

COLORADO Uplift COMMUNITY CAMPUS

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO ESTABLISH AN EPICENTER
FOR LEADERSHIP AND TRANSFORMATION.



A PLACE WHERE PURPOSE, PARTNERSHIP, AND
POSSIBILITY MEET.

A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP

A Vision Inspired by Possibility and Rooted in Community

For more than four decades, Colorado UpLift has been walking alongside young people—mentoring, teaching, and inspiring them to see what's possible. We've learned that transformation doesn't happen in a moment. It happens through relationship, consistency, and hope—day after day, year after year.



Now, we stand at a defining moment in our story.

The UpLift Community Campus represents the next bold step in our mission to build leaders and strengthen communities.

This is more than a capital project. It's a living vision—one shaped by thousands of lives, stories, and acts of generosity. It's a place where our mentors can teach, where students can lead, and where families can connect. It's a place where hope has an address.

With your partnership, this campus will stand as a testament to what happens when a community comes together to invest in its future. Because when you build a place like this, you don't just change a structure—you change lives.

Together, we will ensure every young person has the opportunity to rise as a leader and leave a legacy that lasts.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Sanders".

Joseph Sanders, PhD
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COLORADO UPLIFT

Who Is Colorado UpLift

- 40+ years as a trusted leader in character education, leadership development, and long-term mentoring for urban youth.
- Serving 4,000+ students annually across Denver, Aurora, and Westminster.
- 92% students of color; 90–95% eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch.
- Helping young people break cycles of poverty and build pathways to purpose.



Our Model

- Relationship-based and long-term: full-time, diverse Teacher-Mentors walk with students from 4th grade through high school and beyond.
- Focused on character, life skills, and confidence—preparing students to lead in school, work, and life.



Our Impact

- 90% of UpLift students graduate high school (vs. 72% citywide average).
- 84% enroll in college, trade certification, or career programs.
- 90% report a deep, meaningful relationship with their mentor.
- Thousands of alumni now lead as educators, entrepreneurs, and community changemakers.



THE GROWING CRISIS

The Need

- More than 130,000 underserved youth live in the Denver and Aurora areas.
- These young people face barriers that threaten their safety, stability, and future opportunities.

The Challenges

- Incarceration & Crime: Juvenile violent crime arrests in Colorado have nearly tripled in recent years.
- Family & Relationships: Rising family instability leaves many youth without trusted adult guidance.
- Mental Health: Nearly 1 in 3 Colorado teens report persistent sadness or hopelessness.
- Education & Employment: Students from low-income communities are less likely to graduate and twice as likely to face unemployment.

Our Response

- Colorado UpLift tackles these complex social challenges head-on.
- Our model supports the academic, mental, emotional, and relational health of every student we serve.
- With 40+ years of proven success, we know what works.
- We develop character, leadership, and opportunity—so when youth face challenges, they're ready to rise.



ENVISION...

THE UPLIFT COMMUNITY CAMPUS

A Place Where Leadership Takes Root

The UpLift Community Campus will be a vibrant hub for leadership, wellness, and connection—bringing students, families, and partners together to create a community of character and compassion.

Envision a place where mentorship, learning, and belonging thrive and multiply.

A place where young people discover their purpose, families find support, and leaders from Colorado and beyond come together to serve and grow.

At this campus, future leaders will learn the skills to thrive. Mentors will teach, coach, and walk alongside the next generation. Families will gather for support, celebration, and hope.

This campus will be the heartbeat of UpLift's mission—a space designed not only to serve our students but to strengthen the community around them.

This campus will be a beacon of excellence for our community, our nation and our world.



Because when leaders are built, communities thrive.

ENVISION...

AN OPERATIONS & SUPPORT CENTER

Where Purpose Meets Impact

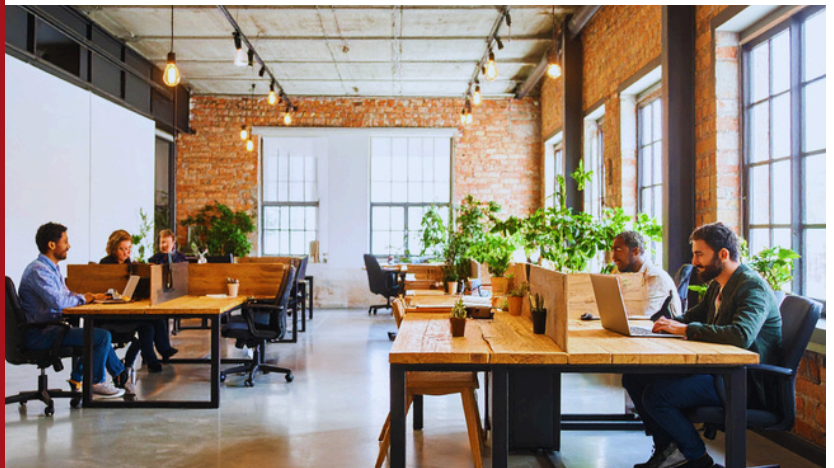
Envision a space built for the people behind the mission—where 70+ UpLift staff, mentors, and program leaders collaborate to reach more students than ever before.

The Operations & Support Center will house training, strategy, and innovation, allowing us to support and enhance our current programs in schools and communities.

Colorado UpLift's leadership, administrative, and fundraising teams will work in unity to sustain and grow our mission. Every plan, partnership, and investment developed here directly supports our Teacher-Mentors and the students they serve across Colorado.

Dedicated meeting rooms will allow mentors to meet with students, debrief, and prepare for lessons that change lives.

This center is the foundation that supports every classroom, every relationship, and every story of transformation.



Because lasting impact requires a foundation built to endure.

ENVISION...

A SPORTS & WELLNESS COMPLEX

Where Health and Confidence Take Shape

Envision a place where movement builds confidence, where laughter echoes through the gym, and where teamwork becomes the foundation for lifelong resilience.

The Sports & Wellness Complex will be a dynamic environment that nurtures both body and mind. Through activities like basketball, soccer, fitness training, and a ropes course that challenges fear and builds trust, students will develop strength, courage, and perseverance.

But this space is about more than athletics—it's about wellness in every sense. Here, students will learn the power of discipline, emotional balance, and teamwork. It will be a safe place to release stress, to rebuild confidence, and to grow in community with mentors who walk beside them.

The lessons learned here extend far beyond the court.

They become the resilience, focus, and hope our students carry into every part of life.



Because confidence built here extends far beyond the court.

COLORADO UPLIFT COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Multipurpose Field & Partnership Opportunity

Colorado UpLift is launching the UpLift Community Campus - a \$15M investment to create a central hub for leadership, wellness, and community in Aurora.

The Role of the Field

The renovated multipurpose field is a key part of the campus Sports & Wellness Complex, designed to be one of the most active and visible spaces on campus.

The field will support:

- Soccer, flag football, and fitness programming
- Daily afterschool and summer programming
- Community events and partner activations
- Access for local schools lacking quality field space
- A safe place for the community

Project Status & Sustainability

- \$500,000 match already secured
- \$250,000 request submitted to NFL Foundation Grassroots Program
- Annual field programming budget: \$400,000

Partnership Opportunities

- Clinics, camps, and youth programming
- Player engagement and mentorship
- Community events and activations
- Long-term presence at the UpLift Community Campus



For more information:
Colorado UpLift
www.coloradoulift.org/campus

ENVISION...

A LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER

A World Class Center for Character and Leadership Development

Envision a place where leadership is more than a lesson—it's a way of life. A place where courage is cultivated, character is shaped, and young people see themselves as the leaders they were meant to be.

The Leadership Training Center will serve as a renowned center for research, innovation, and collaboration—bringing together students, educators, and leaders from across Colorado and beyond. An incubator for innovation and accelerator for community transformation, this center will bring together emerging leaders, national experts, and local changemakers through immersive workshops and mentorship—equipping them to lead with integrity, vision, and purpose.

The center will go beyond training—it will become a think tank for transformation. Through research, pilot programs, and shared best practices, the center will turn lived experience into scalable solutions that strengthen schools, workplaces, and communities for generations to come.

This is where vision meets action.
Where purpose becomes practice. Where leadership is built to last.



Because when leaders grow in character, communities grow in strength.

ENVISION...

A COMMUNITY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Where Families and Partners Come Together

Envision a place where families gather, alumni return, and neighbors come together to support one another. A space filled with conversation, laughter, and hope—a true home for connection and collaboration.

The Community Resource Center will serve as the welcoming heart of the UpLift Community Campus. Here, families will access vital resources and support networks; UpLift alumni will stay connected and continue developing their careers and leadership skills; and partners from across Denver will unite under one roof to create new pathways for opportunity and success.

This center will host workshops, family nights, and volunteer gatherings that strengthen the fabric of our community. It's where relationships deepen, perspectives widen, and compassion grows.

It's more than a space—it's a living symbol of trust and togetherness, designed to bring people closer and lift communities higher.



Because when families, alumni, and partners unite, transformation multiplies.

1500 S. DAYTON ST AURORA, CO

The Right Location. The Right Time. The Right Vision.

At 1500 S. Dayton Street in Aurora, the UpLift Community Campus stands at the heart of the very neighborhoods we've served for decades.

It's where opportunity meets access — a central, move-in-ready property surrounded by the schools, families, and communities that define Colorado UpLift's mission.

For over 40 years, we've gone into classrooms, gyms, and neighborhoods across Denver and Aurora to meet students where they are.

Now, we have the opportunity to bring it all together — to build a permanent home that anchors our mission for generations to come.

Property Overview

Address: 1500 S. Dayton Street, Aurora, CO

Purchase Price: \$6m

Campus Size: 6.36 acres

Facility Size: 70,000 square feet

Condition: Move-in ready with opportunities for future expansion and enhancement

Structure: Rent-back agreements with the current owner provide seamless transition and initial occupancy flexibility

Zoning: Educational and community use permitted

Location Advantage

- **Central to Service Area:** Within a 5-mile radius of 15+ partner schools in Denver, Aurora, and Westminster
- **Travel Efficiency:** Reduces average mentor commute between schools and community sites by 40%
- **Transit Access:** Located near major bus lines and I-225 for easy access by students, families, and volunteers

Community Profile

- **Surrounding Population:** Over 120,000 residents within a 3-mile radius
- **Student Demographics:**
 - 90–95% eligible for Free & Reduced Lunch
 - 92% students of color
 - Growing immigrant and refugee communities from over 25 countries of origin
- **Median Household Income:** ~\$55,000 (below regional average)

A Strategic Investment in Impact

By securing this campus, we are doing more than purchasing property — we are investing in proximity, permanence, and possibility.

Because the right place builds the right future.

A \$15 Million Vision

The UpLift Community Campus represents a bold yet practical investment in Colorado's next generation of leaders.

This campaign will fund the purchase and renovation of the new campus at 1500 S. Dayton Street, expand UpLift's proven programs, and secure a foundation for long-term sustainability.

Funding Priorities

Category	Purpose	Estimated Investment
Campus Purchase	Acquisition of 1500 S. Dayton Street, Aurora, CO – a 6.36-acre, 70,000 sq. ft. facility strategically located within our service area	\$6.0m
Campus Build-Out & Renovation	Construction, classroom and office build-out, gym and wellness enhancements, technology, and furniture	\$6.0m
Program Growth	Expanding team, curriculum development, and community engagement programs	\$2.0m
Fund for Sustainability	Establishing long-term financial stability and facility maintenance	\$1.0m
		Total Campaign Goal: \$15 Million

Ways to Give

There are many ways to invest in the UpLift Community Campus and help build a lasting legacy for Colorado's youth:

- One-Time Gifts – Make an immediate impact through a single contribution.
- Multi-Year Pledges – Commit your support over time with a multi year gift.
- Stock or Asset Gifts – Maximize your impact through gifts of appreciated securities or assets.
- Planned Giving – Leave a legacy that continues to empower future generations.
- Corporate or Foundation Partnerships – Partner with Colorado UpLift to invest in community transformation.

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*Naming opportunities are available upon request.

All gifts toward the UpLift Community Campus qualify for the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit.

For more information on how you can invest in the UpLift Community Campus and empower future leaders, reach out to Brian Stamer, at bstamer@coloradoup lift.org

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Naming Opportunities | UpLift Community Campus

Invest in Legacy. Inspire Leadership. Create Lasting Impact.

Colorado UpLift invites visionary partners to leave a lasting legacy by naming spaces within the UpLift Community Campus. These opportunities recognize transformational gifts that help create a place where leadership, character, and community are built for generations to come.

Tier 1: Outdoor Major Spaces

- The UpLift Community Campus – \$3,000,000
- Leadership Training Center – \$2,000,000
- Operations & Support Center – \$1,000,000
- Sports & Wellness Center – \$1,000,000
- Community & Family Resource Center – \$1,000,000
- Turf Field – \$500,000

Tier 2: Inside High-Profile Spaces

- Leadership Training Auditorium – \$500,000
- Gymnasium – \$500,000
- Leadership Breakout Room – \$500,000
- Student Lounge – \$500,000
- Staff Lounge – \$500,000
- Community Kitchen & Lounge – \$500,000

Keystone Tier: Inside Essential Programmatic Spaces

- Conference Rooms (1-3) – \$250,000 each
- Workout Space – \$200,000
- Community Rooms (1-4) – \$250,000 each
- Huddle Rooms (1-3) – \$50,000 each

Visionary Tier: Conceptual and Thematic Naming

- Opportunities are also available to name key mission-aligned concepts.
- Investment levels for these opportunities are customized based on scope and impact.

