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United Way Holds Media Briefing to Discuss Daniels Fund Grant for After-School Programs

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Pikes Peak United Way received \$183,000 grant from the [Daniels Fund](#) to provide money for two after-school programs in Southeast Colorado Springs.

United Way is partnering with two other nonprofits, the [Colorado Springs Sports Corp.](#) and [Junior Achievement](#), to create the curricula for local school children starting the fall of 2023.

Join United Way on Wednesday, July 12, at 10 a.m. at the Family Success Center, 1530 Verde Drive, site of the former Pikes Peak Elementary School, to learn more about the programs and how they will benefit schoolchildren in Southeast Colorado Springs.

John Suthers, board chair for the Daniels Fund; Megan Leatham, president and CEO of the Sports Corp.; Anji Roe Wood, CEO of Junior Achievement; and Cindy Aubrey, CEO of United Way, will be available to discuss the after-school programs and the mission of the Daniels Fund.

"We continue to see a need in our community with after-school programs for children," said Aubrey. "This partnership aligns with our mission to fill the gap and make it easier for families to access these programs."

The grant fits into the Daniels Fund mission by "supporting highly effective and ethical nonprofit organizations that achieve significant results in the community." The Daniels Fund supports aging, amateur sports, early childhood education, homeless advocacy, disabilities, K-12 education reform, drug and alcohol addiction programs and youth development through its grants.

Colorado Springs Sports Corp. (CSSC) is nonprofit that works to promote community development activities throughout the Pikes Peak Region. CSSC will conduct an after-school sports program to teach elementary school children to play a variety of sports, while also teaching leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

"The Colorado Springs Sports Corp. is thrilled to play a small role in supporting the Pikes Peak United Way Family Success Center by providing after-school youth sports opportunities," Leatham said. "We recognize that sports have the unique ability to instill valuable life skills, build character, and create a



sense of camaraderie. Through our initiative, we aim to inspire young minds, nurture their talents, and pave the way for a healthier, more vibrant future."

Junior Achievement is a nonprofit whose purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. JA will conduct an after-school program to teach students about how to prepare for future work, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

"We couldn't be more excited about this collaboration that provides such an exceptional opportunity for Junior Achievement's role models and mentors to help young people in this dynamic community discover what's possible in their lives through financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship education," Wood said. "Together with our partners, we can't wait to deliver powerful JA programs that will work to eliminate barriers and empower the community's future through relevant, life-changing education."

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About Pikes Peak United Way: The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit <https://www.ppunitedway.org/> for more information. #LiveUnited