Pandemic Unsung Heroes

10-County Budget Conference
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You would have to be stupid for to work for government.
CARES Act Allocations
The Real Story is our Heroes...

CARES Act Funding Recap - 2020
Total County Award Plus Interest- $101.8M

- 660 grants to businesses impacted by COVID-19
- Helped food pantries serve 389% more families than last year
- Over 23k masks and 98k gloves provided to businesses
- + $3.5M spending via additional federal COVID relief

Jefferson County

El Paso County

Boulder County

Douglas County
#1. Meet Erin and Codie - Assistance to Households

Erin Johnson, Human Services Manager

Codie Winslow, Chief Deputy Clerk and Recorder
#2. Meet Jenn and Dan – Human Needs Task Force

Holistic Service Delivery:
- A coordinated partnership of over 40 entities.
- Customized services tailored to specific needs.

Response team provided:
- 5 work-groups:
  - High Needs population
  - Food & Emergency Shelter
  - Healthcare Access
  - Childcare
  - Volunteers

“COVID-19 will be remembered as the ‘Great Accelerator’ of Digital Transformation”

Jennifer Eby, Community Development

Dan Makelky, Human Services
#3. Meet Sonia - Getting into the PPE Distribution Business

“National Stockpile”

Sonia Ormsbee, PPE Hero

Village #10
$1.7 Million spent on PPE
Who stepped up in YOUR County?
#4. Meet Holly, Testing & Tracing

Piloted antibody testing.

Monitored all emerging testing options and developments

Coordinated multiple mass testing sites.

Established partnerships for ongoing testing: Stride, mobile van, AFC Clinic and Mako

“People are not afraid of failure, they’re afraid of blame”

Holly Carrell, Testing Czar
Passive Response to Tracing Frustration

Failure to Quickly Establish Tracing

“Experience is what you get after you need it”

Seth Hoffman, City of Lone Tree
Commissioners have keys to doors that only they can unlock

Obtained approval to add locations of confirmed positive tests into the dispatch CAD system
#5 Meet Steve and Jennifer, Douglas County gets go-ahead to reopen restaurants, gyms, churches, Park Meadows

Variance Requests
Suppression Plan
Mitigation Plan

Steve Koster, Planning

Jennifer Ludwig, Tri-County Health

Fires of Hell
#6 Meet Luanne - Five Star Program

Luanne Lee,
Fairgrounds Manager
Counties Leading The Way

Just to name a few of many examples:

- **Mesa County** – Made 5 Star a reality for all of us
- **Jefferson County** – First out of the gate on business support
- **Adams County** – First to develop a 38-page mitigation plan
- **Arapahoe County** – Developed Regional Communication Campaign

And on and on ...

“Great occasions do not make heroes; they simply reveal them to the eyes of others.”
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