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**IT WAS THE FIRST WEEK OF 2025'S GIVING SEASON!
HERE'S A RECAP OF WHAT WE SHARED THIS WEEK.**

We began by celebrating AAI's ten year anniversary.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
Alpine Achievers Initiative!**



To commemorate the occasion, AAI launched a fundraiser named “\$10k for 10 Years” so we may continue our work in Colorado for another decade!



NEXT, WE FEATURED A STORY OF WHERE WE BEGAN:



Story time! 📖 Where did AAI begin? Alpine Achievers Initiative (AAI) began with a teacher in Saguache, Colorado, who saw her students struggling—not for lack of ability, but for lack of access. She started small, offering after-school support and inviting others to join her. What began as one teacher's effort soon grew into a movement serving multiple towns and schools.

Today, AAI reaches across the San Luis Valley and north to Fairplay—providing academic support, after-school enrichment, outdoor adventures, homeschool programming, and more. From one classroom to communities across rural Colorado, AAI continues to create spaces where young people can learn, connect, and thrive.

THEN WE INTRODUCED SECOND-YEAR AMERICORPS MEMBER, JESS KISHBAUGH

2nd Year AmeriCorps Feature



JESS KISHBAUGH



ALPINE ACHIEVERS
INITIATIVE

Jess first joined us in summer 2024, but she felt her time with AAI was unfinished and we're absolutely delighted to have her again! We asked Jess about returning to service with Alpine Achievers Initiative. See what she had to say by clicking her picture above!

WE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED ONE OF OUR FIRST DONORS THIS GIVING SEASON, SURYA, A FORMER AAI AMERICORPS MEMBER!

Thank you for your
donation, Surya!



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

"SURYA HAS BEEN WORKING TO TEACH ENGLISH TO A SPANISH SPEAKING STUDENT. SHE SPENDS HOURS PREPARING HER ESL LESSONS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BOTH INTERESTING AND EFFECTIVE. SHE MAINTAINS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND IS ALWAYS READY TO TEACH."

Thank you for your service, Surya!



IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT COLORADO GIVES DAY IS ALL ABOUT...

Colorado Gives is a state-wide giving event to support Colorado nonprofits like Alpine Achievers Initiative. Every donation made and processed through the CO Gives Day event is boosted by one of the **largest incentive funds** in the country!

These are just some of the incentives and prizes up for grabs:

Ways to increase the impact of your donation this giving season

1M+ Incentive Fund

All nonprofits receive a percentage of the fund equal to the percentage they raise for CO Gives Day

Monthly Gift Match

All new monthly gifts set up between 11/1-12/9 will be matched up to \$100 by Colorado Gives Foundation



FirstBank Trivia Prizes

Ten chances to win \$1000 for your chosen nonprofit



Southwest Airline Ticket Giveaway

On Dec 9th only (CO Gives Day), donors who give \$100+ to a single nonprofit are automatically entered in an hourly drawing to win a Southwest Airlines tickets

ALPINE ACHIEVERS INITIATIVE

WE DID THE MATH...

During the last service year, our 30-member AmeriCorps class completed over 50,000 service hours!

NOW, AS OF THE 2025-2026 SERVICE YEAR...

Alpine Achievers Initiative is proud say we've had 275 AmeriCorps members serve with us since 2015!



Just think of all the students, teachers, and community members these wonderful people have helped in the past decade over the **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS** of hours they've served!

LASTLY, WE SHARED A MINI-IMPACT REPORT FROM SERVE COLORADO ABOUT THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CORPS

Check out ServeCo's
Instagram post to see a
mini impact report on
how it went!

Click here



Alpine Achievers Initiative was one of the organizations
that took part in the first year the YMHC was implemented
in Colorado. AAI had great success, and we are continuing
the program this year.



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Thank you for reading this far. If you'd like to donate to AAI's \$10k for 10 years campaign, you can do so at <https://mtyc.co/512vhf> or find us on ColoradoGives.org.

We hope you have a lovely week,

Alpine Achievers Initiative

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