



### **Sara Hazel, Vice President of Development & Impact**

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 (she/her/hers) is the Vice President of Development & Impact at the Denver Public Schools Foundation. She has twenty years of nonprofit development and leadership experience. Sara has worked at global, national, and local organizations, including The Red Cross, The American Cancer Society, and Girls Inc. of Metro Denver. Sara's leadership has included leading the Colorado Red Cross Centennial Celebration, celebrating 100 Years of the Red Cross in Colorado, and co-facilitating and planning the first ever national fundraising conference for Girls Inc. As a volunteer leader, Sara worked with a team to found a scholarship fund to send kids to summer camp in the Colorado mountains at Geneva Glen Camp. In all of her roles, Sara has held management and leadership responsibilities and loves to build and work with exceptional teams. 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 Board of Directors Member for City Year Denver, serving on the Denver Women's Commission, a Development Committee member at the Lighthouse Writers Workshop, and is an alumnus of Metro Denver Chamber Leadership Foundation Leadership Denver Class of 2020. Sara was awarded the prestigious Denver Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award in 2022.

When Sara is not raising money for humanitarian causes, Sara is an avid reader, aspiring writer, and enjoys Kansas City BBQ. She loves spending time in the Colorado mountains, traveling, watching Kansas Jayhawk basketball, and spending quality time with her husband, friends, and chasing around her 6-year-old.

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.

