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Elevations AppleFest Raises \$4,000 for Cultiva Youth Project at Local Nonprofit Growing Gardens

BOULDER, Colo. – Oct 23, 2018 – With the help of its members and the community, Elevations Credit Union raised \$4,000 at Elevations AppleFest at YA YA Farm & Orchard on Oct. 13. The funds raised will directly benefit the Cultiva Youth Project at local nonprofit Growing Gardens, which enriches the community through sustainable urban agriculture programs.

On Oct. 13, over 175 people attended Elevations AppleFest at YA YA Farm & Orchard, a daytime event with family-friendly activities like hay rides, barbeque from GreensPoint BBQ and live bluegrass by Stirrup Trouble.

“It is great to see Elevations members come through for our community,” said Dennis Paul, VP of Business and Community Development for Elevations. “We are proud to support great initiatives like the Cultiva Youth Project.”

The \$4,000 raised will support the Cultiva Youth Project’s youth leadership program where teens ages 12-19 operate an urban organic farm, growing produce for the local community while developing leadership and job skills. In Boulder, the teens seed, tend and harvest produce for Growing Gardens’ Community Supported Agriculture program, which provides a weekly share of vegetables for 65 community members. In Longmont, this produce is donated to community partners that give the food to locals that are food insecure.

“We appreciate the opportunity to be part of Elevations AppleFest and thank our community showing such great support for the Cultiva Youth Project,” said Vanessa Keeley, Executive Director of Growing Gardens. “The funds raised will enable Cultiva to involve more youth in leadership and sustainable agriculture training throughout Boulder County. Thank you, Elevations, for your support over the years.”

To learn more about Cultiva Youth Project, visit <http://www.growinggardens.org/the-cultiva-youth-project>.

About Elevations Credit Union

Elevations Credit Union is a member-owned not-for-profit financial institution serving Colorado’s Front Range. Elevations provides a broad portfolio of financial products and services including checking and savings accounts, mortgage loans, credit cards, auto loans, home equity loans, student loans, business loans and financial planning. Founded in 1953 as the U of C Federal Credit Union in Boulder, Elevations has grown from 12

members and less than \$100 in assets to an institution with more than 130,000 members that manages more than \$2 billion in assets and is the No. 1 credit union mortgage lender in Colorado. In 2014, Elevations earned the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. In 2015 and 2016, Elevations was named one of the Best Companies to Work for in Colorado in the large company category. Readers of local newspapers name Elevations “Best Bank/Financial Institution,” “Best Mortgage Lender” and “Best Customer Service” year after year. To learn more, visit elevationscu.com.

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