

Ryan Howser

From: Rebecca Rudder2
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Ryan Howser
Subject: FW: CO Pumpkin Patch

Hello Ryan,

I would appreciate if you could add Ms. Resner's email in support of the Colorado Pumpkin Patch to the record.

Thank you!!



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August 26, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I have had the opportunity to work for the Colorado Pumpkin Patch, as their outdoor kitchen manager, for the last several years. At the beginning of each season, I will have anywhere from 15-30 teens come through my kitchen for training. Due to this, I have had the opportunity to see many of these teen helpers grow both emotionally and physically.

JD & Bengetta Chapman strive to provide a safe and encouraging work environment for all of their employees. For many of these kids this is their first experience working a "real" job. At the beginning of the season, the Chapman's provide an opportunity for the kids to try out a variety of jobs throughout the patch, not only to broaden their experience but also to ensure that the "job" they end up with is a good fit for everyone involved.

The Colorado Pumpkin Patch helps instill these youth and teens with valuable life skills, such as; confidence, integrity and perseverance while building lasting friendships. In addition, they are gaining invaluable job experience; time management, team building & leadership skills. The Chapman's are building the future!

Because the Colorado Pumpkin Patch provides volunteer and job opportunities for so many youth and teens, our community benefits. They provide a safe and healthy place for our youth and teens to spend their time, keeping them off the streets and out of trouble. Once these kids reach 16, many of them choose to go out and find more permanent & long-term employment in the community, filling a vital need. The patch also attracts families from several nearby towns and cities, including Colorado Springs and Denver, increasing tourism to our beautiful city during non-peak times.

Please don't let a few disgruntled people keep this amazing program from continuing to positively impact our entire community. Help the Colorado Pumpkin Patch find a viable solution that is mutually beneficial to both them and the town of Monument, so it can continue to bring joy to all those who enter its gates.

Sincerely,
Pamela Resner
Canterbury Community Resident