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# STAND WITH KIDS THIS SUMMER

Dear Tennyson Community,

With the arrival of summer, we are reflecting on a challenging year, particularly for vulnerable kids and families. We are enormously proud of the success, perseverance, and resilience we have witnessed from children, families, and staff. Thanks to the support of our community and the dedication of staff, many kids and families were able to continue their journeys of healing and growth.

However, the work is far from over. Currently, the children and families of Colorado are facing a mental health emergency. Hospitals and mental health agencies across Colorado are observing rising trauma acuity and increased need for services. At Tennyson, we are also witnessing this crisis with a higher demand for services.

Before the pandemic, many children and families were already working through behavioral and mental health challenges. Now, they face a new layer of complexity with even more difficulties after over a year of isolation.

Although we are facing a widespread crisis, we are facing it together. We have seen resilience and triumph over hardship time and again, and we know that together, with your support and dedication,

anything is possible. We remain dedicated to serving the most vulnerable children and families of Colorado, and we are humbled by your continued support.

Thank you for standing up for kids and families this summer.

Sincerely,



Andrea Zediker

Chief Marketing and Development Officer



## KENZIE'S STORY

When Kenzie started working with her Community Based Services clinician, she was reluctant to participate in her Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). DBT is a type of cognitive-behavioral therapy that teaches clients how to live in the moment, develop healthy coping mechanisms, and regulate emotions. In the beginning she would scoff at the slightest mention of any mindfulness activities or awareness practice. But after her therapist brought up the idea of “a life worth living”, a core tenant of DBT, Kenzie started to become more engaged. After deliberating and discussing this idea further with her therapist, Kenzie was excited about what she could do for herself to start living her best life. She's even eager to try more mindfulness exercises in their upcoming sessions. Sometimes it's the small changes and shifts in perspectives that make the biggest impact.



# SUMMER EVENTS

## FORE! Our Kids Golf Classic

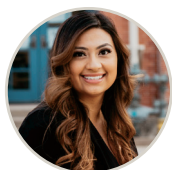
We're excited to be able to host our FORE! Our Kids Golf Classic in person again this year on **August 23rd from 9 AM - 4 PM** with cocktail hour to follow. This event provides the unique opportunity to play Colorado's most exclusive and beautiful course, Sanctuary, while supporting the healing journeys of kids and families! This year's tournament will include a shotgun start at 11:30 AM, with registration beginning at 9 AM. We will have brunch, grab-and-go lunch, on-course beverages for all participants, and a cocktail and networking hour after the tournament. Plus, our long drive pro will join us again this summer! If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, please reach out to Jessica Snider at [Jessica.Snider@tennysoncenter.org](mailto:Jessica.Snider@tennysoncenter.org).



## Mile High Country Q & Brew

Our Mile High Country Q & Brew concert event and fundraiser is back in person for its 11th year. We can't wait to gather once again for an exciting country concert experience at Mile High Station on **September 10th from 6 - 10 PM**. Guests will enjoy a country concert paired with curated cocktails, beer and wine, photo opportunities, and access to an exciting live and silent auction, all to benefit children and families! We will be announcing our headlining artist in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can check out our sponsorship options at [milehighqandbrew.com](http://milehighqandbrew.com).

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Roni Ruiz** | Intake Clinician

“When I completed my undergraduate degree, I didn't know how I wanted to begin my journey. Tennyson Center for Children allowed me to find my niche, working for and with resilient children. I have worked for Tennyson for about four years now in various positions, from direct care work as a clinical intern and youth treatment counselor to support staff in business and accounting

roles. I recently completed my Masters in Social Work with the hope of continuing to serve resilient children in a clinical setting. Working at Tennyson helped me find this passion because I see the magic that happens when children find their place within themselves, their families, and their communities. I am truly proud to work for an organization that cares so generously for children

and extends its impact to the child welfare system through work like **Rewiring**. Thanks to the care and hard work dedicated staff pour into them, the children leave successful with the opportunity to return to a happy childhood. I feel blessed to have the chance to witness this. **Children have the power to change the world. All it takes is someone to believe in them.**”







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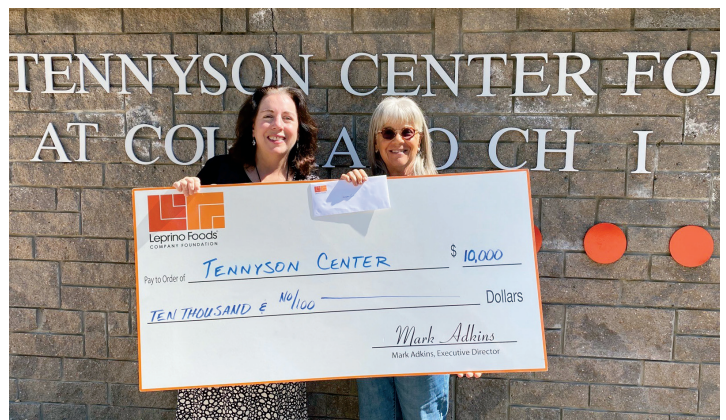
**Be courageous. Have grit. Show compassion. Share joy. Do what's best for kids and families.**

If you know of anyone who wants to make an impact on kids and families who may otherwise be forgotten, Tennyson Center has several open positions. We want team members to join in our vision and passion to serve and positively impact the lives of children across Colorado. Our clients come from all walks of life and so do we. We hire great people from a wide variety of backgrounds because it makes our company stronger! Visit [tennysoncenter.org/jobs](http://tennysoncenter.org/jobs) to learn more.

## SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

### LEPRINO FOODS

We are so grateful to our friends at Leprino Foods for their incredible donation of \$10,000! Their gift will provide opportunities for field trips, classroom projects, and extracurricular outdoor activities for our students. New adventures inspire students to be curious about the world around them and create access to all the fantastic museums, zoos and parks Colorado has to offer. These experiences can be entirely new for many of our students, which makes them incredibly impactful. Thank you, Leprino Foods!



### NATIONAL VALUATION CONSULTANTS, INC.

This June, our partners at National Valuation Consultants, Inc. spent an entire day at Tennyson for a corporate volunteer day. They spent their time working on multiple landscaping projects that transformed our property. Because of their hard work, our campus looks better than ever! Thank you NVC and your team for volunteering your time and energy at Tennyson Center for Children! If you're interested in learning more about corporate volunteer opportunities please reach out to Nick Winger at [Nicholas.Winger@tennysoncenter.org](mailto:Nicholas.Winger@tennysoncenter.org).