

SERVE TO LEAD

PIONEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



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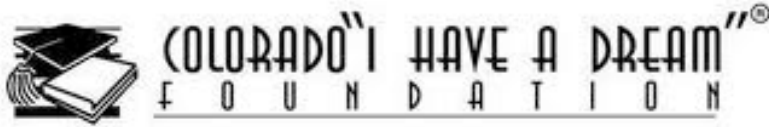
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Community Partner Site Descriptions



Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation is a long-term dropout prevention program for youth from disadvantaged communities in the Metro Denver area. We offer the following services to our Dreamers: mentoring, tutoring, one-on-one academic assistance & homework help, college visits, college prep activities & life skills development, community service & service learning projects, cultural, recreational & sporting events trips.

Volunteer Detail:	The Colorado I Have a Dream (CIHAD) Tutor works with Dreamers after school. Younger Dreamers will have a structured group after-school program, while older Dreamers are more one-on-one. The role of the tutor is to assist the Dreamers with homework, provide positive reinforcement, and serve as a positive role model. All volunteers are trained and receive ongoing support from CIHAD.
Staff Contact:	Alexis Harrigan, aharrigan@cihadf.org , 303-861-5005, ext. 101
Website:	www.cihadf.org
Physical Address:	Depends on location
Days/Times of service:	Once a week from 3:30-5:30 (any day except Fri); or will work with your schedule.
Interests:	Education, tutoring, mentorship, leadership development (Spanish-speaking opportunities as well!)



Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold

Girls Incorporated is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. With roots dating to 1864, Girls Inc has provided vital educational programs to millions of American girls, particularly those in high-risk, underserved areas. Today, innovative programs help girls confront subtle societal messages about their value and potential, and prepare them to lead successful, independent, and fulfilling lives.

Volunteer Detail:	Students will work with as teacher's assistants, tutors, or mentors.
Staff Contact:	Elizabeth Green, egreen@gidenver.org 303-893-4363, ext. 124
Website:	www.girlsincdenver.org
Physical Address:	1499 Julian St, Denver, CO 80204
Distance from DU:	7.03 miles
Easiest way to get there:	By car
Available Public Transportation:	Light Rail F Line to Colfax at Auraria, then Bus 16L to West Colfax & Irving
Days/Times of service:	Program Assistants work 1 day/week from about 3-6. Mentors/Tutors choose days and hours to volunteer
Interests:	Self-esteem development, mentoring, tutoring



The Gold Crown Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1986 by former NBA great Bill Hanzlik and Colorado business leader Ray Baker. The organization operates with a mission to provide opportunities and *“Educate Youth and Community Through Sports and Enrichment Programs”*.

Volunteer Detail:	DU students will have the opportunity to work with young people ages 10-18 on creative projects, such as 2-D images and collages, 3-D environments, character animations, music and game creation, websites, art, and more. No computer skills necessary, just a genuine interest in working with youth and helping them explore their potential
Staff Contact:	Fran Baker, Enrichment Director, fbaker@goldcrownenrichment.org 303-233-6776 x 224
Website:	www.goldercrownfoundation.com
Physical Address:	150 S. Harlan Street Denver CO 80226
Distance from DU:	8.86 miles
Easiest way to get there:	Car or Light Rail
Available Public Transportation:	
Days/Times of service:	Monday-Friday 3pm-7pm
Interests:	Education, tutoring, mentorship, ages 10-18, Creative projects in art or technology. People who are interested in teaching or engineering.



High Point Academy (HPA) is a preschool through 8th grade charter school that serves approximately 730 students in the Far Northeast Area of Denver. HPA's mission is to provide a strong foundation of academic excellence in partnership with family and community in which each individual is challenged to achieve his/her highest potential academically, socially and personally.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers may provide tutoring services during the school day, assist with lunch/recess supervision, help in the library, help with Specials classes (Technology, Spanish, Wellness or PE), or assist teachers or staff with clerical duties.
Staff Contact:	Terry Croy Lewis, Principal tcroylewis@highpointacademy.net 303.217.5152
Website:	http://www.highpointacademy.net/
Physical Address:	6750 N. Dunkirk St. Aurora, CO 80122 (please note that while we have an Aurora address, we are located just north of Green Valley Ranch and east of Montbello which means that most of our students are from Denver)
Distance from DU:	24 miles
Easiest way to get there:	By car
Available Public Transportation:	Yes, bus transportation is available
Days/Times of service:	8:00 am to 4:00 pm – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm – Wednesdays Saturdays – potentially we will have Saturday school – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Interests:	Education



Learning for Life is a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America. We partner with schools to deliver engaging and relevant PreK-12th grade solutions that positively impact academic performance, social and emotional maturity, character development, and career education for all students. We have character education lesson plans for teachers and before & afterschool providers. We also support schools with community speakers, outdoor experiences, career interest surveys, service learning projects and field trips.

Volunteer Detail:	The Learning for Life volunteer will have a variety of experiences to choose from. At some of our partner schools there is a need for someone to deliver the Learning for Life lesson plans to the youth involved in the afterschool program. We also have opportunities with our field trips and outdoor experiences. These range from annual large events like Denver After Dark, Special Needs Fishing Derby, to smaller activities at a school level. In the fall volunteers can help with our High Ropes course, COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience). In the Spring we partner with schools to provide outdoor activities. All volunteers are expected to complete online trainings and will be trained and receive ongoing support from the Learning for Life Staff as well.
Staff Contact:	Ann Bradbury, abradbury@denverlfl.org 720-218-3848 mobile 720-266-2138 office
Website:	www.learningforlife.org
Physical Address:	10455 W. 6 th Ave. Lakewood, CO 80215
Distance from DU:	We currently serve many schools throughout the Denver Metro Area. We can coordinate with schools closer to DU.
Easiest way to get there:	Depends on location
Days/Times of service:	Once a week from 3:30-5:30, some special events, and some weekends will be available. We will work with your schedule.
Interests:	Character Education, leadership development (Spanish-speaking opportunities as well!), & special needs.



Platte Forum gives hope and direction to underserved youth who collaborate with master artists from around the world. This experience transforms the lives of the youth, the artists 6-8 week projects and the community.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers at Platte Forum can serve as mentors to students while they work on with visiting artists. Alternatively, volunteers can work with students in the art lab with high school students who commit to a year-long “internship” focusing on one of many art forms.
Staff Contact:	Trish Thibodo, trish@platteforum.org 303.893.0791
Website:	www.platteforum.org
Physical Address:	1610 Little Raven St., Suite 135, Denver, CO 80202
Distance from DU:	7.97 miles
Easiest way to get there:	Light Rail
Available Public Transportation:	Light Rail E Line to Union Station, then 5-10 minute walk
Days/Times of service:	Weekdays; Requires flexibility- depends on visiting artist. Volunteers with the Art Lab will have a more consistent schedule
Interests:	Art, Creative Expression, Mentoring, Underprivileged children



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Project Eye To Eye is a national mentoring program that matches college and high school students with LD/ADHD, acting as tutors, role models and mentors, with elementary, middle, and high school students with LD/ADHD in order to empower these students and help them find success.

Volunteer Detail:	To volunteer you must have a learning disability and be willing to mentor younger students who also have learning disabilities. Contact Joey Leon to set up an informal interview at joey.leon@du.edu, the first meeting will be on September 30th at 4pm. (location TBD).
Staff Contact:	Nathaniel Ellison, Nathaniel.Ellison@du.edu (303) 871-4149
Website:	http://www.du.edu/studentlife/disability/lep/eye.html
Physical Address:	TBD (students will meet on campus during Fall quarter and then carpool together to the chosen school)
Distance from DU:	TBD
Easiest way to get there:	TBD
Available Public Transportation:	TBD
Days/Times of service:	1 hour per week, TBD
Interests:	Students with learning disabilities, tutoring, mentoring



The Bridge Project strives to help children and youth living in Denver's public housing neighborhoods to achieve their academic potential and graduate from high school with the resources necessary to succeed as adults.

Volunteer Detail:	On-Site Mentor/Tutor for Grade School Student. Volunteers will be matched with a young child and will commit one hour a week to building a relationship with a special child. Visit Get Involved on the website and register for an upcoming volunteer orientation and interview
Staff Contact:	Debbie Main, dmain@du.edu, (303) 446-0139
Website:	http://www.du.edu/bridgeproject
Physical Address:	Two possible sites where you can volunteer: South Lincoln -1217 W. 10 th Ave. Denver, CO 80204 -(303) 446-0139 Westwood -827 S. Irving St. Denver, CO 80219 -(303) 975-0078 **The administrative office is located on campus in the Graduate School of Social Work. -2148 S. High St. Denver, CO 80208 -(303) 871-2735
Distance from DU:	South Lincoln site is 5.9 miles Westwood site is 5.73 miles
Easiest way to get there:	Lightrail to South Lincoln Site By car to Westwood Site
Available Public Transportation:	To South Lincoln Site take Lightrail to 10 th /Osage, then 5 minute walk
Days/Times of service:	Any 1 hour a week between 4-8pm on Monday-Thursday (you will go the same hour every week). You can change your day/time of service each quarter, if needed.
Interests:	Tutoring, mentoring, low-income housing projects



The Gathering Place
a refuge for rebuilding lives

The Gathering Place exists to support women, their children and transgender individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty by providing a safe daytime refuge and resources for self-sufficiency. The Gathering Place is Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women, their children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Volunteer Detail:	<p>Over 200 volunteers serve on-site weekly, 2-5 hours per week for a minimum of 3 months. Our volunteers serve throughout our agency; greeting clients at our Welcome Desk, running our Computer Lab, supporting artists in Card Project, tutoring in our GED program, distributing food and clothing in our on-site boutique and pantry, prepping and serving meals, supporting families in our Family Area and much more.</p> <p>Our volunteer process involves an on-site tour and written application.</p>
Staff Contact:	Justine Zollo, justine@tgpdenver.org, (303) 996-9034
Website:	www.tgpdenver.org
Physical Address:	1535 High Street Denver, CO 80209
Days/Times of service:	Varies by placement. Generally 2-5 hours week with a minimum 3 month commitment during our busiest program hours- Monday- Friday 9-4
Interests:	Social Justice, Homelessness, Mental and Physical Health, Arts, Education and Technology, Women's Issues, LGBTQ Inclusion



South High School: The Future Center is a college resource center that provides direct services to South HS students who plan to enroll in postsecondary education. The services include college exploration and understanding college admissions and financial aid along with completing college applications, scholarship applications and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

Volunteer Detail:	Student volunteers will assist students in various capacities related to college access and postsecondary planning. Some specific ways you will contribute include assisting students in the exploration and completion of college applications, admission essays and scholarship applications. General administrative duties are also included.
Staff Contact:	Meredith Barrow, 720.423.6268 mbarrow@denverscholarship.org
Website:	http://south.dpsk12.org/scholarship.html
Physical Address:	1700 E. Louisiana Avenue, Denver, CO 80210
Distance from DU:	1 mile
Easiest way to get there:	Walking distance from DU! Driving/walking/biking
Available Public Transportation:	N/A
Days/Times of service:	Commit to regular time during school day M-F
Interests:	College access



Project C.U.R.E. seeks to identify, solicit, collect, sort and distribute medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world. Project C.U.R.E. makes a difference. Our substantial, ongoing donations of medical supplies and equipment change the infrastructure of healthcare systems. Project C.U.R.E. helps those who have no other advocate. From our founder, James Jackson, to each member of the C.U.R.E. Corps of volunteers, we have become the Ambassadors of Hope.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers help in a variety of ways at Project C.U.R.E. Your service will depend on the agencies needs as well as your interests.
Staff Contact:	Allison Carey, (720)490-4021 allisoncarey@projectcure.org
Website:	http://www.projectcure.org/
Physical Address:	10377 E Geddes Ave, Englewood, CO 80112-3740
Distance from DU:	10.13 miles
Easiest way to get there:	By car (15 minute drive) *Note: based on the nature of your service, you may also be able to do some of your volunteer work remotely
Available Public Transportation:	E or F Light Rail line to Dry Creek, then about 10 minute walk
Days/Times of service:	Work around your schedule
Interests:	International issues, medicine



The Children's Hospital

The Children's Hospital sets out to be a leader in providing the best healthcare outcomes for children. Our modern-day mission is to improve the health of children through the provision of high-quality coordinated programs of patient care, education, research and advocacy. As a private, not-for-profit pediatric healthcare network, The Children's Hospital is 100-percent dedicated to caring for kids at all ages and stages of growth.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers will help in a variety of ways with hospital duties. For example, spending time with patients and patient's siblings, performing hospital administrative tasks, or supporting fundraising activities.
Staff Contact:	Kathleen McBride- Volunteer Coordinator (720)777-6489 McBride.Kathleen@tchden.org
Website:	http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/
Physical Address:	1830 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80218-1126
Distance from DU:	5.3 miles
Easiest way to get there:	By car (15 minute drive)
Available Public Transportation:	From University and Buchtel take Bus 24- University Crosstown; arrive York At. & E 18 th Ave. and walk about 10 min to the hospital
Days/Times of service:	Flexible
Interests:	Healthcare, Hospital Administration, Working with children



Café 180 recognizes our universal appetite for delicious, nourishing food and social connectedness. Café 180 is dedicated to eliminating hunger and social barriers associated with food by feeding all people regardless of their ability to pay, in a dignified and respectful manner.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers help in a variety of ways at Café 180: food preparation, cooking, serving, dishwashing, cleaning, maintenance, marketing, etc. Your service will depend on your interests.
Staff Contact:	Leah Rahe, (303) 761-4510 volunteer@appetitesunite.org
Website:	www.appetitesunite.org
Physical Address:	3315 S. Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113
Distance from DU:	2.5 miles (6 min drive; 15 min bike ride)
Available Public Transportation:	From Iliff Ave & Downing St take Bus 12- South Downing Direction; arrive Girard Ave & S Lincoln St and walk about 2 min to Café 180. (Travel time: about 20 min)
Days/Times of service:	Tuesday - Saturday: Sign-up for 2.5 hour shifts (10 am – 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm)
Interests:	Hospitality, restaurants, culinary, cooking



Cooking Matters is a groundbreaking cooking based nutrition education program that teaches families how to prepare healthy, tasty meals on a limited budget. We provide knowledge and skills that help surround kids facing hunger with healthy foods where they live, learn and play. We believe that the negative health and economic effects of hunger and poor diet can be avoided if families know how to shop for and prepare healthy, low cost meals.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers help in a variety of ways at Cooking Matters. Your service will depend on your interests and qualifications.
Staff Contact:	Mayra Ramirez, (303) 892-8480 mramirez@strength.org
Website:	cookingmatters.org/cooking-matters-colorado/
Physical Address:	2727 Bryant St. Suite 300, Denver, CO 80211
Distance from DU:	Varies depending on class location
Days/Times of service:	M-F: 9a – 8p; each class is 2 hours/week and lasts for 6 weeks (email Mayra for times and scheduling)
Interests:	Nutrition, culinary, cooking, budgeting, translating, photography



City of Littleton Immigrant Resources Center helps newcomers with information, connects people with each other, and encourages citizenship, community and civic involvement. Enrich your life and your understanding of other cultures while helping newcomers to the Littleton community!

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteer opportunities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being a tutor with English as a Second Language programs and Serving as a one-on-one citizenship mentor at a public place of your choice to help immigrants prepare for their citizenship examination
Staff Contact:	Alejandra Harguth, (303) 795-3968 aharguth@littletongov.org
Website:	www.littletonimmigrants.org You can fill out online application
Physical Address:	6014 S Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120
Distance from DU:	7.91 miles
Easiest way to get there:	By car
Available Public Transportation:	Bus #101 West on Evans to Evans Light Rail Station, then Light Rail D Line to Downtown Littleton OR Lightrail E, F or H Line to I-25/Broadway, then Lightrail D Line to Downtown Littleton
Days/Times of service:	According to your schedule
Interests:	Immigration, Spanish language, law services



Emily Griffith Opportunity School offers English as a second language to immigrants, visa students, and refugees from around the world including Bosnia, Russia, Somalia, Vietnam, Burma, Ethiopia, and Sudan. Even further, it offers a chance for these students to learn more about American culture and prepare for employment

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers will work with adult refugees on a one-on-one or small group setting, who are learning the English language skills necessary for living and working in our community and also participating in the cultural orientation process. Volunteers must be sensitive to cultural differences, be patient, understanding and flexible, and also have a strong desire to help improve the English language skills of recently arrived refugees.
Staff Contact:	Susan Pomer Leau, Volunteer Coordinator, susan_pomerleau@dsk12.org , 720-423-4847
Website:	www.egos-school.com
Physical Address:	1250 Welton Street, Denver CO 80204
Distance from DU:	6.67 miles
Easiest way to get there:	By Light Rail
Available Public Transportation:	
Days/Times of service:	Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
Interests:	Adult education, tutoring, mentorship, teaching English as a foreign language, immigration, cultural integration



Somali Community Center of Colorado- Our aim is to provide the Somali Community with assistance to become self-sufficient providing education, access to technology, and assistance to integrate into the American society. Also, our goal is to reach out to other, under-served communities.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers will help The Somali Youth at Risk Outreach Program with offering direct services to Somali youth in Denver's metropolitan area. The services include tutoring, lecturing, and character building activities. SYROP provides a place they can learn, hang around, and get help for their homework. If you want an international experience, this is it!
Staff Contact:	Shiela Kowal, blake-sheila@msn.com Dottie Lamm, dotlamm@aol.com
Website:	1582 S Parker Rd Suite 210 Denver, CO 80231
Physical Address:	12 minutes by car, 4.8 miles
Distance from DU:	Car/ 21 Bus
Easiest way to get there:	Take bus 21
Available Public Transportation:	1582 S Parker Rd Suite 210 Denver, CO 80231
Days/Times of service:	4:30-6:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays (You must pick one day and go consistently)
Interests:	Tutoring, lecturing, and character building activities

****Monday, September 26- meeting for those considering volunteering here (Email Dottie for more info)**



Habitat for Humanity is a homeownership program for hard-working families in need of a decent, safe, and affordable home. Ultimately, it is an idea that is changing the world -- one home, one family at a time.

Volunteer Detail:	Volunteers through Habitat for Humanity may either work towards the construction of homes or work at the Habitat for Humanity Home Improvement Outlet. At the Home Improvement Outlet, students will work unloading and stocking donations. Additionally, there is potential for students to work on the Youth United campaign, which engages youth in the mission of Habitat for Humanity.
Staff Contact:	Leanna Powell, (720) 496-2717 leanna@habitatmetrodenver.org
Website:	www.habitatmetrodenver.org You can fill out online application.
Physical Address:	Construction sites will vary: Home Improvement Outlets -70 Rio Grande Boulevard, Denver, CO 80223; Office -1500 W. 12 th Ave, Denver, CO 80204
Distance from DU:	Outlet is 4.91 miles away, Office is 6.77 miles
Easiest way to get there:	By car
Available Public Transportation:	City bus
Days/Times of service:	Outlet shifts vary (3 hours each); Construction hours are 9-4:30 Wed-Sat
Interests:	Affordable Housing, Construction