



## Meeting Notes from February, 2021



### **Laurie Dale Marshall, EPNRC**

Volunteer opportunity for local nonprofits to work the check-in table at the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America National Specialty Dog Show which will be held May 9–15 in Estes Park. They seek nonprofit groups to volunteer in exchange for a donation to their organization. [Email Laurie](#) to connect.

### **Julian Aponte, State of CO Migrant Education Program**

We assist migrant farm working families working across school district lines. Looking for families in EP schools that migrate across school districts for work. Already connected with Courtney at the EP Schools, looking for other “ins” to families that might benefit from our support. We realize there is not a lot of agriculture migration work in Estes, but there could be some hospitality employees who are migrating between communities for work and those constant transitions are affecting the kids.

My e-mail is [japonte@cbooces.org](mailto:japonte@cbooces.org), my number is 970-302-2425

Feel free to reach out with any questions

Information about this program: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/migrant>

### **Kurtis Kelley, Estes Valley Library**

Gearing up for tax assistance program through AARP, if you have senior and low-income clients, please send them to the Library. Can take appointments online, by phone or in-person starting Feb 10.

*(EPNRC Note to Nonprofits: Be aware the state of CO is entering the second year of the ReFUND what Matters program, individuals can donate part or all of their tax refund to an eligible nonprofit. Find more <https://refundwhatmatters.org/>The list of eligible nonprofits will be posted on EPNRCs website, in the paper, and given to the tax volunteers through AARP. If you are a registered nonprofit for this program, please promote it!)*

The Library, Eagle Rock, and all 3 Estes Park school libraries are now functioning as one catalog. Nearly 1M items available for all users.

### **Kathy Whitacre, Partners**

We are actively still serving youth, families, partnerships, and volunteers. Always recruiting new youth referrals and adult volunteers to be mentors, activity volunteers, and advisory council members. Special thanks to Lars Sage and the artists at The Art Center of Estes Park, for collaborating with Partners and helping paint rocks for our January activity.

### **Courtney Carroll, Estes Park School District Councilor**

EP Schools has transitioned into in-person learning for all schools. Starting to hear more from families and students about needs, referring out to all of you! School just hired a contract tracer for COVID which will help create a safe environment at school. I will develop a monthly newsletter with events and opportunities geared to families. I scour other sites and sources, but please send to me directly if you have any family friendly and youth content to include. [courtney\\_carroll@psdr3.k12.co.us](mailto:courtney_carroll@psdr3.k12.co.us)

**Shawna Hendricks, NOCO Health Alliance**

Partnered with the school to begin Familia Adelante, a family-based program (primarily in Spanish) that teaches cultural differences and how having an “Americanized child” affects first- and second-generation families.

NOCO Health Alliance has books for families about getting to know their child, suicide prevention and mental health awareness. If interested, contact Shawna. [shendricks.alliance@noco.org](mailto:shendricks.alliance@noco.org)

Recommendation: Nick the Trolley Guy might be interested in providing transportation for various services in EP (met him through Nourishing Network).

**Brian Shaffer and Tim Van Ryn, Crossroads Ministry**

Crossroads gave \$750k in rent, food and utility assistance in the last year. We served 650 + households, some once, some many times per month. 218 (34%) of those households were first time users of Crossroads. Lots of people caught in a tight spot due to COVID and fire evacuations.

We plan to move to our new building summer/fall.

Crossroads has a history of working closely with businesses to provide services for neighbors in need. We realize there is a cost to the services the businesses provide and want to help fund those things. Examples to consider for Nonprofits: we know a nonprofit housing single mothers, right next door was a laundromat that the mothers used. It came up for sale, the nonprofit bought it and the money they earn from the business goes back to the nonprofit. Consider win/win solutions. Crossroads considering operating a document shredding business, current service providers come in from out of EP. A donor is willing to buy equipment that would allow us to earn income through this service.

Q: What is the current highest need through Crossroads?

A: Rent assistance and mortgage assistance (for landlords who have rental properties).

**Sue Yowell, Learning Place**

Working with online tutors to help four students get their GED. Very limited in-person services. I am having health issues that prevent me from being in the building, seeking (and finding some) volunteers. If you know of anyone, please email me: [sueyowell@eplearningplace.org](mailto:sueyowell@eplearningplace.org)

In terms of businesses and collaboration, we are hoping to provide testing for ServSafe (for restaurants in town whose servers must be accredited with this).

*EPNRC Note: Sending lots of nonprofit love to Sue who is dealing with some health challenges. You are in our thoughts!*

**Chris Douglass, EVICS**

Looking to offer benefits for staff. If anyone has leads on what/how/don't, please pass on.

Thursdays are fun days at EVICS- 6-7:30pm, parent nights, provider nights, etc. Please check in on EVICS website.

**Morgan Riedesel, NOCO Health Alliance**

New to this community and network. Looking to share resources specific to families seeking support with substance abuse treatment. Please be in touch if you would like any resources. [mriedesel.alliance@nocoha.org](mailto:mriedesel.alliance@nocoha.org)

**Karen McPherson, EPNRC**

End of December, we passed on the Nourishing Network program to the Legion, a non-profit /non-profit relationship that supported restaurants, food trucks, and chefs in town. This was a great win/win! Follow the Legion as they now offer this program. [facebook.com/ALPost119/](https://www.facebook.com/ALPost119/)

EPNRC just finished its first online fundraising event. This fundraising pivot allowed us to come up with a solid online sales platform we can use again. I am especially interested in how nonprofits might earn income to support their mission. We used a weebly website and Square sales interface. Ask me if you have any questions about these resources. [karen@epnonprofit.org](mailto:karen@epnonprofit.org)

**Kayla Evan, Volunteers of America, Caregiver Support Program**

Right now, we are taking referrals for family caregivers that care for an older adult, and volunteers that may be interested in connecting with an older adult. We are currently only offering virtual visits but we hope to be back in person in a few weeks. If you know anyone that might benefit from or like to get involved in our program, please feel free to send them our way! [kmevans@voacolorado.org](mailto:kmevans@voacolorado.org)