



Community Partner Spotlight

Each month, a different local business or organization will be highlighted for their collaborative spirit in the community and commitment to supporting youth.

If you would like to discuss how your organization is involved in the community, please contact us – we'd love to feature you!

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Mountain Youth Network moves and grooves!

By Emma Sander, Clear Creek High School 2020 Graduate (enrolled, School of Mines)

Mountain Youth Network (MYN) has expanded and relocated. After looking at various locations around the county, we found what we were looking for had been in front of us the entire time!

Clear Creek School District (CCSD) offered a lease for space within the District Office located at 320 Hwy 103; the building that was the middle school and high school until 2002. The MYN organization will now occupy the former media center area. It provides a large open space with work areas for



Mountain Youth Network meeting in their new space in the District Office

both staff and youth. MYN has been working closely with the school district over the past few years and now the connection will be even stronger with shared physical space. District Superintendent Quanbeck (fondly referred to as "Super Q") often swings in to say hello and works with us to brainstorm ideas for positive youth opportunities and activities.

As part of the county public health department, MYN has followed safety guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID. The large open space has allowed for social distance in the workplace, although staff and visitors are asked to log symptoms and temperature upon entry (and wear face coverings if social distance cannot be maintained). Team meetings for Mountain Youth Network have been held virtually since the onset of Stay at Home orders in April, however with a large room and conference table, social distance for smaller live meetings is attainable. MYN looks forward to how this space will serve our community, coalition, and youth in the future.

TREK Teen Council works with MYN members on our social media, presentations, and prevention strategies. The design for the headquarters includes work space for TREK Teen Council projects and activities. With youth input, this is a welcoming environment for young people to stay engaged, plan future activities, and practice new skills with community partners for positive youth development opportunities. Having a new "MYN Headquarters" will help centralize our organization, and we can be more available to youth as we plan on continuing our efforts down the years.

For additional information please visit our website: mountainyouthnetwork.org/getinvolved



A Community with School Spirit has a School District with Community Spirit

By Sharlynn McKown, Clear Creek 9th grade homeschool student



Clear Creek School District (CCSD) has been an amazing community partner through this last year; especially through the COVID pandemic these last few months. The district made a difficult decision to close schools in March for the safety of students and families in our county. Even without school in session the district has supported our youth and our community. They recognized needs helped in amazing ways.

After the schools were closed, the district continued to help families by providing food boxes containing a week's worth of meals for each student that picked one up. This helped mobilize volunteers and staff members to pitch in during this time of need. The district offered resources for students to continue their education at home by arranging internet hotspots. The district is maximizing the use of the former middle/high school by leasing space to the current construction company, allowing parking for a local rafting company and partnering with Mountain Youth Network (MYN) in an agreement for space in the building. Many district staff are invaluable members in MYN coalition workgroups and have attended TREK Teen Council breakfast session in support of MYN efforts to "Elevate youth in Clear Creek County!"

In addition to all that they do to demonstrate their community spirit, they are carefully conducting summer workout opportunities for high school students. In accordance with COVID-19 safety measures and protocols, they have created a more personalized training for athletes. We hope the summer workouts and practices will be put to use in the 2020-2021 athletic seasons! Given the uncertainty of the upcoming school year we can be confident that the Clear Creek School District will make the best decisions they can to care for our community. CCSD and the new administration have been an inspiring beacon of light, helping all they can wherever and whenever they can. Thank you, CCSD!

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