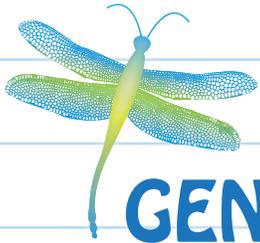
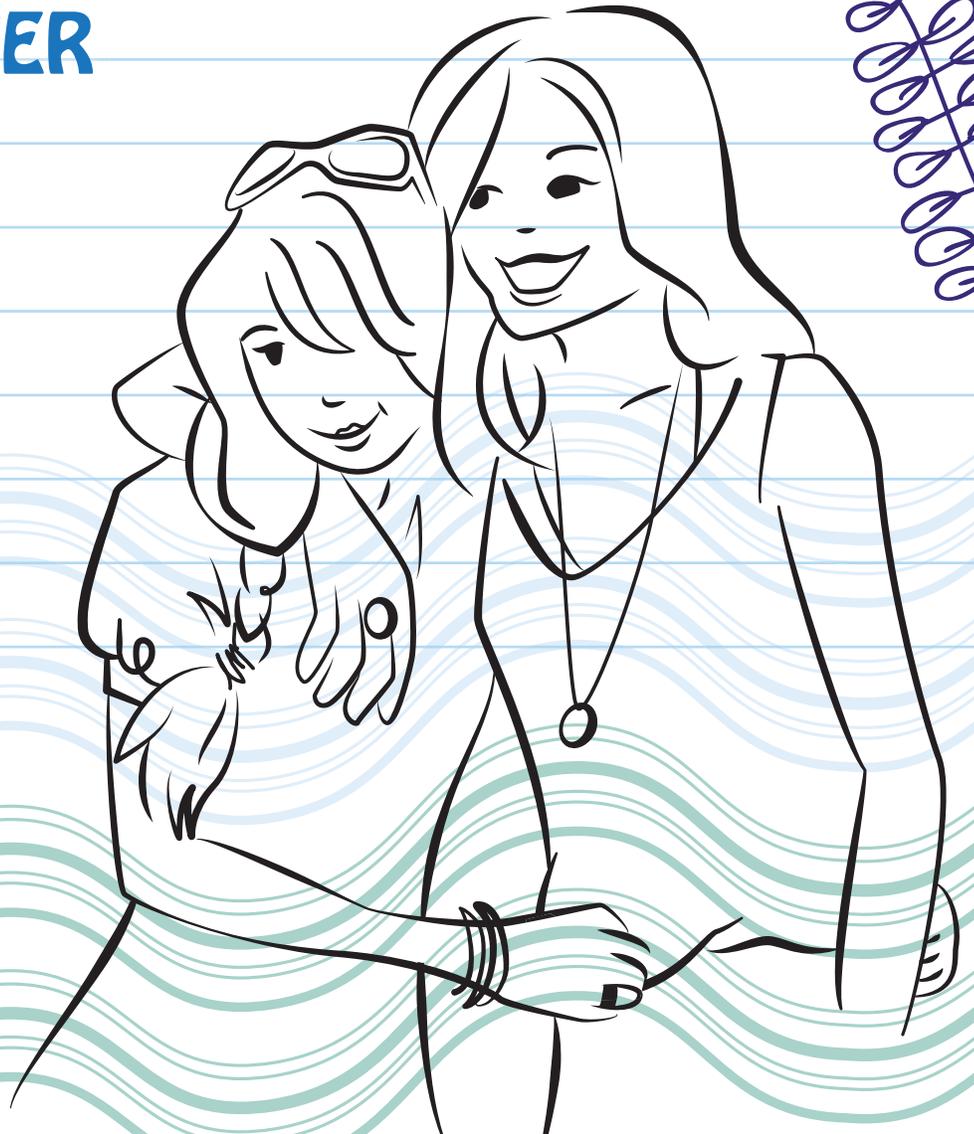
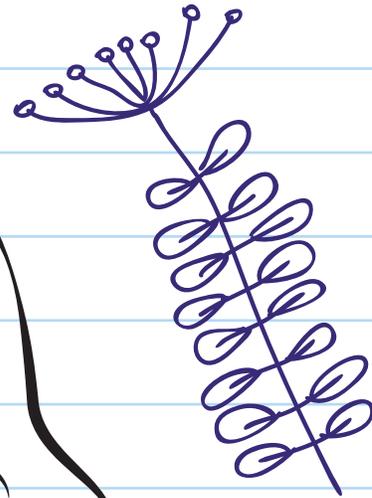


2013-2014 YEARBOOK



GENESISTER

A program just for
sisters of teen parents.



our GENESISTER graduates



SONIA SOTO - SVVSD

Sonia, a student at Skyline High School, says that the thing that she is going to miss the most about being in the GENESISTER Program is the staff and the support they provide. She explains that she learned a very important skill from them while in the program - to ask for help if you need it and to not stay quiet. She also shared that she really enjoyed getting to know not only the other GENESISTERS, but the different staff over time.

Sonia plans to eventually go on to college to study nursing or to become a veterinarian. She feels that GENESISTER helped her to reach this decision to go to college by offering support and valuable information so that she could create the best plan for her future. If she could leave one piece of advice for other GENESISTERS, Sonia says to "be ready for life!"

NAYELI JUAREZ - BVSD

18 year old Nayeli says that she is going to miss the program - especially the one-on-one support from her youth specialist. She explains that it has been nice "just having someone I know will be there for me." She says that the most memorable aspect of the program has been meeting and getting to know her youth specialist, and being able to talk about anything. She also says that being in GENESISTER helped her to learn to have faith in herself and not to care about what others think or say.

Nayeli will be graduating from high school this spring and eventually plans to attend college. For now, she will be working and staying with her family. She said that while she was planning out what's next for her, the program made her feel sure about herself and not be afraid of the future - and to always "think positive!"



ROSY LUJANO - BVSD

Rosy's message to her GENESISTERS is to remember that, "No dream is too big to accomplish. Just keep going, and never give up!"

Rosy will be graduating from high school this spring and will attend school this fall to follow her dream of becoming a nurse.





MARISOL VALLE - BVSD

Marisol says that her most memorable experience with GENESISTER was going to the Youth Action Day at the Colorado State Capitol where “we got to speak with the senator and spoke for our rights and what we thought about it.”

She says the lesson she will take with her is to “speak for myself and make the ‘right’ choices for my future.” She also shared that it was empowering to identify what gaps she saw in her community and to speak out about what is important to her as a Latina in Boulder County.

Her message to others is to, “Always be protected! Ask questions, don’t be embarrassed; you can tell your GENESISTER youth specialists anything and they will support you. Never stay quiet!”

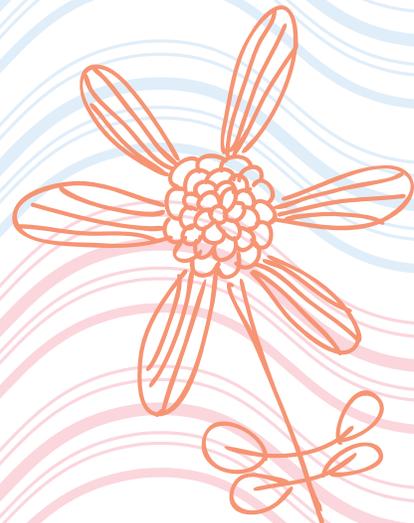
Marisol has been accepted to Front Range Community College and plans to attend in the fall and then transfer to Metro after two years.

JASMINE STARR - SVVSD

Jasmine, who will be graduating from Longmont High School this spring, has been a GENESISTER since the program’s inception. During her time with the program, Jasmine says that she has learned that there is nothing wrong in loving your body and making decisions that are best for you as an individual. If she could pass on advice to the current GENESISTERS, it would be to, “not be afraid to ask questions, and to leave the drama behind!”

She shared that GENESISTER helped her achieve her goal of going to college by supporting her during the college application process, which included providing information on financial aid and scholarships. As she moves forward in life, Jasmine says that what she will miss the most about the program is working with the caseworkers.

Jasmine will be attending the University of Colorado at Denver this fall to study pre-veterinary medicine. After completing her undergraduate studies, she plans to move to Norway to become a naturopathic veterinarian.



award RECIPIENTS

Excellence Awards

Dragonfly Spirit Award:

Zulema Cervantes & Miritz Mendez

This award honors GENESISTERS who capture the essence of the dragonfly. These outstanding individuals are bright, unique, confident, and mature. They have incredible vision and demonstrate strong personal power. These young women are confident as individuals, while also participating wonderfully with the group.

Exceptional Parent Award:

Alberta Rodriguez & Andrea de Herrera

This award honors GENESISTER parents who provide exceptional support to their daughters. These parents demonstrate a commitment to their children's growth, learning, and development. They have provided a strong foundation of love, acceptance, and communication within their families and support their children to pursue their dreams.

Supportive Family Award:

Patricia Cervantes & Micaela Martinez

The award honors the GENESISTER families who show willingness to grow, respect, and support one another to live a happy and successful life filled with possibility.

Recognition Awards

Young Women's Leadership Award:

Hisel Sanchez & Diana Lopez

This award honors the GENESISTERS who demonstrate great leadership qualities and continue to be positive peer role models. These young women encourage and inspire their peers to fully participate and engage in GENESISTER activities.

Positive Attitude Award:

Emily De La Cruz & Danielle Oscarson

This award recognizes the GENESISTERS who consistently share warm smiles, good moods, and positive attitudes with everyone around them. These young women brighten the room and radiate a sense of delight; they are an inspiration to us all!

Super-Involved Award:

Melisa Castruita & Alondra Zavala

This award acknowledges the GENESISTERS who consistently balance many different responsibilities. They are committed to school, involved in their communities, and are active participants in the program. They inspire us with their enthusiasm and engagement.

Self-Awareness Award:

Daisy Ramirez & Adriana Ochoa

This award is for GENESISTERS who have taken great pride in their unique identities and demonstrated tremendous self-awareness. These young women do an incredible job of holding onto their family roots while simultaneously carving out a unique path for themselves.

Family Reproductive Health Award:

Norma Cervantes & Kelly Macomber

This award is for the GENESISTER families who demonstrate openness to discussions about reproductive health and sexual development. They recognize the importance of healthy and open communication within the family as a way of creating a loving and trusting environment for everyone.

Reproductive Health GENESISTER Award:

Jazmin Ocampo & Nena Lara

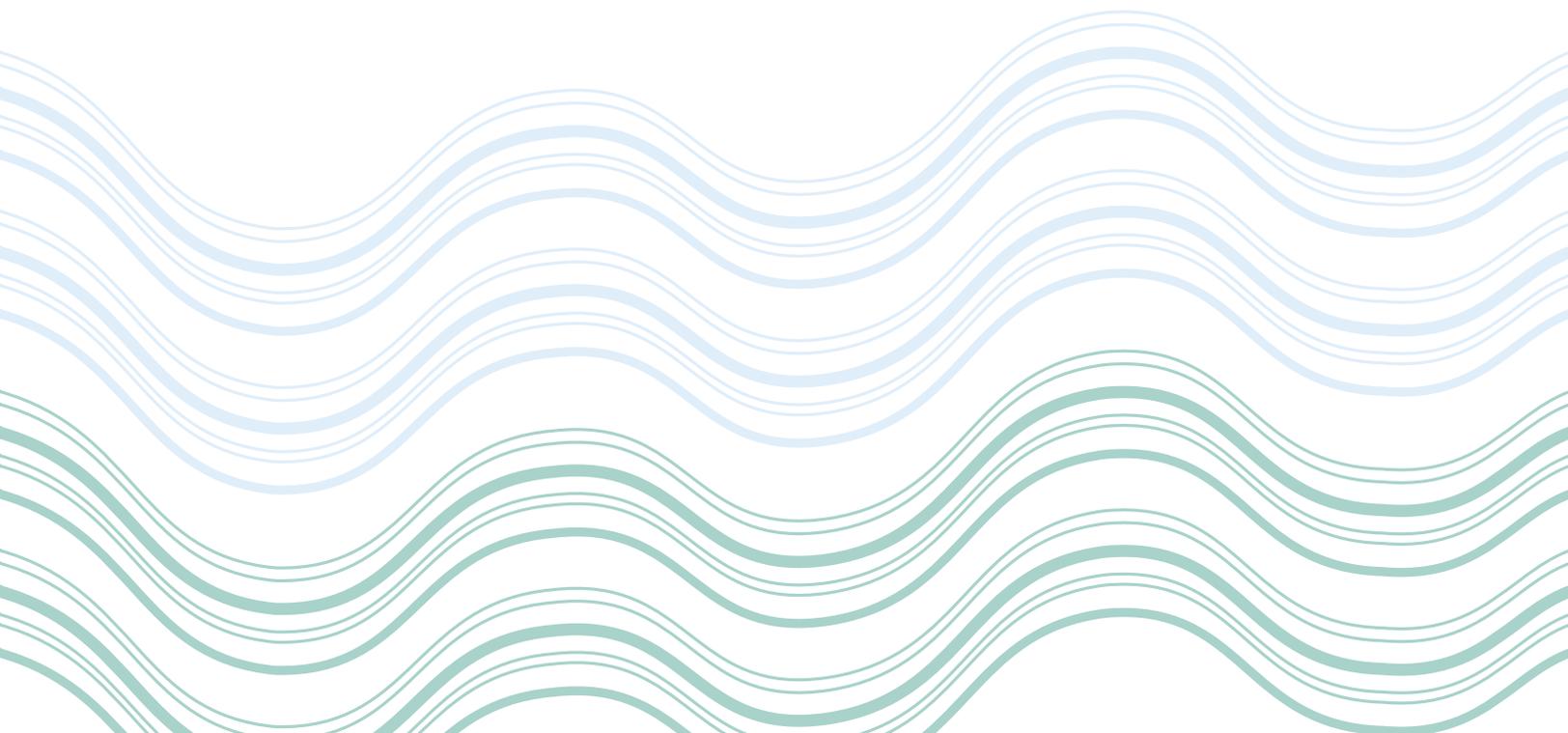
This award is for the GENESISTERS who have prioritized the health of their minds and bodies. They recognize that they can achieve their dreams and goals when they are committed to being knowledgeable and empowered.

Participation Awards

Thank you to every single GENESISTER who was in the program this past year!! Your participation teaches and inspires us all. It is an honor to be in the GENESISTERHOOD with you as your presence enriches our lives daily. Watching each of you grow and develop your unique vision for the future has been the most important piece of this program. We are so proud of all of you!



NOTES and SIGNATURES



A Year in Photos

May 2013 - April 2014



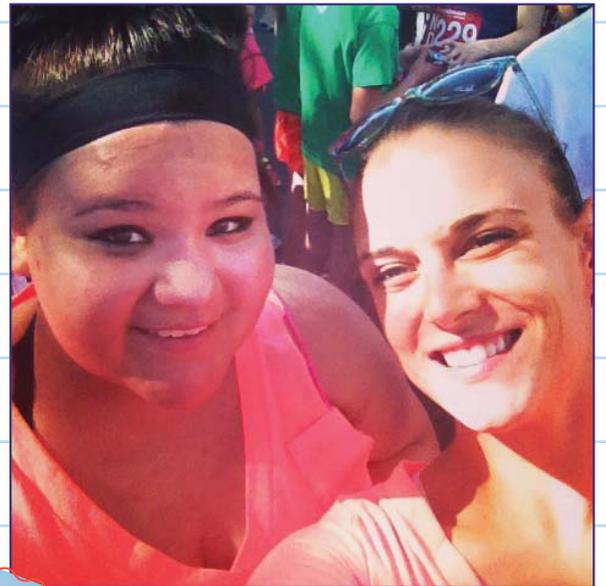
MAY

MAY 9: GENESISTER MAY CELEBRATION! WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR GRADUATES AND FAMILIES!!!

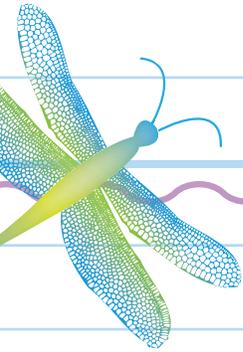
MAY 27: BOLDER BOULDER



GENESISTERS trained every Saturday for **8 WEEKS**. Way to go!



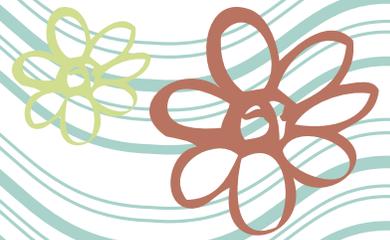
*"No pain, no gain!
Congratulations to
the 2013 GENESISTER
running team!"*



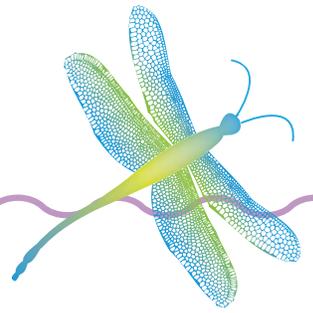


AUGUST

**ESTES PARK ANNUAL
GENESISTER RETREAT**



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



HALLOWEEN ELITCH GARDENS NIGHT!



GENESISTER won the Healthy Teen Network's Award for **OUTSTANDING EMERGING INNOVATION PROGRAM.**

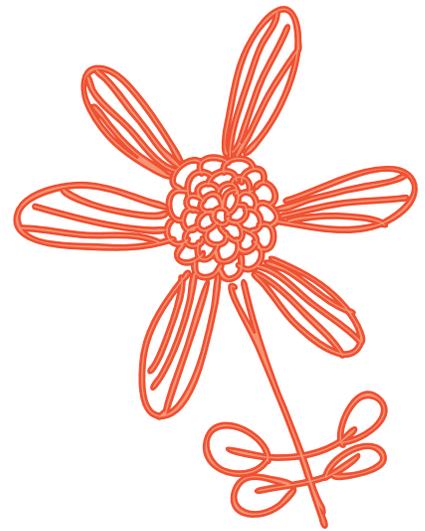
NOVEMBER



SERVICE LEARNING WITH COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE



19 girls from Boulder and Longmont participated in service learning with Community Food Share. Together they helped collect 201 bags of food...or approximately 1,500 pounds of food! Additionally, they helped to collect \$122 in cash donations, which is equivalent to approximately another 488 meals (\$1 = 4 meals).



**KINDNESS FOR KIDS
SERVICE LEARNING**



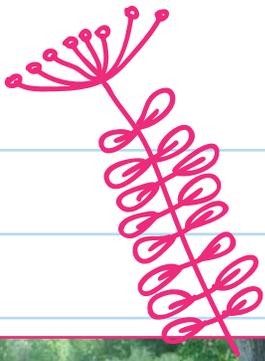
 girls from SVVSD
volunteered to help
sort toys/gifts for
underprivileged families.



DECEMBER

HOLIDAY PARTIES!!!





GROUPS!!!

*"The best part of being a GENESISTER is the bond we hold as sisters, I love that"
~Vanessa G., BVSD GENESISTER*



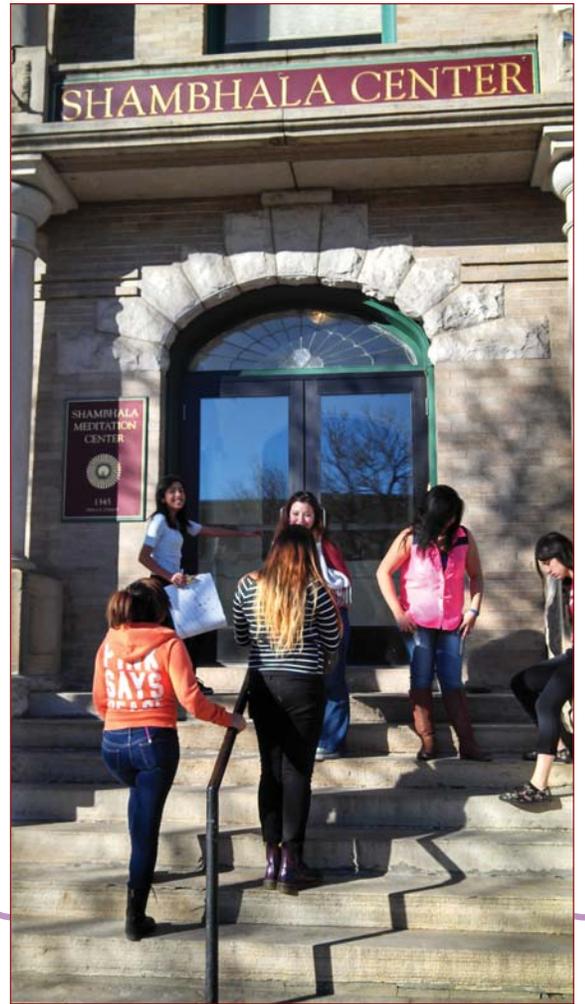


*"My daughter is helping
her community today, and
I am proud of her!"*
~ GENESISTER Parent

JANUARY

ICE SKATING!!!





COMMUNITY MAPPING





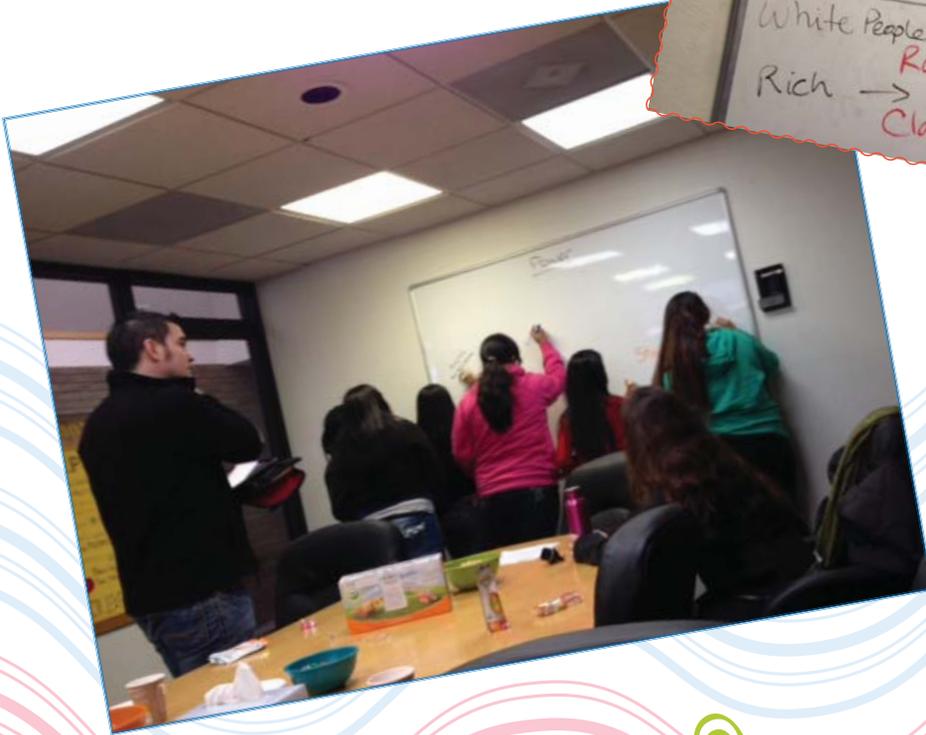
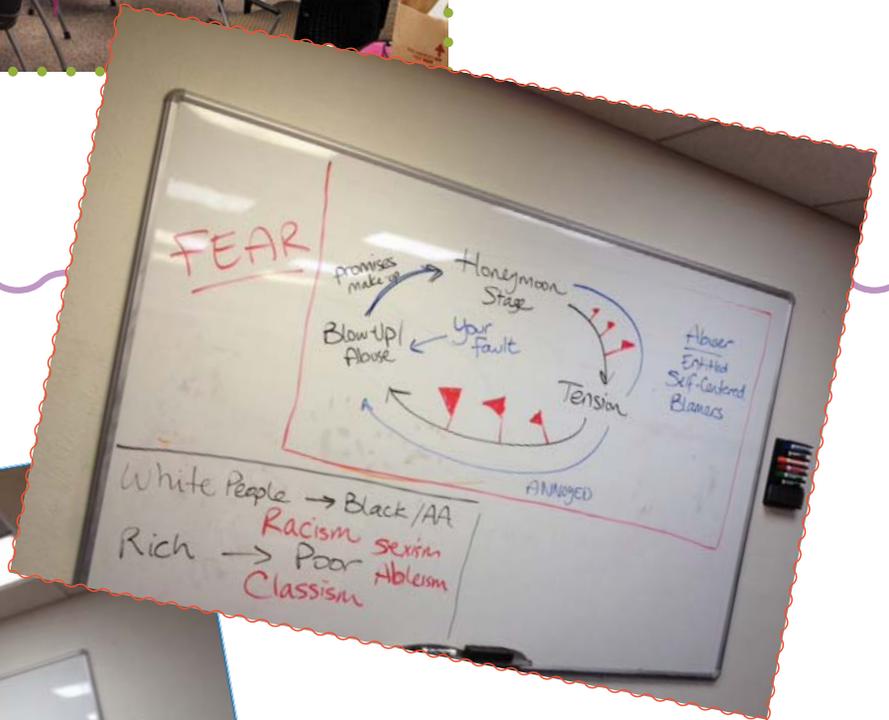
FEBRUARY

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER VISIT!





GUEST SPEAKERS



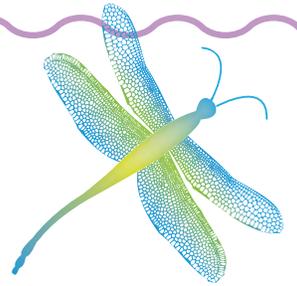
"I feel empowered."
 ~ Amy S., SVVSD GENESISTER



MARCH

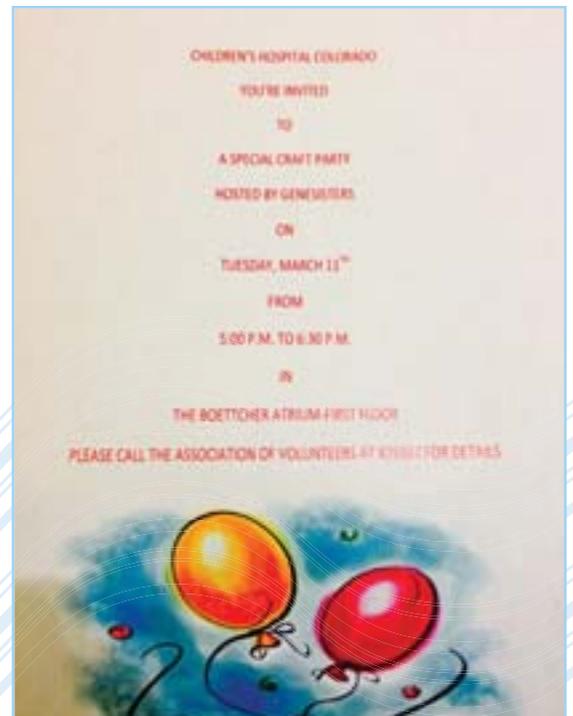
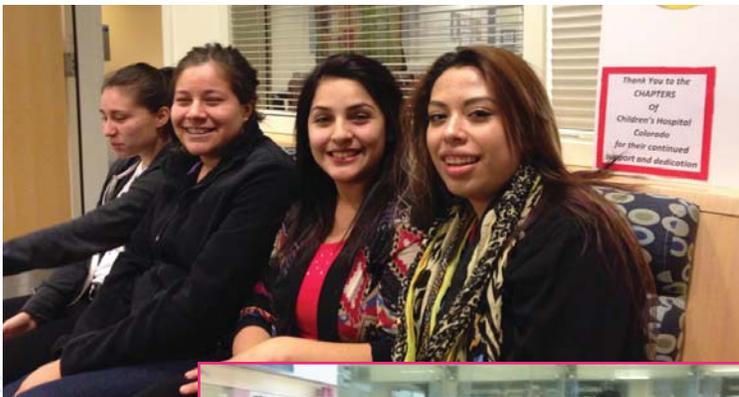


PREPARING FOR SERVICE LEARNING





SERVICE LEARNING FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



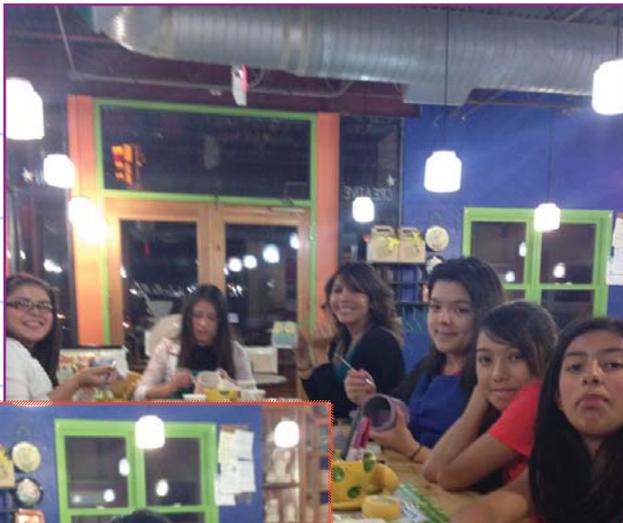
13 BVSD middle and high school participants volunteered. The high school girls made several trips to the hospital to host/run an arts-and-crafts hour for patients to participate in. Middle school girls made a total of 20 hand-tied fleece blankets to be donated to Children's Hospital.



MARCH

YOUTH ACTION DAY





APRIL



GENESISTER

staff + volunteers



JODY SCANLON
GENESISTER Program Manager



YANINA GOMEZ
Parent Specialist, Boulder Valley
School District/St. Vrain Valley
School District



MAYA SOL DANSIE
Youth Specialist, Boulder Valley
School District



JOANNA CORTES POMEO
Youth Specialist, St. Vrain Valley
School District



TINA TRIFILIO
Service Learning Specialist,
Boulder Valley School District/St.
Vrain Valley School District

GENESISTER Volunteers

EVA WARNER
CU Boulder Undergraduate
Student, Sociology, 2012 - current

ANNIE LASTOWSKI
2012 - 2013

LINDSAY PARSONS
Health Educator, University
of Denver, 2013 - current

SOPHIE RIDL
CU Boulder, 2013 - current

LAURA KILLE
BA in Psychology and Women's
Studies, 2014 - current





special THANKS

GENESISTER Honors and Graduation Event Planning Committee

- Jenifer Ramirez - - - - - BVSD GENESISTER
- Zulema Cervantes- - - - - BVSD GENESISTER
- Alondra Zavala- - - - - SVVSD GENESISTER
- Neida Gonzalez - - - - - SVVSD GENESISTER

Another big thank you goes to all of the GENESISTERS who volunteered to help with event projects and shared their ideas and feedback with the GENESISTER Planning Committee.

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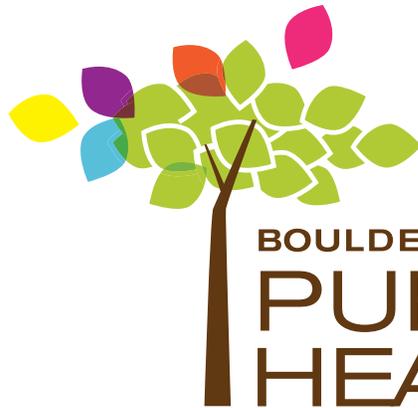
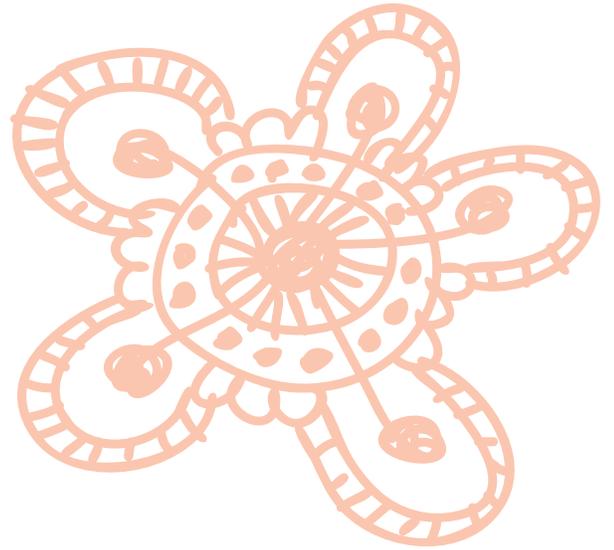
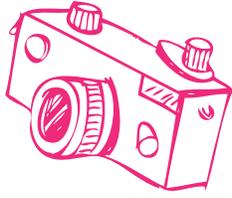


GENESISTERS STATS

In 2013,
ZERO
GENESISTERS
got pregnant.

In 2013,
100%
of GENESISTER clients are
enrolled in and
attending school.

ZERO
GENESISTERS
dropped out of school
since enrolling in the
program.



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