



## January 2020 Newsletter

Gary Community News provides updates from [Gary Community Investments](#), which includes The Piton Foundation. We invest in for-profit and philanthropic solutions for Colorado's low-income children and their families.

### Recent Investments

We make [mission-aligned, for-profit and philanthropic investments](#) that create opportunities for Colorado's low-income children and their families. Click on the logos below to learn more about our latest investments, or view our [online investment portfolio](#).



### Our Impact: How we work with investees to improve lives



[Communities in Schools](#)



[Uncharted Early Childhood Accelerator](#)

## Program Updates



### Spread the word about tax credits and free tax help!

We rely on our community partners as trusted messengers to help us spread the word about the Earned Income Tax Credit, free tax help and other resources that move families forward. Get Ahead Colorado fliers and posters are now available! [Download free resources to share with your community.](#)

Learn more about our work by visiting our new website, [GetAheadColorado.org](http://GetAheadColorado.org), or by watching our recently recorded [Partner Webinar.](#)



### Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge

Shift and Enterprise Community Partners are teaming up with Unison Housing Partners, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority and Urban Land Conservancy to submit a proposal for the [Wells Fargo's Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge.](#) The challenge seeks innovative, scalable solutions that address housing construction, housing finance, and resident services and support.



### Tax season is here!

This year Tax Help Colorado is excited to partner with [40 tax sites](#) across the state to provide free tax assistance to families that need it most. We are also partnering with [Code for America](#) to expand our services to reach even more hard-working Coloradans. Families unable to visit one of our tax sites will now be able to remotely drop off their taxes using their smartphones.

## Initiative Updates



### Helping first time homebuyers in Northwest Aurora

Elevation Community Land Trust recently closed on new homes with two first-time buyers in northwest Aurora. Our first homebuyer is a family that emigrated to Colorado nine years ago from southeast Asia, and the second homebuyer is a Colorado native and a long-time Aurora resident.

ECLT is seeing a significant increase of qualified buyers and continues to seek low to moderate income families interested in stabilizing their housing costs and building equity for their families' futures. Please contact us at [info@elevationclt.org](mailto:info@elevationclt.org) to learn about how families qualify and to see a list of homes for sale in Northwest Aurora, Montbello, Green Valley Ranch, Gunbarrel and Longmont.

Elevation is moving! Please visit us at our new location: 1114 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 101, Denver, CO 80204.



### Futurebound Summit videos are live

If you missed out on the Futurebound Summit, you can now [watch videos from the event!](#) See the pitches from our 18 Acceleration Lab ventures at the Showcase,

and listen to industry experts speak about the important work the ecosystem is doing from the Kickoff, Unbounded Talks and Catalyst sessions.

## In the News

### Michael Johnston Named GCI's Next President and CEO

After a months-long, nationwide search, the Gary Community Investments (GCI) Board of Directors has selected Michael (Mike) Johnston as the next President and CEO of Gary Community Investments, which includes The Piton Foundation. He began his new role January 2. [Learn more](#).

- [The Denver Post](#) and [Colorado Sun](#) covered Shift's report on doubled-up housing
- GCI investee indieDwell [made news](#) for its funding and expansion
- [Chalkbeat](#) covered the big news around our new president and CEO



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