



SERVE 6.8 emerged in Northern Colorado as a volunteer led movement focused on people in need through various outreach initiatives. The organization was launched by Timberline Church and supported by donors and volunteers from other churches and community networks.



The mission of SERVE 6.8 is to share God's love in tangible ways to people in Northern Colorado with no strings attached and we have the following goals:

1. To enhance the level of service provided by compassion organizations within Northern Colorado.
2. To create and maintain structures to mobilize and lead large numbers of volunteers in response to disasters and local needs.
3. To bridge the gap between faith-based organizations, foundations, local government, and local agencies through volunteerism and collaboration in order to best leverage the compassion resources that exist in our community.



- SERVE 6.8 has a volunteer base of 3,000 people and obtained non-profit status in January of 2013
- Since April of 2012, SERVE 6.8 team members have logged over 40,000 volunteer hours, 20,000 of those hours in the flood
- SERVE 6.8 is currently a member of COVOAD and WYVOAD

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SERVE 6.8 Initiatives

- Building Hope
- Disaster Response
- Murphy Center



Disaster Response

High Park Fire-SERVE 6.8 served as case managers assisting Red Cross and the LTRG with direct financial assistance to victims. Worked directly with survivors performing erosion control, re-planting, and tree felling. Served on the Unmet Needs Committee.

Flood of 2013-SERVE 6.8 served as an evacuation center and overnight shelter, a distribution center, debris and mud clean up project leaders, serve on the executive committee, case management, Housing and construction committees of the LTRG.



- SERVE 6.8 has 103 projects which are currently claimed on [crisiscleanup.org](https://www.crisiscleanup.org). We have completed 37 of those projects and have just moved into the Drake/Glen Haven area.
 - We currently have 15 projects in Drake/Glen Haven and 58 in the rest of Larimer County, which will require multiple days and large pieces of equipment to complete
 - We expect to discover more projects as we work in the affected neighborhoods and as people gain access to their homes

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Lessons In Disaster



1. We can do it together. All the components we need for recovery exist in our community already.



2. We need to work with those impacted in more relevant ways. We need to work through cultural guides and bring case management to isolated neighborhoods.



3. We need agile distribution systems and decentralized access to services.

In addition to the Disaster Recovery Center in Loveland, SERVE 6.8 was able to receive and distribute over \$500,000 in food, water and recovery supplies to the Northern Colorado region



4. We need strong coordination of volunteers and projects.



5. We need Disaster Navigators.

SERVE 6.8 will be piloting the Disaster Navigator Program with CSU this January, thanks to a grant awarded by the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and Bohemian Foundation.