

## BOOST in the Know



“Our belief is that learning happens while a child is both inside and outside the classroom.” In their El Paso Times editorial piece, [United Way of El Paso](#) Executive Director Deb Zuloaga and [Paso Del Norte Health Foundation](#) CEO Tracy Yellen highlight the importance of participating in OST programs for students and families this back to school season. Read the opinion piece [here](#).

## El Paso Giving Day

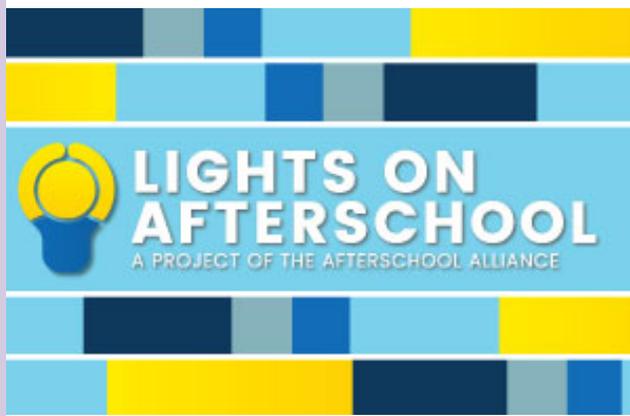


October 15 is El Paso Giving Day and many of our BOOST Network members are participating in the annual event to raise awareness and funds for their programs.

If you aren't participating this year, we hope you sign up for the 2021 El Paso Giving Day. In the meantime, you can show your support to our fellow BOOST members, by visiting the El Paso Giving Day website [here](#).

## Member Highlights and Activities

# Virtual Lights on Afterschool Event



The **BOOST Network** is excited to participate in the nationwide Lights on Afterschool event! This year's event will be virtual, but will still celebrate the tremendous work that out-of-school time providers in our region do year-round to keep youth engaged and learning. Celebrate with us by tuning in to our live virtual event on Thursday, October 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Register for the event [here](#).

## Free Hockey for Boys and Girls Club



The **El Paso Rhinos** and the **Boys and Girls Clubs of El Paso** have partnered to offer a free learn to skate/play program beginning in December 2020. Participating Club members will be provided with equipment and transportation while utilizing social distancing and sanitizing measures to ensure everyone's safety. This new program offers youth access to positive mentors, resources, and now, the opportunity to play hockey for free! Learn more [here](#).

## #ImagineElPaso Campaign



**Insights** will be participating in the #ImagineElPaso campaign, a collaboration between various cultural organizations in El Paso to stand together and remain seen as places of education, inspiration, and community even during the pandemic. Stay tuned for more details as they prepare to share resources that spark imagination in the coming weeks.

## SEL + OST = Perfect Together Report



Afterschool, summer, and other out-of-school-time programs can be ideal settings for children to develop their social and emotional well-being when skilled and trusted adults are there to guide them, according to this conference report published by the **Wallace Foundation** and **NSLA**. Download the report [here](#).

## 2020 COVID-19 Recovery, Preparedness, and Transformation Call for Letters of Intent (LOI)



**The Paso del Norte Health Foundation** seeks Letters of Intent (LOI) from eligible organizations to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, prepare for a potential second wave or future crisis, or transform their operations for future success. For more information, contact **Michael Kelly**, Vice President of Programs for the Health Foundation before submission. For more information please click [here](#).

## HEPA Standards 2.0

**The National AfterSchool Association** and **Paso del Norte Health Foundation's Healthy Kids Initiative** invites you to download the Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) Standards Tool version 2.0. The tool encourages you to tailor the



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In 2011 the National AfterSchool Association adopted standards for healthy eating and physical activity (HEPA) in Out-of-School time.

standards listed to your program's specific needs as you strive to be a high-quality program that promotes healthy behaviors. In **version 2.0** you will find a more streamlined, user-friendly version of the Standards. Download the assessment tool as well **here**.

## The Importance of OST Today



**El Paso**  
**Times**

From leadership development programs to sport and dance activities, out-of-school time (OST) programs provide a safe space for all youth to discover their academic and creative potential. Hear from Paso del Norte region community leaders on how OST programs can help children thrive during this back to school season in the El Paso Times editorial column **here**.

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