



## HOW ARE YOUTH IMPACTING OUR CITY?

Read these three stories to find out how Growing Up Boulder is listening to children and youth!

### 1) Boulder Parks and Rec Master Plan



These bandanas were a thank you gift from Parks and Rec staff to the more than 115 students who engaged in the spring 2021 master plan work to think about ways to make our Parks and Rec parks, programs, and facilities even better.

Parks and Rec staff continue to refer to the recommendations of young people as they form the new Master Plan Update.

### 2) Boulder Valley School District 'Safety Talk': Growing Up Boulder + MAYAMOTION Healing



In October, GUB and MAYAMOTION Healing staff were asked to present to Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) leaders the recommendations that students, including BVSD's Youth Equity Council, had around safety and policing in our community for Boulder Police Department's Reimagine Policing work.

BVSD leaders then used students' recommendations to inform the training of their new School Safety Advocates (SSAs), resulting in a more equitable safety system. If you missed the report, you can find it [here](#).

### 3) Reimagine Policing Engagement Window II Report

#### Why are we here today? Engagement Window II



#### Did the police department get your feedback right?

Growing Up Boulder and MAYAMOTION Healing's (MMH) primary goal for the Window II engagements was to determine whether the city's drafted values and focus areas accurately reflected the feedback that young people gave GUB/MMH during Window I.

A secondary goal was to gather additional comments or suggestions for the Reimagine Policing process going forward. You can read the report by clicking on the button below!

CHECK OUT THE REPORT

### Welcome Olivia!



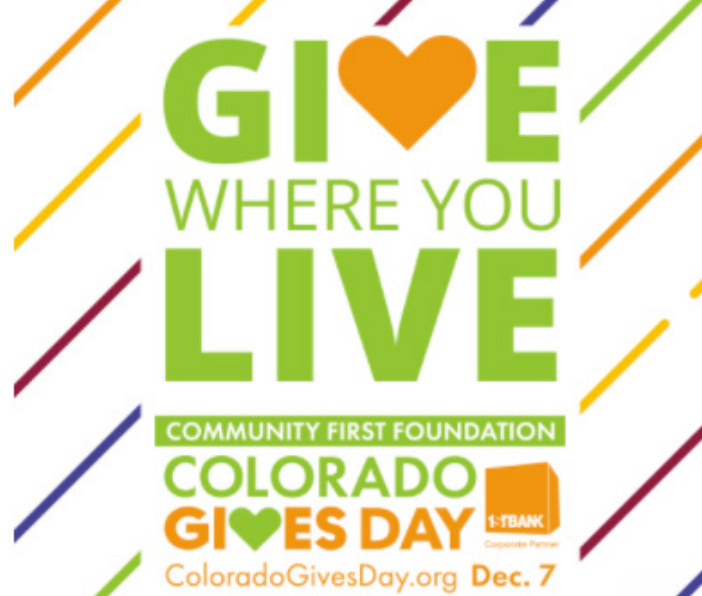
We are delighted to welcome new team member, **Olivia Szeliga!** Olivia will serve as GUB's first Americorps VISTA member and act as our Development and Communications Coordinator.

A recent graduate from the University of Colorado, Boulder where she studied Sociology and Political Science, Olivia is adept at empowering marginalized communities and creating sustainable social and environmental solutions to pressing problems.

Olivia's passion for social and environmental justice stems from her heritage as an Indigenous - Hunkpapa Lakota - woman. To read more about Olivia, visit our [website](#).

**P.S. Your donations directly allowed us to hire Olivia and we cannot thank you enough! Speaking of which...**

### Colorado Gives Day!



Support Growing Up Boulder (GUB) as we participate for the first time in [Colorado Gives Day!](#)

Every dollar you give helps underserved children and youth, ages 6 months to 18 years, have a voice in shaping civic projects and making positive change. Using a child-friendly city lens, Growing Up Boulder aims to make Boulder a more equitable and sustainable community for all.

**We need your help** to keep our efforts moving! Between now and Colorado Gives Day on December 7, 2021, we are looking to raise \$15,000.

**For every tax-deductible donation you give, an anonymous foundation will match your gift, dollar-for-dollar!**

Your support can make a tremendous difference in the lives of underserved children and help make a more just and sustainable community for all!

### Our team has new email addresses

You can find us now at: [mara@growingupboulder.org](mailto:mara@growingupboulder.org), [cathy@growingupboulder.org](mailto:cathy@growingupboulder.org) and [olivia@growingupboulder.org](mailto:olivia@growingupboulder.org)!

### Boulder County School Travel Study

All over Boulder County, young people and their families walk, bike, drive, ride the bus, and use all kinds of creative transportation options to get everywhere they need to go. GUB steering committee member and consultant Darcy Kitching wants to know how you navigate your everyday trips to school, work and beyond.



To learn more and to participate, go to the [Boulder County School Travel Study website](#) for details, or contact Darcy Kitching at [darcy.kitching@ucdenver.edu](mailto:darcy.kitching@ucdenver.edu).

### Growing Up Boulder's vision and mission

Using participatory planning methods with young people, **Growing Up Boulder's vision** is to lead a global movement in child-friendly cities, resulting in better communities for all. **Growing Up Boulder's mission** is to empower young people with opportunities for inclusion, influence, and deliberation on local issues that affect their lives.