Lara Knuettel Named CEO of Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center in Denver

Knuettel brings more than 25 years of non-profit experience to the JCC Denver

DENVER, Colo., November 14, 2017 – After serving as interim CEO for the past three months, the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC Denver) just announced that Lara Knuettel has been named the CEO. Lara brings with her more than 25 years of experience in development and non-profit work.

“We are thrilled to have Lara officially join the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center team after showcasing her leadership over the past several months,” said Gary Wagner, chairman of the board at the JCC Denver. “Lara’s wealth of knowledge of non-profit organizations and her past experience supporting families at Aspen Academy have set Lara up for success as the CEO of our beloved JCC.”

Prior to serving as the interim CEO of the JCC Denver, Lara was the director of advancement at Aspen Academy where she was responsible for the development, admissions, communications and marketing departments. In that role she helped cultivate families’ school experiences as they moved through the admissions process and into the school community. She also upheld the schools core values through volunteerism, philanthropy and leadership. Before that she served as the director of development at Aspen Academy.

Before moving to Denver, Knuettel worked in development and fundraising for the UCLA Medical Center and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and was the executive director of the For The Love of Life Foundation. Knuettel received her undergraduate degree at University of Buffalo with a BA in English and her MBA at Fordham in Competitive Strategy & Management Systems.
“One of my goals as the CEO of the JCC Denver is to continue to build community by combining our values and expertise to position the JCC as a place for anyone who is looking to build meaningful connections,” said Knuettel. “We want the JCC to be a place that enhances people’s lives by adding value, joy and spirituality to everyone who passes through our doors.”

The Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit www.jccdenver.org or call (303) 399-2660.

ABOUT STAENBERG-LOUP JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
The Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC Denver) serves the metro-Denver area through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs that are rooted in Jewish values. The JCC Denver’s mission is to create a vibrant and inclusive family and social gathering place, guided by these timeless Jewish values. The J’s four program areas focus on connection, community and well-being and include: a robust fitness, sports, tennis and aquatic center; Early Childhood Engagement, including an Early Learning School and a variety of programs for families; the Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) which offers Denver Children’s Theatre, JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies & Music), Denver Jewish Film Festival, Wolf Summer Theater Academy, Art Academy and adult art classes; summer camps including Ranch Camp and Camp Shai; intergenerational and older adult programming like the Grandparent Connect Group and Jewish Aging Mastery Program (JAMP). The JCC Denver is located at 350 S. Dahlia St. in Denver. For more information, visit www.jccdenver.org or call (303) 399-2660.

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