization has become a community hub for access to fresh and affordable fruits and vegetables.



Mission Statement

Serve children and families with food and love, while providing a space where residents feel supported, safe and connected.



Food Access



Mentorship & Support



Educational Resources



Employment Opportunities



Space to Connect

Services

Restaurant

The restaurant is a part of the use of the commercial kitchen the organization owns. It is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 1:30 PM and offers consistent, fresh, affordable breakfast and lunch options.

No-Cost Grocery Program

In collaboration with Denver Food Rescue, Sun Valley Community Center offers a bi-weekly food pantry on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Individuals receive 5-7 bags of produce, meat, toiletries, fruit, vegetables, milk, juice, and hot meals prepared in the kitchen. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, they have served more than 14,000 individuals.

Education

One of the cornerstone programs of the organization is cooking classes. Offered for free virtually and in-person, community members can learn how to use fresh food to make healthy and accessible meals. Art, music, and dance classes are also available. In addition, Youth community members can attain employment at 16 and work for the organization and develop their hospitality, cooking, and organization skills.

Gathering Space

The Sun Valley Community Center offers a daily space for meeting and connection for the neighborhood. The Center also has certain structured activities such as after school tutoring, monthly neighborhood meetings, and mentorship seminars.