



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Our mission is to provide opportunities and resources towards excellence and self-empowerment through collaboration and programming that nurtures each individuals potential.



### ROBOTICS FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

FLL LEAGUE TEAM WINS TWO TROPHIES FOR HIGHEST ROBOT POINTS AND BEST ROBOT DESIGN

### **PROGRAMS OFFERED IN 2022**

### ROBOTICS PROGRAMS

Red Robot Robotics - Virtual

Robotics for Elementary Youth - JR LEGO

Robotics for Middle School Youth - FLL

Transformative Leadership - Virtual

Electronics Class for High School Youth

Visits from the Longmont Library

Parents Involved in Education Program

4-H for Elementary Aged Youth

Resume Building for 16 Year Olds

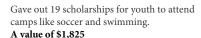
Outdoor Explorer Cottonwood Institute

Art Attack for All Age



Art Attack

INSTRUCTOR JOY FROM FIREHOUSE ART CENTER





**FAMILY BBQ** 

FAMILIES ENJOY LOTS OF FOOD AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



4-H Explorer

YOUTH LEARN ABOUT SCIENCE, ART AND HAVE FUN



Outdoor Explorer

COTTONWOOD INSTITUTE

Casa de la Esperanza was able to continue to offer a hybrid model at the beginning of 2022 where most programs were virtual. By the summer, our programs transitioned to in-person and the center fully opened in the fall of 2022. Around 70 youth participated in our program with some of the youngest being only 3 years old. We were able to achieve this thanks to the 31 volunteers who completed 545 hours for a total value of \$16,320.

### ADDITIONAL SUCCESS



### **COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE & BRIDGE HOUSE**

Our food distribution program through community food share was able to provide food boxes twice per month to an average of 45 families. The food boxes contained canned fruits and vegetables, fresh produce, potatoes, rice, meat, dairy and much more. In 2022, our program helped distribute 87,617 pounds of food for an average of 800 lbs per family. In addition, the Boulder Commissioners announced Bridge House as a recipient for the 2022 Sustainable Food & Agriculture Fund granting \$21,000 for Mission Meals. Casa de la Esperanza received 2,160 frozen, precooked meals in a bag to food-insecured households.

### Michael Lozano

On November 10th, our very own Michael Lozano was the recipient of the 2022 Nino Gallo Award. Nino started his career with Boulder County in 1995 as a housing manager for Casa de la Esperanza and later created the Personal Investment Enterprise (PIE) as part of the Boulder County Community Actions Programs. Nino was an immigrant advocate, community leader, humble and amazing human being. Nino Gallo passed away in 2020 leaving behind a legacy of community service. His family created this award to recognize individuals in the area who best exemplify Nino's leadership qualities and values. Mike was recognized as the person that best exemplifies those qualities and values. The casa community is so grateful for Mike and his dedication to the community. Mike first joined Casa de la Esperanza in 2000 as a volunteers, then became an hourly employee and he is currently full-time STEM educator for our Robotics Program. The Nino Gallo award was presented by the Community Foundation Boulder County.



### SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS

Our program has helped youth graduate high school and seek higher education including trade programs or joining the military. Currently, we hold a 100% graduation rate since 2009. In 2022, our program had 6 youth who graduated from high school.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Families participated in special events throughout the year including Valentine's Day, Family BBQ, School Supplies Distribution, Halloween, Day of the Dead, and Christmas. We distributed gifts to 75 children and grocery gift cards to 45 families. Additionally, Santa made an appearance and took lots of pictures with the families.



### 2022 SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

































### DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR OUR NON-PROFIT "BOULDER COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION"

In-Kind Donations: \$16,650 Total Grants: \$39,219.90

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AEC Trust Grant
Community Foundation Boulder County
Seagate

Robert D Norris

The Longmont Community Foundation
Ray Lanyon Fund
Pikes Peak Community Foundation

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Jack B Klarfeld

Pulte Family Charitable Foundation Nino Gallo Fund per Michael Lozano

Neat Capital - Luke Johnson

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