

Who We Are

APRIL 6, 2024 | 6 PM - 10 PM

Educating Children of Color 10th Anniversary Celebration
The ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy
103 Pro Rodeo Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80919



Dear Valued Community Member and Friend of Educating Children of Color,

We are asking for your support of Educating Children of Color and to join us to celebrate our first decade as a 501 (c)(3)! Our mission, to dismantle the cradle to prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty through education, is equally as critical today as it was in 2014. Youth of color and youth who have been impoverished continue to be underrepresented in successful educational outcomes, over-represented in school discipline, over-represented in the juvenile justice system, and ultimately over-represented in the criminal justice system.

Please join us on the evening of April 6, 2024 from 6 to 10 pm. at the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum for dinner, dancing, signature cocktails sponsored by Uncle Nearest Whiskey, wine tasting of BIPOC wines, and a silent auction. The event is not only a celebration, but also an opportunity to help us support our vital mission. Tickets and event information can be found at www.educatingchildrenofcolor.org.

We hope that you can join us as we showcase the work we are doing in the community. ECOC's adult programs, Diversity University and the Summit, are increasing justice by helping individuals confront their bias and leverage their power to address disparate treatment and outcomes for young people.

Our youth programs are giving students the skills to avoid delinquent behavior and to further their education. This school year, 320 middle and high school students are participating in the Leadership Academy to enhance their leadership capabilities, confidence, and ability to pursue higher education and career opportunities.

ECOC's youth programming also includes the Summit, free SAT prep classes, scholarship and financial aid workshops, and iInspire. More than seven hundred youth participated in those programs in the last twelve months. Scholarships and educational gifts in the amount of \$98,000 were awarded to youth at the Educating Children of Color Summit on 1-13-24.

Today, we reach out to you with a heartfelt request: Would you consider donating to our silent auction? Your generous contributions are tax-deductible (tax ID# 46-3347809) and will be acknowledged in our event materials.

We are so grateful to you for your support of our youth and of our community. Thank you for helping us to Eclipse Differences and Embrace Equity!

Shantelle Bridges, Board of Directors and Event Chair

Marissa Prince, Executive Director