



ELEVATED NEWSLETTER

SUMMER
2025

SAVE THE DATES

- Elevated Supports' first **DSP Reflect & Connect Training** for staff on **Wednesday, June 4th**, stay tuned for more **info!**
- Elevated Communities **Costume Crawls** on the **last Saturday of each month**—check **page 5** for more **info, dates** and **themes!**
- Elevated Communities **Sip, Swap & Shop openings** for **April–August**, check **pages 5–6** for more **info!**
- Elevated Communities **Annual Golf Fundraising Tournament**— **June 7** at **Ute Creek Golf Course**, more **info** on **pages 5, 7–8!**
- We have **SO MANY fun summer SCC events**, they won't all fit here! Check out **pages 2–4 & 16** for all the **details 😊**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Elevated Supports' **Care Coordinator** of the Quarter for **Summer 2025** is: **Keith Pozniak 🥰🌟**
- **NEW: Blue Envelope Program** for **drivers with disabilities**—more **info** on **page 17**
- **Elevated Communities Donation opportunity** through **King Soopers**, more **info** on **page 18**
- **Cat Café** is open, more **info** on **page 9**
- Elevated Supports **Benefits Counseling Program** is officially **operational**— more **info** on **page 11–12**
- **“Lights, Camera, Friendship on the Spectrum”** TV show & Elevated's **watch party**, **info** on **pages 15–16**

EVENT INFO

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- **Rockies Games:** Elevated Supports has **season tickets** to all **afternoon** Rockies games! **Fee is associated** with this activity, please reach out to **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** for more information or if you are interested in attending!
- **Water World:** Elevated Supports has **Water World passes** and will be taking **groups throughout the summer**. **Fee is associated** with this activity, please reach out to **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** for more information or if you are interested in attending!
- **Bolder Boulder:** Come join us while **we run the Bolder Boulder marathon** on **Memorial Day (Monday, May 26th)**! Race **starts at 30th and Walnut** and **finishes at CU's Folsom Field**. **Registration is closed**, but you can check out the **website for more details**, or reach out to **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** if you'd like to **spectate with us!**
- **Artisan Fair:** Elevated Supports' annual **Artisan Fair** will be held at **637 Terry St.** on **Friday, May 16th** from **11 AM - 2 PM**. If you are **interested in participating and showcasing your art, collections, hobbies, etc.**, please reach out to **Wendy** at wendy@elevatedsupports.com or **720-786-8944!** **Flyer with more info on page 4!**
- **Fan Expo:** Elevated Supports will be **taking a small group to Fan Expo in Denver** on **July 3rd**. Tickets are **\$25**, please reach out to **Sydney** at sbrickey@elevatedsupports.com, or **720-335-2974** for more information or if you are interested in attending!

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- **Summer BBQs:** Our **Perkins lunch** has **moved** to the **backyard at 637 Terry St.** for our **summer BBQ** gatherings! **No need to RSVP**, just come join us on **Fridays** from **11 AM - 3 PM**, **food is provided!** Reach out to **your DSP** or **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** if you need **transportation!**
- **Macintosh Lake:** Elevated Supports' **Summer Celebration** will be held at **Macintosh Lake** on **Thursday, June 12th** from **11 AM - 3PM**. **Family** and **friends** are **welcome**, **food is provided**, and **no RSVP needed!** Reach out to **your DSP** or **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** if you need **transportation!**
- **Fourth of July BBQ:** Come join us to celebrate **Independence Day** at our **BBQ** on **Wednesday, July 2nd** at **637 Terry St.** from **11 AM - 3 PM**. **No RSVP** needed, reach out to **your DSP** or **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** if you need **transportation!**
- **Sturgis:** Elevated Supports' annual **Sturgis celebration** will be held at **637 Terry St.** on **Friday, August 8th** from **11 AM - 3 PM**. **No RSVP needed**, and **food is provided!** Reach out to **your DSP** or **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** if you need **transportation!**
- **SCOPE Softball Games:** Elevated Supports' **SCOPE softball team**, the **Bomb Squad**, plays on **Monday** evenings at **7 PM**. Games will be held at **Clark Centennial Park**, please reach out to **Lorra** at lorra@elevatedsupports.com or **720-701-9051** if you'd like to **join the team**, or **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391** if you are **interested in attending & need transportation!**

EVENT INFO

ARTISAN FAIR

Hosted by: Elevated Communities



FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025
11:00AM-2:00PM

637 Terry St,
Longmont, CO

**Lunch and Entertainment
provided.**

**Featuring displays of art, collections,
performances, and more from local IDD
community members!**

Displays will be showcased only and not for sale.

To reserve a space for free, please contact:
Wendy Klusack |
wendy@elevatedsupports.com | 720.786.8944

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- **Sip, Swap & Shop:** Elevated Communities Thrift Store has **openings for Sip, Swap & Shop functions** on the **second Thursday of each month** in **May, June, July, and August** from **5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**. **Flyer with more information** can be found on **page 6!**
- **Costume Crawls:** Elevated Communities **Thrift Store** will be **participating** in Longmont's **costume crawls** throughout the summer. **No need to RSVP**, just **show up** in your costume! The **last Saturday of each month** from **3–6 PM** at **455 Main St. Summer themes** are:
 - **May- Let's Glow**
 - **June- Longmont Luau**
 - **July- Decades Party**
 - **August- Toga Crawl**
- **Golf Fundraiser:** Come join us to play some **golf**, have some **fun**, and **raise money** for **Elevated Communities** at our **Annual Golf Fundraiser Tournament**. More info on **pages 7–8**. **Deadline to register** is **Monday, May 24th**. For **more information** or to **register**, please visit our website: **<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/2nd-annual-golf-fundraiser-for-elevated-communities>**.
- **Cat Café:** Elevated Communities' Cat Café is **officially open** and **taking reservations!** For **more information**, please check out **page 9!**

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Host a Sip, Swap & SHOP PARTY

Host a private party with 5-10 of your friends at Elevated Communities Gently Used Clothing Boutique! Private message us on Facebook, or call 720-334-3043 for more information.



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Elevated Communities' 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Come out for a **memorable day of golf**, where you can enjoy **friendly competition, connect with others**, and **support a cause** that **helps our community thrive**. All **proceeds from the event** will go to Elevated Communities' **Resource Navigation Program**, which works to **connect I/DD individuals** to the **essential community resources** needed to **maintain health & safety** and live **full, independent lives**.

We have opportunities available for **teams of four** as well as **hole sponsorship opportunities for businesses**. For more information, please check out the **flyer on the next page!** If you'd like to make a **donation to support Elevated Communities**, or are interested in **other ways to get involved**, please **visit the link below!** 😊

<https://elevated-communities.org/get-involved>

2nd Annual Elevated Communities Golf Tournament Fundraiser



Register

NOW



June 7, 2025
8:00am

Ute Creek Golf Course
2000 Ute Creek Dr
Longmont, CO 80504



DETAILS

- Single \$145
- Foursome \$550
- Premium Hole Sponsor \$700
(Includes Foursome)

- Hole Sponsor \$300

*Contact Jessica directly as this can't be done online

AGENDA

- 7:30 - 7:45 AM Golf registration, driving range
- 7:45 AM Call to carts
- 8:00 AM Sharp Shortgun Start, scramble format
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM Lunch, awards, auction

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL GO DIRECTLY
TOWARDS OUR RESOURCE NAVIGATION PROGRAM**

Register using QR code above
or go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/37xrsmc>

Questions? Contact Jessica Olson jessica@elevatedsupports.com

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Elevated Supports' **Cat Café** officially **opened** its doors on **April 11th**! We are **now taking reservations** to come spend time with the kitties. Please visit www.elevatedcommunitiescatcafe.org for more information or to make your reservations.

Things to know when planning your visit to the Cat Café:

- There is a \$12 admittance fee to enter the Cat Café.
- Reservations are encouraged but not required to spend time with the cats; however, slots fill up very fast!
- Elevated Communities has partnered with Front Range Freedom Rescue, so all the cats in the café are available for adoption to safe, loving homes. We've had 10 of our cats adopted so far!
- New cats are coming into the cafe all the time looking for their forever home, including two kittens that just arrived!
- We also have snacks and drinks available for purchase while you spend time with the cats.

Thank you all so much for your support and interest, we are very excited about this new venture! Come see us! 🐱



HIGHLIGHTS

Care Coordinator of the Quarter



KEITH POZNIAK

Elevated Supports' **Care Coordinator of the Quarter** for Summer 2025 is **Keith Pozniak!**

Keith has been with Elevated Supports since July 2020, and he recently became certified to provide Benefits Counseling services through the DVR program. Keith is extremely dedicated to the individuals he works with and has been an asset to Elevated Supports' Employment Program before becoming a Benefits Counselor. Keith is excited for the opportunity to support individuals in our community in a new way by providing this service. Congratulations, Keith, and thank you for all of your hard work!

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Benefits Counseling Program Up and Running

Elevated Supports **Benefits Counseling Program** is **officially operational!** 🎉 **Keith Pozniak** recently received his **certification** to provide these services through **Elevated's Supported Employment Program** and will be **running** our **Benefits Counseling Program**. We are **hoping to** be able to **provide** Benefits Counseling **services to all waiver recipients soon!** Benefits Counseling involves **supporting individuals** to understand the how **employment, changes in income,** and other **life events** can **impact** your **benefits**. This support often involves **completing the steps** it takes to **maintain benefits** such as **Medicaid, SSA, and SNAP,** understanding **reporting requirements,** completing **appeals,** and **more**. Please check out the **flyer** on the **next page** for more **information** about our **Benefits Counseling Program!**

BENEFITS COUNSELING



Maintain your
Benefits
And your
Employment



What is Benefits Counseling?

Benefits Counseling helps individuals understand how different situations like employment, changes in income, or life events can impact various benefits. Benefits Counselors will assist with exploring work incentives, creating plans to achieve employment goals, and improving financial outcomes.

Our Services



Benefits Analysis and Advisement

Benefits Counselors will assist in creating an individualized plan to navigate employment while maintaining benefits such as SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, SNAP, and more. Benefits Counselors will also help you with understanding work incentives and reporting requirements.



Informed Decision Making

Benefits Counselors provide Information and Education related to how employment and other life situations affect your benefits. This gives participants the confidence and understanding to make informed decisions regarding their benefits and future.



Advocacy and Support

Benefits Counselors can help Problem Solve, Navigate complex systems, and even Advocate for the rights on individuals. Benefits Counselors can assist with appeals, resources, understanding requirements, and completing applications for benefits.

Whether you're Already working, Planning to work, or Not sure if work is right for you...

Whether you are an individual planning to work, already working, or would just like to learn how working might affect your benefits, Benefits Counseling can be a valuable resource for individuals or family members interested in the impact of employment on benefits.

**Contact Us
for more information**

 www.ElevatedSupports.com

 (720)270-1900

 Keith@ElevatedSupports.com

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Elevated Supports is now a **Class B** licensed **Home Care Agency**! We recently promoted **Kathy Swanlund** to the position of **HCA Manager**, and we are **beyond excited** for Kathy to **take charge** of this new **opportunity**!



'Elevated Supports has received our Home Care Agency Class B licensing and we're off and running to provide a comprehensive Personal Care support experience for both our clients and our DSPs. In this new capacity, our Personal Care support offering will be aligned with Colorado State requirements combined with the same compassionate support experience our clients have come to expect. I'm excited to be a part of this new Agency within the Elevated Supports family.'

Kathy Swanlund
Home Care Agency Manager

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Zach at Best Day Ever Coffee & Crepes



Zach has been working at Best Day Ever Coffee & Crepes in Longmont since they opened in April. Zach has expressed how much he loves his job at Best Day- he especially enjoys learning new skills, which is exciting and important to him. To see Zach and check out Best Day Ever Coffee & Crepes, visit them at 516 Coffman Street in Longmont! For more information, visit their website: <https://bestdayevercoffeeandcrepes.com/>

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"Lights, Camera, Friendship on the Spectrum"

Elevated Supports' Leadership Team had the pleasure of attending a presentation by **Joey Travolta** at the annual **ANCOR conference** this year. Joey is the creator of a **new TV show** focusing on the experiences of **neurodiverse individuals**:

"'Lights, Camera, Friendship on the Spectrum' is a heartwarming and inspiring new reality TV show that follows a group of young adults on the autism spectrum as they navigate the outside world and new friendships. Through workshops and adventures led by instructors Joey Travolta, Susan Clausen, and Jennifer Cook (star of "Love on the Spectrum"), these individuals discover the power of connection, self-expression, and creativity."

Four episodes were **released** on **April 18th**, with **new episodes** released **weekly** after that. **Stream for free with ads** on the **Red Coral** app here:
<https://redcoraluniverse.com/>

Elevated Supports Leadership Team **loved the show so much**, they asked our **SCC Program** if we could have a **watch party** at our office, and they said **YES!** 😊 For **more information**, check out the **next page!**

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"Lights, Camera, Friendship on the Spectrum"

Elevated Supports will be hosting **"Lights, Camera, Friendship on the Spectrum"** watch parties three **Fridays** in **June**– June 6th, June 13th, and June 20th! Our watch parties will start at **3 PM** and **popcorn & dinner** will be provided. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to **Jhordan** at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or **303-709-7391!**

Here's a photo of the **Elevated team** with **Joey Travolta** & some of the **stars of the show** at the **ANCOR conference** earlier this year!



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Blue Envelope Program

Boulder Police Department recently introduced a new program for drivers with intellectual or developmental disabilities and/or drivers on the autism spectrum called the “Blue Envelope Program.” The program was created to give drivers the opportunity to share important information regarding their identity & their needs (via the blue envelope) with an officer as soon as they are pulled over or the interaction begins. Elevated Supports has Blue Envelopes at the office- if you would like a Blue Envelope, please reach out to your DSP. The program description and answers to various questions can be found at the following link:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/news/boulder-police-unveil-new-blue-envelope-program-first-its-kind-colorado>



Blue Envelope

Contents:

- Copy of Driver's License
- Vehicle Registration
- Insurance

Instructions to First Responder:
(Officer, Firefighter, EMT)

- Speak calmly and relaxed
- Speak in lower volume
- Avoid shouting/loud noises
- Approach slowly
- Do not touch
- Turn off bright lights

Tips for Interacting with Police:

Do:

- Hand the officer your blue envelope
- Take a deep breath and listen to questions
- Keep your hands visible to the officer

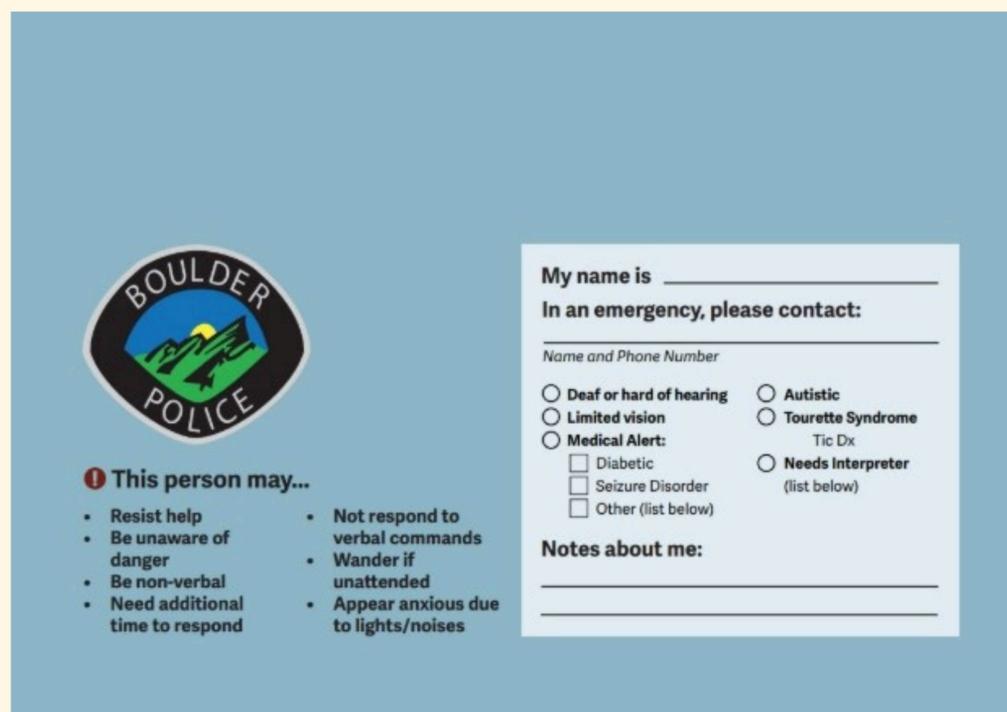
Don't:

- Reach for things without permission
- Leave without permission

How to Contact the Police:

Non-Emergency
City of Boulder 303 441 3333 | Boulder County 303 441 4444

Emergency Calls
911



BOULDER POLICE

This person may...

- Resist help
- Be unaware of danger
- Be non-verbal
- Need additional time to respond
- Not respond to verbal commands
- Wander if unattended
- Appear anxious due to lights/noises

My name is _____

In an emergency, please contact:

Name and Phone Number _____

Deaf or hard of hearing

Limited vision

Medical Alert:
 Diabetic
 Seizure Disorder
 Other (list below)

Autistic

Tourette Syndrome
Tic Dx _____

Needs Interpreter
(list below) _____

Notes about me:

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Donation Opportunity

You can now **donate a portion** of your **King Soopers** or **City Market** purchase to **Elevated Communities!** To **sign up**, simply complete the **following steps**:

- Log into (or create) your **online account** at kingsoopers.com or citymarket.com.
- Once logged in, choose **"My Account"** under your name in the top right corner.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose **"Community Rewards."**
- Here, you can search for **Elevated Communities** by name or use the code **AE879**, and then click **"Enroll."**
- Once you're done, be sure to **enter your loyalty card info** when you shop **to link your donation!**

RESOURCES

Questions & Concerns: If you have questions or concerns regarding events, supports, benefits counseling, or other general questions, please reach out to your team!

- **Residential: Erika James,**
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- **SLS: Sam Smith,** sam@elevatedsupports.com
- **SCC: Jhordan Renner,**
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- **Benefits Counseling: Keith Pozniak,**
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- **Home Care Agency: Kathy Swanlund,**
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