

# Stone Soup: Gathering Community, Nourishing Children

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 7:30-9:00 am

**Denver Botanic Gardens** 1007 York Street, Denver

## **Innovation in Early Childhood Education:**

# Designing new models for partnering, teaching, and recruiting educators.

Partner with us and help celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Stone Soup breakfast!

## **Special Guest Speaker**

## **Elizabeth Groginsky**

New Mexico's Cabinet Secretary for Early Childhood Education

Elizabeth Groginsky (below) is an innovative leader in early childhood education and has more than two decades of executive leadership experience administering public and private human service organizations at the national, state and local levels.



She previously served as the Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning for the District of Columbia; directed early childhood education for United Way Worldwide; was the first executive director of the Early Childhood Data Collaborative; and has extensive experience with Head Start programs.

Groginsky earned a master's degree in social sciences from the University of Colorado at Denver and a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland.

## **2024 Stone Soup Committee**

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\*Deadline for invitation inclusion March 31, 2024

- Branding at the event

- Logo and link on the landing page

- Verbal recognition during event
- VIP table of 10 with premier seating
- Name/logo on invitation and save-the-date\*
- Logo and 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 the print program
- Name/logo on invitation and save-the-date\*
- Logo and 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 print program
- Listed on invitation\*
- Logo and link on the landing page
- 1 dedicated social media post
- Inclusion in thank you email (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 (1,500)

## COMMIS CHEF: \$1,500

- Recognition during event
- Table of 10 at the event
- Name/logo on the landing page
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As a Stone Soup Sponsor, you will help ensure we have the resources necessary to implement innovative strategies designed to increase access to high quality early care and education for under-resourced children and families.



# Partnering to Create Unique Models for Early Education

Through partnerships, we are creating three different early education models to serve 160 more children—our early learning center at The Rose on Colfax, a mixed-use development created by Mercy Housing; the early childhood education center at Mile High United Way's headquarters; and an early childhood education center at Lifespan Local's Westwood Redeemer.

Your sponsorship will support our work to open these early learning centers to create 160 more early childhood slots in child care deserts.

## **Building a Workforce Pipeline**

Our new "Early Childhood Workforce Development" program will allow us to recruit and train early childhood teachers and help them access our existing continuing education programs that have proven to successfully launch new early learning professionals.

Your sponsorship will help us recruit, train, and mentor 50 educators to begin their early childhood career.



## Creating an Inclusive Classroom Community

Our Inclusive Practices in Early Childhood program provides teachers with the foundational knowledge and strategies that support inclusion, social-emotional wellness, and positive behavior guidance in their classrooms.

Your sponsorship will enable us to provide Inclusive Practices in Early Childhood training in multiple languages and help 50 early educators at our centers and child care partner sites enhance their teaching practice.

If a sponsorship isn't right for you and you'd like to discuss other ways to support Mile High Early Learning, please contact Nathan Harlan at nathanh@milehighearlylearning.org.

