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CU wide receiver D.D. Goodson helps serve one of the many displaced Boulder residents from this week's floods.

CU Athletics Assists Boulder Community In Crisis

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BOULDER - On Saturday, the University of Colorado Athletic Department and CU student-athletes hosted approximately 800 Boulder flood victims at Folsom Field. The event, which took place from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the stadium's Club Level, provided evacuees with a meal and a chance to visit with athletes, coaches and administrators.

"Our student-athletes and the athletic department really care about this community," said Colorado Athletic Director [Rick George](#). "This event is a way to help them through all the devastation they've dealt with over the past several days."

A majority of attendees were residents of CU's family housing, who were evacuated on Wednesday evening due to complex's proximity to Boulder Creek.

"This means a lot," said Sarah Stith, a resident manager at CU's Smiley Court Apartments who attended the event with her husband and two young children. Smiley Court, located on the corner of 30th Street and Colorado Avenue, sits directly next to Boulder Creek. The complex is one of several on the CU-Boulder campus that houses a variety of graduate students with families, committed couples, and single parents.

"It's been a hard time. It's nice to know that this community is here and that everyone is coming together. Tragedies like this can make you feel really separated from the rest of the world and it's things like this that just make you realize what a great community we have," Stith said.

Student-Athletes from football, men and women's basketball, women's lacrosse and women's volleyball spent the afternoon serving food, cleaning tables, and entertaining the children in attendance by signing autographs and taking photos.

"Our team has been doing everything we can to help out the community of Boulder," said CU basketball guard and Boulder native [Beau Gamble](#). "It's great to see the other student-athletes out helping too and doing whatever they can, whether it's helping people move out of flooded basements or digging out cars, or whatever else needs to be done. Today, half of the team is over at the Center for Community helping out since they are low-staffed and the rest of us are here at Folsom greeting evacuees from CU's family housing."

Colorado's football team, which was slated to take on Fresno State in Boulder on Saturday, spent the day much differently than anticipated after the game was postponed. However, for the players and CU's coaching staff, being able to give back to the overwhelmed Boulder community was just as rewarding.

“A lot of the people here today are dealing with a really hard situation,” head coach Mike MacIntyre said. “They aren’t going to be able to get into their apartments or homes for a while. For us to be able to do this is a great thing. We had all of this food ready for the game and to be able to use it now to help the community and show them that we care, that’s great. “

Several student-athletes helping at the event were also displaced during the widespread flooding, including wide receiver D.D. Goodson.

“Personally, I was affected Thursday night when the basement that I live in was flooded,” said Goodson. “The water in my room was about waist high. I lost my sofa, my television and some of my shoes and other necessities. It’s nice to help these evacuees because I know what they are going through.”

For the student-athletes that work endlessly to improve their performance on the field, serving the community in a time of need was one way to remind them that their performance off the field is just as important.

“Today has been a huge opportunity for us to give back to the community,” said quarterback Connor Wood. “We need to be more than football players and more than student-athletes. Coach MacIntyre wants us to be great men, responsible men, and selfless men. This is one way that we can learn that lesson.”

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Colorado football: Rick George confident Buffs will make up game

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If Colorado and Fresno State are going to reschedule their football game for a date later this season, both will have to miss their respective conference championship games Dec. 7 or get a lot of help reworking the schedule from fellow schools in the Mountain West and Pac-12 Conferences.

The Buffs and Bulldogs were scheduled to play at Folsom Field on Saturday but the game was postponed by historic flooding in Boulder after days of heavy rains this week.

This much is certain, having to postpone and possibly cancel the game wasn't good news for a CU athletic department that experienced a \$7.5 million shortfall last year because of poor ticket sales in football. CU needs all the revenue it can muster from its flagship program and badly needs to play six home games this fall.

Colorado athletic director Rick George and coach Mike MacIntyre sounded optimistic that they will be able to find a solution that works for the Buffs and Bulldogs but they didn't know exactly how Saturday afternoon as they helped feed flood victims on the suite level at Folsom Field.

The Buffs have open dates next Saturday and Saturday, Oct. 19. Fresno State has open dates Saturday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Nov. 16.

"We're looking at all those options," George said. "I've been on the phone all morning and I will continue to be on the phone. We'll find a solution that works for us and works for Fresno State. They've been great to work with. They've been fantastic."

However, George did say that if a solution can't be found, CU could try to schedule a game against another opponent for either its bye week Oct. 19 or some other time.

There are two easy fixes. Both teams continue to win and qualify for their conference championships and become bowl eligible negating the need to make up the game this season. The other option is both teams miss the championship games and the game is held on Saturday, Dec. 7 in Boulder.

Obviously everyone prefers the first option, but it's highly unlikely the Buffs would manage to earn the Pac-12 South Division title after going 1-11 last year, even though they are playing better and off to a 2-0 start.

CU would prefer to find a solution that allows the game to be played before the end of the year to ensure a 12-game season and one team isn't left with only 11 games if the other qualifies for a conference title game. But it's going to take a lot of cooperation from other programs and conference administrators to pull that off.

"We'll make it up," MacIntyre said. "There are a lot of things happening on that. The NCAA will jump in. They will make sure. I mean, this is a national disaster. This isn't just a little thing. We'll be able to make it up some how some way.

"We've been talking back and forth. There are teams that can move that have been talking to us. There are all kinds of situations. I'm pretty sure if that didn't happen, the NCAA would let us play somebody else because we need to be able to get our revenue back and also help the community with the revenue."

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Colorado football: Buffs serve first responders, displaced families

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The University of Colorado was supposed to play host to Fresno State at Folsom Field on Saturday afternoon, but when historic rains led to massive flooding in and around Boulder this week the school postponed the football game and hosted flood victims and first responders at the stadium instead.

Colorado football players and coaches, joined by other student-athletes and athletic department staffers, served lunch to approximately 800 residents of married and family housing and first responders on the suite level at Folsom Field early Saturday afternoon.

Hundreds of residents in married and family housing units adjacent to the football practice fields had to be evacuated when Boulder Creek rose dramatically Thursday and Friday. The swollen creek cut off power and water and flooded some units.

Centerplate, the company that handles concessions in Folsom Field, had the food for Saturday's game delivered Friday before the school made the decision to postpone the game. Athletic director Rick George said it was a no-brainer choosing to give the food to those who need it most right now.

"A lot of the people we're giving it to are young kids who live in married housing who still don't have water or power and some of them don't have food in their refrigerators," George said. "To be able to do this is terrific. Our student-athletes and coaches are a great group of people."

Televisions and the stadium big screens showed other college games around the country as the Buffs served up hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, cookies and chips and other game day staples.

"It's been a really nice break and a nice little diversion for us," said officer Matthew DeLaria of the CU Police Department. "It's nice to see the players and everybody out here working to support the community."

"It's been hard. It's been exhausting. All the police, fire and ambulance crews are just running and running and running. We're all working 12-hour shifts at least. So we're tired but we're hanging in there. We've got a lot of support from the community. So it's been good."

Everyone would have preferred to see the Buffs on the field against the Bulldogs, but being able to relax, eat and watch something other than rising water was a welcome relief.

The Buffs won't play again until a Sept. 28 road game at Oregon State. Next week was a previously scheduled bye week. They don't play in Folsom Field again until Oct. 5 against Oregon.

Eugene and Shana Ding live approximately 100 yards from Boulder Creek in married and family housing. They were awakened by police at 2 a.m. Friday and told to evacuate. They chose to stay with their two sons and keep an eye on the rising water. Neighbors on the third-floor above their ground-floor apartment offered to open their doors to the family if needed.

"This is great," Eugene Ding said. "We celebrate that we survived. ... We really feel like a family."

Mike and Barbara MacFerrin live at Smiley Court near 30th Street and Arapahoe. They were not evacuated and never lost power in their apartment, but they recently moved from a complex closer to the creek where residents were evacuated. The couple is expecting their first child together in a month and was in the middle of unpacking when the flooding began.

Mike MacFerrin, a CU graduate student who is working on his doctorate in the Geography Department, said he had never seen Boulder Creek running at more than 600 cubic feet per second. He said he received a text near midnight Thursday telling him the creek was running at more than 5,000 cubic feet per second.

The MacFerrins said they are thankful to CU for the meal and a few hours of distraction and they consider themselves lucky compared to friends and neighbors.

"Just moving in and my wife due in a month, I did not want to have our apartment flooded, everything ruined and trying to figure out what to do from there," Mike MacFerrin said. "We got lucky."

CU place-kicker Will Oliver is one of eight members of the football team who has been displaced from his apartment by the flooding. Oliver joined his teammates in serving food to others who have endured three straight nights of sirens and flood warnings telling citizens to move to higher ground.

"A lot of these people have lost their homes," Oliver said. "Their homes are flooded and they have no idea what they're going to do. It's nice to be able to give back and make sure everyone is OK."

CU coach Mike MacIntyre and his family pitched in, and, at times, MacIntyre looked like a proud father watching CU players carrying trays of food, emptying trash bags and talking with children and their parents.

"This truly teaches life lessons," MacIntyre said. "There are a lot more important things than football."

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