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Letters of Interest Update

We recently closed our first request for Letters of Interest (LOIs) from nonprofits, for-profits and government agencies working in five specific areas related to our [School Readiness](#) outcome.

We concluded our review of all LOIs submitted and selected 20 organizations whose projects fit within the specific objectives of the LOI request. We will be contacting these organizations and inviting full proposals.

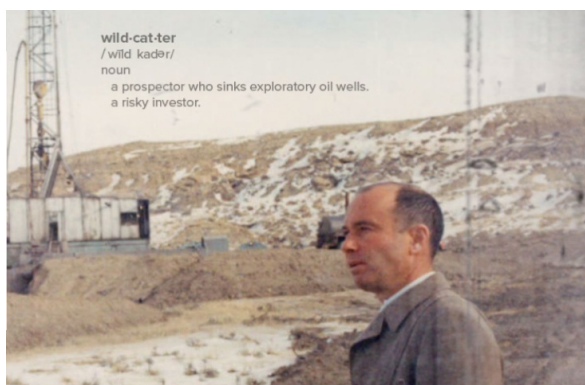
For more information, please contact [Teri Reed](#).

Gary Community News is an e-newsletter that provides updates from Gary Community Investments, which includes The Piton Foundation. We invest in for-profit and philanthropic solutions for Colorado's low-income children and their families. [Learn more.](#)

Investments Highlight: Learn About Our Recent Strategically-Aligned Investments

Over the past year, we have been making [mission-aligned, for-profit and philanthropic investments](#) that create opportunities for Colorado's low-income children and their families. The following are organizations and initiatives that we recently invested in as part of our new [strategic direction](#):

- We committed to a two-year investment with [Rocky Mountain Employee Ownership Center \(RMEOC\)](#). Funding for RMEOC will help RMEOC increase awareness of employee ownership tools and their impact for wealth creation in low-income households.
- We made a two-year investment in the [Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Economic Development Center \(RMFU\)](#). Funding for RMFU will help build programmatic capacity for co-op development at scale and support a new childcare cooperative that provides high quality care for children in informal settings while generating higher and more stable incomes for the child care providers.



Explore Our History

Gary Community Investments worked with [Open Media Foundation](#) to create an [interactive timeline](#) for our website that details the history of our founder, Sam Gary's, business and

in the News

- [The Denver Post](#) mentioned Piton in piece about Colorado's college savings account program.
- [The Pagosa Daily Post](#) highlighted Piton for its collaborative support of the report, "[The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Colorado 2015.](#)"

Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit

As part of our commitment to improve the lives of Colorado's low-income children and their families, Gary Community Investments is working to increase awareness about the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit (CCTC). The CCTC has the power to increase funding for child care providers, and, ultimately, improve access to quality care in our state.

The CCTC enables qualified child care providers to receive financial donations directly from individuals and businesses. Taxpayers are incentivized to use the credit because they can claim a Colorado income tax credit up to 50% of their total contribution.

To learn more about the CCTC, visit our [website](#).

philanthropic endeavors. This timeline attempts to show how Mr. Gary's longtime vision has driven us to become the unique organization we are today--one that combines business and philanthropy to improve the lives of children and families in Colorado.



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Programs Update: *Community Facts Upgrades & Public Information Campaign Reports*

Data Initiative:

- As we attempt to be responsive to the needs of [Community Facts](#) users, the Data Initiative is working with [Open Media Foundation](#) to make updates to the tool. These enhancements were informed by feedback we received at the Community Facts launch event and further discussion among our stakeholder group. These changes, which OMF began making in early September, include: the ability to export aggregate reports; print-friendly view; the ability to create user profiles; and a more accessible and comprehensive feedback form. Additionally, we continue to update our indicators with the most current data available. Indicator updates, which also began in early September, will be made to the following data in four categories: land use, food access, housing and employment.

Public Information Campaigns:

- We recently released our [2015 Tax Credits for Working Families Public Information Campaign Report](#) and [2015 Health Coverage for More Coloradans Campaign Report](#). These reports detail the 2015 campaigns' overarching strategies and highlights, and they emphasize how policies like the EITC and ACA benefit Colorado's low-income children and their families.

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