



# Newsletter

April 2020

## Our Response to COVID-19

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has affected every aspect of life as we know it: schools are closed, people are losing work, and communities are being forced to distance. In these unprecedented times Gary Community Investments is doing everything we can to support Colorado children and families.

We are proud to partner with the [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\)](#), the [Office of Early Childhood](#), and the [Colorado Children's Campaign](#) to create the [Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative](#) in response to the need for COVID19 essential worker child care. Our partner [Nanno](#) developed a web-based platform which places the children of essential workers in licensed child care.

Thanks to the generous support of [Centura Health](#) and the [Buell Foundation](#), and through CDHS' Michelle Barnes leadership, the Collaborative has been able to ensure child care for all essential workers completely free-of-charge through May 17. More than 6,000 children and 500 providers have signed up to participate, and [in the program's first week nearly 2,000 children were placed in child care.](#)

As Colorado continues to reel from COVID-19, Gary Community Investments is committed to seeking solutions that align with our mission, ensuring our states children and families have the support they need. Together, we will get through this.

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## Program Updates



As a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the federal and state tax filing deadline has been extended 90 days until July 15.



Although most free VITA tax sites around the state are now closed, including all the Tax Help Colorado sites, we want to ensure people are still able to file for free and claim the Earned Income Tax Credit.

We recognize the continued need for free, accessible and trustworthy tax filing services and cash-back refunds provided from the EITC. There are still a number of free, online filing options available to taxpayers. Tax Help Colorado is focused on providing tax assistance through the **Remote Drop off pilot program** with Code for America.

We are encouraging taxpayers who expect to receive a refund to file as soon as possible to get cash back to help boost their income during this time of financial uncertainty. **Learn more about free online filing options.**



Shift Research Lab's 5th annual Mile High Data Day will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at the Arvada Events Center.

Join metro Denver's data community as we share best practices and strengthen our region's data culture. Additional information, including a formal invitation, will be available in the upcoming months.

We're looking to the data community to help us source ideas for the day's sessions. We are collecting submissions through Friday, April 26. **Submit a session idea here.**

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## We are Hiring a Grants Manager!

The Grants Manager is a full-time position of The Piton Foundation and reports directly to the CFO.

The Grants Manager is responsible for philanthropic investment management, structuring agreements, providing data to show the alignment of community philanthropic investments to the strategic plan, managing the philanthropic investment database and supporting efficient internal investment processes, supporting investees and ensuring regulatory compliance for investments.

[Learn more and apply](#)

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## In the News

- CEO Mike Johnston was featured on the local **Fox News** to discuss the Emergency Child Care Collaborative
- **CDHS** announces free-of-charge child care for COVID19 essential works through May 17
- **Colorado Public Radio** covers the Emergency Child Care Collaborative



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