



Front Range Soup Brigade Launches Cookbook to Benefit Marshall Fire Survivors

(Louisville, CO 2.9.2024) On December 30, 2022, a wildfire burned over 6000 acres across Boulder County. Now known as the Marshall Fire, it resulted in the destruction of more than 1100 homes and is now considered the most destructive fire in Colorado history. With over 30,000 people suddenly displaced and the desire to serve her community, then Louisville resident, Mara Quezaire did the first thing she could think of - cook a batch of soup for her neighbors. This simple gesture not only offered nourishment but was described as a warm hug from a friend.

From there, [the Front Range Soup Brigade](#) was born and quickly developed into a group of heartfelt neighbors who volunteered to cook and deliver homemade soup to those impacted by the Marshall Fire. From January 3, 2022 – when Mara made and delivered that first crock pot of soup – to April 1, 2022, more than 175 volunteers provided 4,000 servings of soup for fire survivors and living up to their motto, “The Soup Brigade offers loving kindness and encouragement – one bowl of soup at a time.”

Over the course of those weeks, many asked the volunteers for their soup recipes and Mara responded by working with volunteers over the last two years to create and publish the Soup Brigade Cookbook. "My goal with creating the cookbook is to offer Marshall Fire Survivors a way to recreate some of the comforting sights and smells they experienced while eating our healing soup. Along with recipes, we have included some quotes and photos from those touching and heartfelt times. We hope everyone will enjoy making these recipes for family and friends and will continue to share the love of a simple yet healing bowl of soup," said Quezaire.

The cookbook launch will be held Saturday, February 10 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Marshall Fire Recovery Center located at 357 McCaslin Blvd Suite 115-B in Louisville, CO. Soup Brigade Volunteers will be sharing their homemade soups for all to enjoy. Marshall ROC and the Soup Brigade have partnered to provide 100 special edition hard copy Soup Brigade Cookbooks for the first 100 survivors in attendance and these local businesses have generously donated tasty treats for the event: [Button Rock Bakery](#), [Elevated Oven](#), [Superior Costco](#), and [Paul's Coffee and Tea](#)

The Front Range Soup Brigade is also generously providing Marshall Fire survivors a complimentary electronic copy of the cookbook available through the [Marshall ROC website](#). For all others, the Soup Brigade hopes you will offer a [donation of \\$20](#) or more to support the Marshall ROC Recovery Center and its food pantry, which serves all who were impacted by the Marshall Disaster. "Marshall ROC is honored that the Front Range Soup Brigade chose our organization to receive 100% of the donations from their Cookbooks. These donations will support our mission and help us continue to serve the needs of so many in the community still recovering from this tragic disaster," said Jeri Curry, Marshall ROC Executive Director.

[Marshall ROC - Restoring Our Community](#), is a coalition of organizations, funders, volunteers, and government agencies bound together by a common interest - helping our neighbors, particularly those who are most in need. Marshall ROC was formed in January 2022 and is led by its members in collaboration with government representatives. The mission of Marshall ROC is to support and empower individuals and households affected by the Marshall Fire and windstorm to lead their own recoveries by identifying needs and coordinating assistance on their behalf. Marshall ROC is structured as a Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG), which is a nationally recognized, tried-and-true method for coordinating limited money, muscle, and materials among multiple organizations, on behalf of individuals and communities impacted by disaster. For more information please contact info@marshallroc.org or contact Jeri Curry at 571-437-3906