

Clear Creek Wood Bank 2024-2025 Annual Report

Clear Creek Wood Bank was formed to provide a supplemental heat source to those who heat their homes with wood and are unable to afford or physically perform the act of making firewood.

We provide a limited amount of firewood once a week, November through March. We welcome anyone who needs firewood to help keep their home warm. When a family shows up for firewood, our volunteers are ready to help load the firewood into their vehicle.

Vision: Ensure no one ever has to choose between heating and eating.

Mission: We provide a local, sustainable source of heat to those in need.

Operational Hours: November 1st – April 1st, every Tuesday: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: 97 US Hwy East in Buffalo, Wyoming. (Between Buffalo KOA and Bighorn COOP)

2024 – 2025 Accomplishments:

In our third year of operation, Clear Creek Wood Bank gave **128 cords** of cut and split firewood to **892 families** from Buffalo, Banner, Kaycee, Sheridan, Story, Clearmont, and Arvada. **On our busiest week, we served 60 families!** On average, we provided 42 families a week with firewood.

The families we served:

- ✓ **74% of our families were retired.**
- ✓ **36% of our families have a member with a disability.**
- ✓ **27% of our families have at least one veteran family member.**
- ✓ **12% of our families were unemployed.**
- ✓ **21% of our families had at least one member of the family working part-time or full-time.**



72 volunteers provided 1,310 volunteer hours over the year, a value of \$43,872!

Special thank you to the Buffalo Christian Academy for bringing their students to help during our operational hours! An excellent partnership continued this winter.



Clear Creek Wood Bank only gives out dry firewood! We take moisture readings weekly to ensure our firewood is seasoned and ready for burning.

We hosted our volunteer appreciation picnic in June! We made burgers and gave out new T-shirts for all our volunteers – thanking each of them for their dedication to our wood bank. We would not be as successful as we are without our volunteers.

They are the best!



Awarded Grants:

Wyoming Community Foundation: \$3,500.00

*Used to purchase firewood.

Hughes Charitable Foundation: \$6,500.00

*Used to purchase firewood & cover maintenance costs for the firewood processor.



Special Community Donations:

Cliff Nuckolls: Cliff Nuckolls purchased a 2024 Eastmade 48C Firewood Processor with conveyor and wedges. Cliff, with the help of our volunteers split logs all summer long, building an enormous wood pile!

Buffalo Christian Academy: Provided approximately 25 students and 4 teachers who helped weekly to stack firewood and load it into vehicles during our operational hours.



16 new Smoke Detectors donated to families: Buffalo resident Randy Sanders provided 6 new smoke detectors, and the nonprofit Alliance for Green Heat provided 10 new smoke detectors that were given out to families.

First United Methodist Church of Buffalo: First United Methodist Church donated \$1,500 to Clear Creek Wood Bank in December 2024!



JL & Sons Logging: made extraordinary donations of firewood, time, and equipment!

Check out Clear Creek Wood Bank's website!
clearcreekwoodbank.com

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