

GLENN HARPER

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SUN VALLEY KITCHEN + COMMUNITY CENTER

2012 – Present

Founder + President

- Created a Youth Enrichment Program for kids in the Sun Valley community in 2014, in partnership with the Sun Valley Youth Center and Love Light + Melody, including art, music, dance and cooking classes for elementary and middle school students. The Youth Enrichment Program has served over 100 kids through 1,033 program visits over four years.
- Started a No-Cost Grocery Program, in partnership with Denver Food Rescue, to provide food access for families in Sun Valley, distributing over 179,886 pounds of food to 23,399 individuals in the community since 2016
- Facilitate No-Cost Grocery Program twice weekly by serving as the community liaison for residents and managing resident volunteers
- Developed a Youth Employment & Professional Development Program to provide employment and development opportunities for youth in Sun Valley. The program currently serves four middle/high school students from the community through employment opportunities with Sun Valley Kitchen and Sun Valley Community Center.
- Provide dinner for over 60 youth in the Sun Valley community every weeknight, in partnership with Sun Valley Youth Center
- Served over 40,628 meals to children and families in Sun Valley since 2014
- Opened Sun Valley Kitchen, a for-profit restaurant and social enterprise, in October 2018 to provide low-cost breakfast and lunch options for the Sun Valley Community. Sun Valley Kitchen employs youth and residents from Sun Valley.
- Created a Local Chef Entrepreneurship Program to provide opportunities for Sun Valley residents with an interest in starting their own food-based businesses to gain experience and support for starting or growing their business.
- Feature local Sun Valley residents at Sun Valley Kitchen weekly to provide opportunities for exposure and experience in working in a commercial kitchen.
- Co-founded the Sun Valley Food Access Collaborative to facilitate the collaboration among community stakeholders of the Sun Valley neighborhood to create sustainable solutions for food access within the neighborhood.
- Foster and maintain all partnerships with the following organizations: African Community Center, American Heart Association, Denver Food Rescue, Denver Urban Gardens, Earthlinks, Johnson and Wales University, Meow Wolf, Mi Casa Resource Center, Seattle Fish Company, Sun Valley Food Access Collaborative, Sun Valley Youth Center, Vocal Coalition, Waypoint, We Don't Waste, West Colfax Food Co-op
- Host monthly community meetings for Sun Valley community organizations
- Manage daily operations and staff for Sun Valley Kitchen + Community Center
- Manage organization's operating and program budgets, monthly financials, donation income, and all annual tax documents
- Manage donor relationships and partnerships, and serve as the main point of contact for all communication with donors and partners

FRESH FRIES

2002 – Present

Co-Founder

- Created Fresh Fries food concession business to provide fresh cut french fries for annual festivals throughout Colorado
- Participated in over 300 festivals to date
- Manage operations and staff for Fresh Fries business, including all festival logistics

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CDI)

2005 – 2012

Fiscal Specialist, Head Start National Interim Management Contract (NIC)

- Provided mentoring and support to interim Head Start program fiscal and administrative staff
- Specialized in working with large Head Start programs of 350+ staff and 2,000+ children
- Collaborated with NIC site managers on program budget and accounting processes
- Conducted on-site training and monitoring of fiscal systems to ensure federal compliance
- Ensured accurate and timely processing of payroll and accounts payable
- Established and developed new vendor relationships for program services

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Sun Valley Community Coalition – Executive Committee Member 2013 – Present
- Denver Housing Authority Choice Neighborhood Initiative Community Advisory Committee – Committee Member 2014 – Present
- Denver Urban Gardens – Community Garden Leader for Sun Valley Fairview Garden 2015 – Present
- Denver Food Rescue – Board Member 2016 – Present
- Stadium District Master Plan Steering Committee – Committee Member 2018 – Present
- Fairview Elementary School – Volunteer with Denver Urban Gardens Health and Gardening Program 2014 – 2017
- Jefferson Park United Neighbors – Served as Treasurer for three terms, Co-President for two terms 2002 – 2007