

Hospitality Heroes of Arvada

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Emily Grace Arvada Center

We are so pleased to introduce you to Emily Grace King! Emily is on a mission to ensure our residents and visitors are exposed to more creative and artful opportunities every single day. She is incredibly hard working, full of energy

and ideas and such an asset to Arvada. Congratulations, Emily! And, thank you for making art come alive in our community.

How long have you been involved in promoting the arts in Arvada?

"I have had the privilege of promoting the arts in Arvada through a number of different roles, both personally and professionally, since starting Art Drop Arvada's free art scavenger hunts in Olde Town in 2016. I joined the Arvada Center Galleries staff and the Arvada Arts and Culture Commission in 2018, and I am currently the Exhibition Manager and Associate Curator at the Arvada Center, the Chair of the Arvada Arts and Culture Commission, and am still running Art Drop Arvada."

Why do you love sharing your passion for the arts with others?

"Making and enjoying art has played a huge role in my own life and self-discovery. High school arts classrooms gave me a place to belong, to be celebrated, and to feel connected with my peers. Over the years, I've seen the incredible impact local artists, public

art, and regional arts centers have on a city, creating those same effects I experienced in high school across an entire community as the arts deepen our attachment to our place and to our neighbors."

As we are just embarking on 2023, what is one goal that you have for yourself related to the arts community in Arvada?

"One of my goals for 2023 is to collaborate and learn from other communities in the region to see how they are supporting and improving their artists, galleries, institutions, and public art programs. There are creative districts across the state that respond to the needs of their community in unique ways, and there are valuable lessons to be learned that can grow arts programs here in Arvada."

Hospitality is defined as
"the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers."

In this section, the Arvada Visitors Center and the City of Arvada are recognizing a few of the amazing hospitality ambassadors in our community and thanking them for making our city a place that has a reputation for amazing hospitality for residents and tourists alike. Do you know of a Hospitality Hero in Arvada that deserves some special recognition? Please email jean@visitarvada.org to nominate them. Each Hero that is recognized will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Arvada Report and receive a \$250 Olde Town Arvada gift card.



The Arvada Visitors Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that works to inspire travel to our community and provides key information to people considering a visit or relocation to Arvada. They have proudly welcomed thousands of guests from around the world since their doors opened on 7305 Grandview Ave. in November 2012.

An investment in visitors is an investment in community. Visitors to Arvada generate sales tax revenue. One quarter of the City's total revenue comes from sales tax dollars. This revenue helps pay for police services, city parks, improvements to infrastructure, and many other services that benefit the entire Arvada community.