

# COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Community Outreach in GES

IMAGINE. DISCOVER. CULTIVATE.

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH GOALS**

#### Mission

CSU is introducing itself as a future neighbor to the Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea neighborhoods (GES) in an authentic way that respects, listens to, and supports the existing community.

#### **CSU** approach

- Focus on getting to know the GES communities
- Communicate with and understand the community
- Deliver programming/services that provide the greatest impact to the community and reflect what may exist in CSU's facilities at the National Western Center



# CSU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THEMES



#### How we're going about it:

- Attending existing community events
- Community outreach activities
- Educational opportunities
- Programmatic presence in the community
- Partner events in GES neighborhoods
- Programs offsite for GES community
- Community feedback mechanisms

# **COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN GES**



#### **Our partners:**

- Clínica Tepeyac: a non-profit healthcare provider
- Focus Points Community
  Center
- Local schools:
  - Bruce Randolph School
  - Garden Place Elementary School
  - Swansea Elementary School
- Denver Public Library: The Valdez-Perry library branch.
- Grow Haus: a non-profit focused on food security issues.

## BRUCE RANDOLPH SCHOOL



#### **Existing partnership components:**

- Little Shop of Physics
- Student involvement in CSU outreach efforts/events
- Temple Grandin Equine Assisted Therapy
- AP Human Geography and AP Civics class engagement

#### **Potential future components:**

- Students @ CSU Pipeline Project
- Youth Advisory Group
- Garden collaboration
- Teacher training opportunities

# **EMPOWERING STUDENT VOICES**



"I choose to speak in hopes of carrying the message of the voices who haven't been heard."

- Ana Campos, freshman at BRS





# **Annual CSU Animal and Human Health Clinic**

- Brought in partners: PetAid Colorado, Dumb Friends League, Clinica Tepeyac, University of Colorado
- Offered companion animal vaccinations, spay/neuter appointments
- Addition of human health included flu shots and health screenings
- More than 100 animals vaccinated, 35 spay/neuters performed, and 100 flu shots and health screenings.

#### **Little Shop of Physics**

- More than 100 interactive science experiments
- Activated at the Community Appreciation Event on Nov. 3
- First appearance at Bruce Randolph School for middle school students in mid-November
- Returning to BRS in the Spring, and plan to open it up to community and more students





#### **Extreme Community Makeover**

 For the past two years, CSU alumni and Construction Management students in CM Cares, a social impact student organization, have volunteered with Extreme Community Makeover projects in GES.





#### **Clínica Tepeyac**

- Amy Parsons, Executive Vice Chancellor of the CSU System, served as a tortilla roller in 2017
- Attendance at annual events
- Sit on the Leadership Council
- Conversations around partnership with
  One Health to resume in January 2018
- CSU Triathlon Team participation in the Clínica community 5K
- CSU Extension participation in the Clínica garden





#### **Soil Health Kits**

- Provided free soil testing kits in the GES neighborhoods for the last three years (~45 tests this past summer)
- Department of Soil and Crop Sciences gives recommendations on soil changes to improve gardening outcomes







# QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?







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