



**Sara Hazel**  
**Interim CEO & Vice President of Development**

At Denver Public Schools Foundation, we believe that our city is strengthened by every student who graduates ready to lead a successful life. At the DPS Foundation, we invest in accelerating progress, we connect the community to our classrooms, and we inspire confidence in the promise of public education.

Sara Hazel comes to the DPS Foundation with over fourteen years of nonprofit development and leadership experience. Sara has worked at global, national, and local organizations, including The American Red Cross, The American Cancer Society, and Girls Inc. of Metro Denver. Sara's leadership has included leading the Colorado Red Cross Century Celebration, celebrating 100 Years of the Red Cross in Colorado, and co-facilitating and planning the first ever national fundraising conference for Girls Inc. In all of her roles, Sara has held management and leadership responsibilities and loves to build and work with exceptional teams.

Sara's undergraduate degree is from the University of Oregon, where she studied Sociology and Public Policy, and her master's degree is from DePaul University in Chicago, where she studied Public Service Management/Public Administration. She loves the nonprofit sector and fundraising because of a desire for social justice and the ability to help donors navigate a path to support a mission that they can impact.

Locally, Sara is involved in many organizations including as a volunteer mentor for City Year Denver, as a Commissioner for the Denver Women's Commission, a member of the Women's Foundation of Colorado's Empowerment Council, and is in the Metro Denver Chamber Leadership Foundation Leadership Denver Class of 2020.

When Sara is not raising money for humanitarian causes, Sara writes a book review blog and enjoys Kansas City BBQ. She loves spending time in the mountains, traveling, watching Kansas Jayhawk basketball, reading, and spending quality time with her husband, friends, and chasing around her toddler daughter.

Sara's favorite part of her job is getting the opportunity to build relationships and work directly with donors to make a meaningful impact and investment in the lives of students in Denver.

We know that when our students thrive, our city thrives. I believe in our mission because I believe that the DPS Foundation can accelerate progress and be a catalyst for change in the district, and every child deserves an opportunity for high-quality education.