The cost of living has affected a lot of areas. Thank you all for doing this. I wasn't sure how I was going to pull off Christmas this year.

- A Person We Serve

GIFTS OF JOY HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Thank you to our donors, community partners, sponsors and staff for helping to make the holidays extra special for those we serve by providing:

- 2,500 Gift Cards
- 1,000 Toys
- 183 Gift Bags

People we serve who identify as Hispanic/Latinx may belong to any race.

RACE* & ETHNICITY**

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AGE

- Adults 18+ | 80%
- Children 0-17 | 20%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mental Health Center of Denver Lifts Up Community Voices to Impact Change

Nancy Lugo’s passion for childhood caregiving and education led her to the Mental Health Center of Denver in 2018, when she joined the Providers Advancing School Outcomes (PASO) Program. PASO is a community-based intensive training program for early childhood caregivers seeking to close the achievement gap for Hispanic/Latinx children.

Just a few months after graduating with honors from PASO, Nancy got the opportunity to take her leadership to the next level. She represented the Mental Health Center of Denver at the 2019 Aspen ThinkXChange alongside her husband Jesus, their baby Leonardo and Michael Niyompong, Mental Health Center of Denver’s Vice President of Strategic Community Partnerships. The ThinkXChange event, hosted by the Aspen Institute, focused on advancing family success. It centered around the voices of those most impacted by family and work policies – parents like Nancy and Jesus.

“I have never attended an event so organized and valuable for the community,” Nancy said. “It was a great experience to explore community problems related to childhood education, which is so important because children are our future.”

By sharing their stories and bold ideas, parent leaders worked alongside organizational and policy leaders from across the country. Together, they strategized new ways to move families forward, specifically economically marginalized families.

“PASO provides countless tools to guide children’s learning and become a better childcare provider,” Nancy said. “It also helps families a lot economically to have the extra income, which leads to more opportunities.”

In addition to PASO, community members get involved with the Mental Health Center of Denver in many ways across the city. In the future, the Mental Health Center of Denver looks forward to expanding its role as a connector to ensure that community voices are centered in decisions that will impact their individual well-being and that of their family, city and society.