



Stone Soup: Gathering Community, Nourishing Children

Thursday, June 23, 2022
Denver Botanic Gardens



Be a sponsor of this year's
Stone Soup event

Investing in the next 50 Years of Mile High Early Learning

Building on our values established in
1972 to chart our future!

We're excited to
celebrate our
2022 Stone Soup
in person!

Please join us
at the Denver
Botanic Gardens.

*All proceeds of
this annual event
support Mile High
Early Learning's
mission:
to enable all
children to
succeed in school
by providing
resources and
education to
inspire a lifetime
of learning and
self-sufficiency.*

Inspired by our 50th Anniversary, become a sponsor of this year's
Stone Soup and help us celebrate a half century of high quality
early care and learning!

In January 1972, Mile High Early Learning opened its doors to the Denver community to
provide affordable, accessible, quality early childhood education and care for children from
working families with limited income. Over the past half century:

- 750,000 nutritious meals and snacks were prepared for our children
- 50,000 children received high quality education and care
- 500 Early Childhood Teachers completed their Child Development Associate certificate
- 300 Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers were trained and supported

As we reflect on our history, we look forward to using our founding values that have guided
our past and that will shape our future:

- Equity
- Innovation
- Quality
- Family and Community Engagement
- Advocacy

Join us on our next 50-year journey as we continue our work to eliminate opportunity gaps
for children who are farthest from resources so that all children can succeed in life!

2022 STONE SOUP COMMITTEE

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| Kristy Adams | Rachele Espiritu |
| Mike Baksa | Anna Jo Garcia Haynes |
| Cody Belzley | Adele Phelan |
| Alix Corboy | |





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2022 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND PLEDGE FORM

STONE SOUP 2022 PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$15,000

- Brief remarks during the event
- VIP table of 10 with premier seating
- Branding at the event
- Large ad in the digital and print program
- Name/logo on digital and print invite
- Logo & link on the landing page
- 2 dedicated social media posts
- Inclusion in thank you email (1,500)

CHEF DE CUISINE: \$10,000

- Verbal recognition during event
- VIP table of 10 with premier seating
- Large ad in the digital and print program
- Name/logo on digital and print invite
- Logo & link on the landing page
- 2 dedicated social media posts
- Inclusion in thank you email (1,500)

EXECUTIVE CHEF: \$7,500

- Verbal recognition during the event
- VIP table of 10 with premier seating
- Medium ad in digital and print program
- Listed on digital and print invite
- Logo & link on the landing page
- 1 dedicated social media post
- Inclusion in thank you email (1,500)

SOUS CHEF: \$5,000

- Verbal recognition during the event
- Table of 10 with prime location
- Small ad in the digital program
- Listed on digital and print invite
- Logo & link on the landing page
- 1 dedicated social media post
- Inclusion in thank you email to (1,500)

CHEF DE PARTIE: \$2,500

- Recognition during event
- Table of 10 at the event
- Name/logo on the landing page
- 1 dedicated social media post
- Inclusion in thank you email to (1,500)

COMMIS CHEF: \$1,500

- Recognition during event
- Table of 10 at the event
- Name/logo on the landing page
- Inclusion in thank you email (1,500)

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Sponsor Level

(check one):

- Stone Soup 2022 Presenting Sponsor: \$15,000
- Chef de Cuisine Sponsor: \$10,000
- Executive Chef Sponsor: \$7,500
- Sous Chef Sponsor: \$5,000
- Chef de Partie Sponsor: \$2,500
- Commis Chef Sponsor: \$1,500

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*Deadline for invitation inclusion April 15, 2022





As Mile High Early Learning prepares for our next 50 years, five values that transcend time will continue to guide us:

Equity:

- MHEL has worked intentionally to **build staff foundational knowledge, understanding, and skills regarding race and equity**. 75% of staff members believe they have strategies needed to confront biased speech or actions.
- Through partnership with Resilient Futures, **we provide training and support on trauma-informed care and culturally responsive practices** with an equity lens. All staff receive 10+ hours of content annually on trauma, cultural humility, and resilience.

Innovation:

- MHEL created a workforce pipeline with through its **Professional Learning Center - including our Child Development Associate training program** that has enabled 500 early childhood teachers to earn their certification and begin their career in early childhood.
- MHEL launched a **Workforce Enhancement Initiative** that focuses on enhancing teacher retention through interventions and testing their effectiveness on reducing turnover.
- **During the pandemic, we developed a remote learning framework** that incorporates educational experiences into a virtual learning setting for when our children were at home.



Quality:

- Year over year, **90% of MHEL children meet or exceed expectations for social/emotional development** as measured by Teaching Strategies GOLD.
- **Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers** reported feeling more confident after participating in Babies Ready for College - with scores on the Caregiver Knowledge Survey increasing from pre- to post-program (from participation in just 10-12 weeks). All caregivers reported a statistically significant decrease in stress.
- MHEL is **enhancing quality in community child care settings** through a network of Head Start/Early Head Start partners that has grown to 12 community providers in four counties.

Family and Community Engagement:

MHEL partners with families to ensure that they have the resources they need to thrive.

- **92% of parents** report that they are involved in and support their child's education.

We work closely with community partners such as Denver Health to provide a range of services and programs designed to foster children's healthy growth and development.

- 100% of children received **early intervention learning screenings**.
- 100% of children have **insurance/medical home** and up-to-date immunizations/physicals.
- 90% of children had **continuous, accessible dental care**.



Advocacy:

- As co-chair of the Early Childhood Leadership Commission, MHEL President & CEO Dr. Pamela Harris led efforts to ensure the passage of The Anna Jo Garcia Haynes Early Childhood Act, named in honor of our founder, which established a unified early childhood system in Colorado by creating the Department of Early Childhood that will launch in July 2022.
- MHEL's advocacy has spanned local, state, and national efforts that include implementation of the Colorado Preschool Program in 1996, Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit in 2000, Denver Preschool Program in 2007, and Universal Preschool in 2020.