Your Name: Eliza Mott

Your PIFP Organization: ProgressNow Colorado Education

Please give a brief description of what you do for your organization:
I am helping out on a specific project called Leave it Better Colorado, which is like Humans of New York but for Colorado. For this project I have helped in the content collection process, interviewing, transcribing, editing and capturing the different stories we find throughout this great mountain state. I have also helped in preliminary planning and research for the different site visits and interviews.

During my time at Progress Now Colorado I have also helped in the grant writing and sponsorship process, researching information for the grant narrative, calculating the future budget, and researching potential sponsors to help fund the project. For the grant and project proposals I helped design mockups of both the future website and the social media pages.

What’s the most interesting thing you’ve learned in your fellowship so far?
One of the most valuable things I have learned is about how a successful non-profit works and all the different ways in which you can raise money for a project.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?
Unsurprisingly, I am very much interested in helping others and in improving the world around me. The Public Interest Fellowship Program helped in giving me options and then the ability to narrow down my interests and finding something in the nonprofit world that provides meaningful work in an area that I was interested (public relations and film).

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?
Being outside always! Hiking, biking, running, jumping, swimming, skiing, dancing; I love doing all of these things with a bunch of adventure buds.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?
I’m entirely unsurprising once you realize that I can hardly ever be still.