

Partnership Network Meeting
September 1, 2021

Cato Kraft, Exec. Director EPNRC

- Nonprofit Events Calendar- need/desire expressed at last meeting. You must send email to Cato to be added and able to add events to that calendar.
- Shared Copier available to all nonprofits. Information under Nonprofit Resources.
- November 4 is National Philanthropy Day. Planning meeting next week to assess in-person or other alternatives.
- 2 Fundraising Initiatives tied to CO Gives Day:
 - June 2022, EPNRC looking to hire diversity engagement coordinator that can be used among all nonprofits. \$7k fundraising goal to get started.
 - Wellness Program- fundraising goal of \$3k to start purchasing punch passes at the Community Center to gift to nonprofits.
- No Lunch and Learn in September. Next one is October 21: Workplace Ethics

Rosemary Truman, Program Director at Crisis Advocates

- Hiring for weekend Crisis Advocate. Up to 20 hours per week, on call every weekend.
- Always in need of volunteers, they must take at least one commitment per month, others take one shift per week. Can be shared with a partner/friend.
- Fundraiser event October 14 – Souper Bowl Meal of Caring.
www.Bit.ly/evcasouper2021

COVID Bonus: Started a text line that people could use to send requests for help as opposed to calling. Great option for people deaf or hearing impaired.

Elise Carver, Hope Lives

New organization to the group: Hope Lives provides support to people in active treatment and recovery for Breast Cancer. Provides services insurance often times doesn't pay for. Exist to increase quality of live during treatment.

- Brick and mortar in FOCO, but serve all over Larimer County. Just started serving in Estes. Please refer if you know people or have contacts in touch with people getting treatment for breast cancer. Currently looking for volunteer providers: energy work, mastectomy supply, house cleaning, transportation, massage. Providers do get paid (usually they provide a discounted rate to Hope Lives).
- Fundraising Golf Tournament in Windsor October 27. Looking for EP representation as sponsor or silent auction item, players.

COVID Bonus: Now, if new folks are comfortable to register, they come into office. One idea we are working on is to have past clients stop by to greet and welcome

new clients outside the office.

Katherine Weadley, Outreach at the Library

Welcome! Started April 30, moved here from Lyons.

Kurtis Kelly, Communications Specialist at the Library

- Welcome back to the Library and meeting rooms! Right after Labor Day, Library will be open 10am-8pm. That allows people more access to evening meetings and students later access.
- College Readiness workshops and one-on-one appointments available. Expert retired college administrator leading this.
- Kids art contest 15 years and under to help design a new library card.
- Second floor open. Please visit – laser cutting classes for signs and nametags. Button maker. Silhouette can cut out stickers, heat transfer machine to make T-shirts and more! Musicians can also make their own guitar pics.
- Conflict Resolution month is October – book conversation is Righteous Minds by Jonathan Haidt
- We are here for you, please let us know what you need.

COVID Bonus – We focused on internal communications, many employees and needed a more centralized, 5 days a week summary of activities for one-stop updates. We will continue that 2x/wk.

Courtney Carroll, School District Social Worker

- School is in session! So far meeting in-person, following strict protocols. New school nurse busy to keep school informed and safe.
- EVICS Collaboration- Noche Latina night to share wrap around services available for families
- Hope to start Estes Pak back up, a program that sends home food to support families over the weekend
- Launching more social and emotional small groups at all levels. Hoping to implement small group trauma as first line of action before referring students out for therapy.
- Suicide prevention training also happening in school.

COVID Bonus: Teletherapy becoming more accessible for middle and high school. *Bright Christmas is giving scholarships for therapy that kids may need outside of school.*

Kimberly Pratt, Alliance for Suicide Prevention

Kimberly is from FOCO, but serves all of Larimer County and regularly comes to Estes.

- ASP provides support for people who have lost loved ones from suicide.
- Trainings available for adults and youth, 60-90 minute CPR certification, offers continuing ed credits. (currently training two EP school councilors).
- LGBT customized training (the ABCs of LGBTQ)

- “Imagine Zero” is a quarterly coalition brings nonprofits together for training, usually about 70 nonprofits attend.
- Support group run by veterans for community members. Currently helping to support people affected by withdrawal from Afghanistan. In person in FOCO.
- Loveland peer-run trained facilitators host support group in a non-clinical setting.
- Second Wind Fund offers up to 10 free sessions for kids with thoughts of suicide. They pay provider.
- All programming and services are free.
- Events – September 28 fundraising breakfast. People invited to just come and learn. Will cover the state of mental health during COVID. How do we process the impact COVID had on the community. 8:30-11:30.
- Opportunity for teens considering suicide and their parents: Discovery Museum at FOCO 11-3:15pm. 30 different partners (offering pottery, jousting, yoga) for teens while classes for parents.
- ASP also looking for Estes Park board member to help promote EP needs. Prefer someone with experience working with underserved youth.

Angelina, Family Advocate at EVICS

New to EVICS and Estes Park. Learning about resources to help connect families.

Rut Miller, Family Development at EVICS

Also new to EP and new to EVICS

Erin Berryhill, EVICS Program Specialist

- Strengthening relationships with families, how we serve the families. Building Family Development Program. Educating the families and community as to what a Family Resource Center does and provide.
- Looking for volunteers
- Thank you for support at kickball tournament!
- Concert Event coming up– September 11, 4-9 pm.
- Mom’s café every Wed at 6pm.

COVID Bonus: During COVID, we developed more kits for drop-in and will continue to offer those.

Shannon Jones, GM at the YMCA of the Rockies

New to many in town, started 2 days before shelter in place.

- YMCA offers environment for all to rest and renew. Day camps for families and scholarships given.
- Looking to connect and be a resource for the community, planning on doing a FREE locals month again January 3-31.
- Volunteers needed:

- Haunted Forest Oct 29-30
- Turkey Trot 5k run and activities November 25
- Looking for a really good Santa to help Thursdays-Sundays in December from 5-7:30pm.
- October 2 - Fall Fest: Fall activities, including music, hay rides, line dancing and campfires
- October 29-30 Spooktacular: Pumpkin carving, trick-or-treating, haunted forest
- November 25 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot: 5k Turkey Trot, touch football, ice cream and pumpkin pie
- November 26-December 23 Christmas Celebrations: Santa visits, cookie decorating, sledding, ice skating and the Polar Express: a “train” ride from the Library to the Museum on Y property

COVID bonus – Zoom. Zoom helped us connect with donors and members far away, we have some geographic challenges already and more easily connecting in the winter makes their year-round relationship stronger.

Kathy Whitacre, Partners

Mentoring agency for kids 7-17. Poweredbypartners.org

- In September, Partners offers 3 activities to mentors:
 - Ride A-Kart
 - Rails in the Rockies
 - Manning the Sunrise Rotary Bouncy House at Autumn Gold Festival
- Mentors looking for referrals for youth and for adult volunteer mentors. Bilingual mentors would be helpful.
- Lots of kids also prefer for someone younger.
- Suicide Awareness a great partner to help train Partner employees and mentors.
- Position open in the Greeley office, and potential for another position to open soon in the FOCO office.
- October 8 - Fundraiser in Greeley- “Be the Difference” please share with Greeley folks
- Just did Back to School Luncheon for school staff with Sue (EPLP), EVICS and Partners.

COVID Bonus: Adapted connections with mentors and youth instead of meet in person, allowed text, emails, whatever it took to stay in touch. We encourage in person if youth/family and volunteer are comfortable with it, but still allow other ways to connect.

Sue Yowell, ED Estes Park Learning Place

In 2022, celebrate 20 years as a nonprofit tutor center (most Tutoring Centers are for-profit. Being nonprofit allows grants and donations to help provide discounted rates for services). Serving K-12 and adults. Prep for ACT, SAT. Testing center for HICET and GED (over 100 exams given).

- Partnership with Educational Opportunity Learning in FOCO. They work with first generation college students. Usually come up once a month to support those students, inspire them to go to college.
- Looking for new tutors.
- Sunrise Rotary has Arts and Crafts Festival – Sue runs the children’s arts and crafts tent, looking for volunteers to help.
- Family Café will start in October – families have a meal and learn about a new topic together.
- Trying to find partners for Human Library, a project that started in Denmark now in 70 different counties. Instead of checking out a book, you “check out” a person. Can connect on interest or professions.

COVID Bonus- Tutors had to learn to tutor online. Will continue to offer that service and may be able to use tutors that may not be in the area.

Brian Shaffer, Director at Crossroads

In 2022, will celebrate 40th Anniversary.

- New location (hoping to move) in November.
- Raising awareness of different services in town. Will offer office space that nonprofits could come in and use. Many times, we refer people to local nonprofits, but clients more likely to connect and follow up if the nonprofit provider is in the building.
- Will have people trained as career navigators to help people get certified in certain areas, build or refine resumés, first job or upgrade in their profession.
- Will plan to have open house for partners.
- Less activity and demand from clients last summer, likely related to increase in open jobs.
- Increase in amount of homeless in our community.

Conversation about homelessness in EP:

Bustang costs \$10 to come from Denver to Estes, this may be allowing influx of homeless. Winter is coming, trying to develop partnerships to support this. Shuttle service only available during tourist season. Call Crossroads to help.

We have never had a homeless shelter- the closest thing was the Twin Owls Motor Lodge; they were able to offer \$50/night for motel rooms. Allowed people transient or caught without housing shelter for a night or up to a month. Now, the best rates are \$250/night weekend, \$145 a night during week. The cost to try to house long-term is not possible so goal is to get people down-valley where there are more services.

- Vintage event, largest fundraiser of the year, Sunday Oct 24, 4-7pm at Dunraven.

COVID Bonus: Communication. We have over 1000 unique individuals every year, more open to asking what else they can help or how serve better. We started delivering groceries and increased rent support, we had extra funding from grants and donors with intention to distribute funds to community.

Other resources that were referenced:

** Autumn Gold Opportunity: Sunday, September 25 & 26 at Bond Park: 11:00 AM – 6:00PM. Monitor/referee the Bouncy House Castle for 1.5 hours In exchange, your organization will be recognized in the printed Autumn Gold Program Bulletin and through the Autumn Gold EMCEE who will acknowledge you and promote your mission and/or wish list from the stage. Visit www.estesparkautumngold.com