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00:02 David Allison

Tiffany, thank you so much for joining me today. I really appreciate your time and I wonder if you could just start by introducing yourself, sharing your name and a little bit more about yourself. We'll kind of go from there.

00:12 Tiffany Stockard

So my name is Tiffany Stockard. I am the office manager for the Broomfield Community Foundation. I've lived in Broomfield or close to Broomfield pretty much my whole life. We moved here when I was one. My family, actually my grandpa's grandparents, met in Louisville and they were both from France. They didn't know each other and they migrated here from France and they had a homestead in Windsor, for a long time. So, yeah. I have four grown kids now, two of them still close, one semi-close in Colorado Springs and one in Minnesota.

01:06 David Allison

Fantastic. Tell me a little bit more. I don't know if you know the family history of your grandparents. Can you tell me what brought them to the area, was it mining or anything like that?

01:20 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, yeah, so well, I don't, actually don't know about grandma. And their last name was **Gaben, but Amand Gaben?** and his brother came here from France. So they lived in Alsace-Lorraine. I don't know if you know that place in France, but they grew up French. They had an older brother who was going to inherit everything. I was told that they were kind of over there or something. So that the younger ones obviously didn't get to inherit any land. So they came here for land and then also for the mines around here. Grandpa spoke seven languages. He was very well educated. And so he was actually what they would call it, a foreman or manager of the mines, because he could speak so many languages. He could speak to all the immigrants coming here. So he kinda was like a boss, I don't know what the title was.

02:28 David Allison

Foreman?

02:29 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah. They had ten kids, and the homestead in Windsor. And what's actually interesting is that, too, so that's the DeGaben side and my grandpa, his dad's name was Edward De Gaben. He married Mabel DeGaben, ah, Mabel Sider? was her name; but another sister of Mabel's married Eddy DeGaben's brother.

03:01 David Allison

Oh my goodness. Wow, intertwined.

03:06 Tiffany Stockard

So anyway, we have family still pretty much here, and some moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, but you know, pretty much all the way from there down to here.

03:16 David Allison

Pretty much the Front Range.

03:18 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, yeah.

03:19 David Allison

Very cool, very cool. So can you tell me a little bit more about, you said, you've lived in or near Broomfield? What did that kind of progression look like?

03:30 Tiffany Stockard

I grew up here and went to Broomfield High School, graduating in 1987. I met my husband actually through friends working at Domino's Pizza which used to be over where the lake is, in that strip mall. I don't even know if Domino's is still there. I think they've moved. But anyway, my friends were working there, my husband's a few years older, but they got me a job and we met. We lived in Northglenn a little bit, Westminster a little bit. And now we live off 100th and Wadsworth, which the mailing address is Broomfield but it's still in Jefferson County, Westminster. My parents met because my mom grew up in Cheyenne and went to the University of Wyoming and that's where they met. Then when I was about a year old, they moved here.

04:32 David Allison

So what brought them here?

04:36 Tiffany Stockard

I think my Dad had applied for a job at the police department; I think that's what it was, because I think at that time, my mom did not.... My little sister and I were very close in age, only 14 months apart. I don't think she was working yet. She ended up working at Western Electric, which then turned into AT&T and all that. Yeah, she wasn't working then. Then I went to Emerald elementary school.

05:13 David Allison

Yes, So that meant that you were probably living down in that area.

05:18 Tiffany Stockard

Yes we lived right off of First Avenue, where Dairy Queen is; our backyard was on the other side of there.

05:27 David Allison

Got it. That makes sense, yes.

05:31 Tiffany Stockard

So I think in high school we moved. I think I was in ninth grade, we moved over by Birch, on Birch Street by Birch Elementary.

05:39 David Allison

What are some of your earlier memories of growing up in that area? Maybe, the elementary school, friends and that sort of thing?

05:50 Tiffany Stockard

I think Emerald was a big thing, like a big memory. Like my first day here, no, my first week here, we took a grant check to.....

06:07 David Allison

Oh, the Garden to Table?

06:11 Tiffany Stockard

Yes, thank you. I just remember the old school, because it's not the same as it was, you know, but I remember, even as a kid, that school felt old. Because that was, that was in the 80's. (inaudible) We walked to school, my sister and I, but it was only a few blocks, and we always walked to school. You don't see kids do that as much more, you know, today. But, I remember we would go play over there as kids and ride our bikes, and then Midway Park, all this area, the Girl Scout shelter. We would leave in the morning and we'd just have to be back by ???.

So we didn't, you know, I remember doing that kind of thing. (inaudible) And with the neighborhood kids, I remember quite a few friends and we're still friends on Facebook, and I still see them. We've been to high school together. I remember our teacher was kind of an institution at Emerald School, her name was Miss Carson. She never married. She was, I am quite sure that they don't use this term anymore, but you'd call her an old maid; like she was Catholic and she never married, never dated. She was just like that old term. But she was kind of an institution. Everybody wanted her as a teacher. Somewhere I have a photo.

07:56 David Allison

That's great. Tell me what, how did you see things change? in Broomfield as you're kind of growing up? If anything?

08:06 Tiffany Stockard

You know, not a lot, actually. I mean, for a lot. Now recently, that's a different story. But you know, even through high school, I think the things I remember changing was, it was a huge...for a long time, we only had.....Broomfield was like a really small town, very isolated, even though we're close to Denver, close to Boulder. When I was a kid growing up, there was a restaurant called the **Dinitos**, there was a Safeway, there was a Tasty Freeze, and the donut shop, and that was kind of it. And I do remember, it was a huge deal when we got a McDonald's, you know, that was amazing. And then, a few things started changing, we finally got a Pizza Hut. We finally got a Taco Bell and a **7-11**, like we had, you know, that stuff changed a little bit. But still, Broomfield was pretty isolated. There wasn't, you know, a lot of crazy growth like there is now. It just felt like you were kind of growing up in a small town even though you're not a huge city but a bigger city. So that was kind of the cool thing about it, you know, although, when you're an adult now, looking back at the high school, **inaudible until...**

10:03 David Allison

So let me hear just a little...yeah, small town..... with not many things to do, like hanging out with friends, so what was that like?

10:16 Tiffany Stockard

A lot of it revolved around sports for, for us in our, our group. Well, the ball team was good. We went to State a lot.

10:24 David Allison

Nice.

10:26 Tiffany Stockard

And our band was good. So I was in the band and the band, we'd practice ...**(inaudible)** So we went I think it was maybe a sophomore, we went to.....we won the state championship as a band. It's interesting, because you hear I mean, you hear, you think typically like, oh, it's only the football players. But really, the whole school kind of rallied around all, like the soccer team won state that year, that was a big deal. In high school, the basketball team is winning State, too. That was big. Basically our social stuff was around sports. And then things that were happening with with the kids playing sports, you know, and you go to football games, or basketball games, do all that kind of stuff.

11:24 David Allison

Were there like pep rallies associated with those things or was it more just like you go to the games?

11:29 Tiffany Stockard

No, there was pep rallies, I mean. I don't remember. I remember more for the basketball team, not as **...(inaudible)**....to make sure that our presence was known to, you know, the other schools and whatnot.

11:53 Tiffany Stockard

So we did that too.

11:54 David Allison

But you show up for the games and everything.

11:56 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, yeah.

11:58 David Allison

Awesome. So tell me kind of about your trajectory after high school. What was next for you after that?

12:06 Tiffany Stockard

Um, you know, you don't really, like I wasn't one of those kids that had a big plan or anything.

12:15 Tiffany Stockard

I just, I don't know. I did you know, even for a few years I think. I did like one year in college and I really didn't, I wasn't into it. I really wasn't into school that much as a student. I was more social, like the social aspect of it. And I think I just really wanted to.. this sounds so weird... but I really wanted to be a mom.

12:42 David Allison

Yeah

12:43 Tiffany Stockard

So I met **inaudible** at Domino's **inaudible** and got married. So we have four children. In my other life, before this life right now, I was a hairdresser for 20 years, so I worked as a hairdresser and raised our kids and our girls played soccer here, they played with Broomfield this week

13:24 Tiffany Stockard

They played soccer here and we've stayed connected here. So...

13:29 David Allison

What (inaudible)

13:34 Tiffany Stockard

It was good and bad, in a sense that it was good because I knew the area I knew stuff I knew, you know, I felt secure. I felt like they were secure and whatnot. But also as we're getting older the area started growing and getting bigger and more traffic. I just, that's the thing, I don't even mind that people being here. The traffic drives me crazy. And it would always be, it was, like, you know, drive from our house to the soccer fields over where the soccer fields are going to go. Without the traffic, it takes like maybe 10,15 minutes, but I have to allow sometimes 45 minutes to get from my house, which is ridiculous, so that drives me crazy. But um it was good. I mean, they went to Jefferson Academy, which is right down here Yeah. And they liked it, I think. I was something you know some things but yeah, so not all my kids...they're at Broomfield high school like thankfully, my **...inaudible...** high school so yeah.

14:54 David Allison

.....that when you're a hairdresser, you're really connected with a lot of people, you get a chance to talk with them and that sort of thing. What was that like, that kind of sense of community that developed in that way?

15:09 Tiffany Stockard

Um, it is like that. I mean, it's weird where a lot of people would just tell me what I didn't really need or want to know. (Laughter) It definitely helps you stay connected with people a lot more than you....inaudible for about 30 second stretch

16:07 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, it was like that a little bit. I've been a little bit out of it for a while now. Not, not in it. But it's interesting. Even being here at the Foundation, I'll meet people that are saying, "Oh, no, I know that person" or "Oh, no, I went to, I went to high school with that person" and I'm like, "really??" (Laughter)

16:27 David Allison

Yeah, that's great. That's great. So tell me a little bit more. What are some other kind of groups or organizations, that sort of thing, that you've been maybe involved with over the years in the area?

16:39 Tiffany Stockard

Let's see, trying to think about it, a lot of it revolves around my kids that, like PTAs at the schools, parent groups at the schools, sports stuff, especially the soccer. So my girls played, not the oldest one, but the two younger ones played competitive soccer. So that was, that took up a ton of our time, as you know...

17:07 David Allison

Just traveling....

17:09 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, doing all that stuff. And not really, between working and I wasn't in a lot of other activities until they were grown. I didn't do a lot of other things besides them. Yeah, it was, it was a lot of.. Yeah, it was a lot of that kind of thing. I mean, I did and still have stayed connected with other people from high school. Kids I knew, more or less, went to school with. We have reunions, but we haven't had one recently, though, because no one wants to plan it, is my guess. Yeah, it's doing all the planning, but. And there's a group of us from high school that are still ... I would say maybe three or four times a year, and we'll get together and craft and do crafting; like nothing formal or no formal organizations or anything. But we do crafting and that kind of stuff. So I think it's more that people I knew that I stay connected with and not so much like groups and that kind of stuff.

18:18 David Allison

So tell me about your connection with the Community Foundation, and kind of how that started, and a little bit more about your position.

18:25 Tiffany Stockard

Well, so I had gone back to school. And I went to Front Range first. And then I went to Regis, and 2020 hit and I was graduating. And so then I'll be you know, looking for a job trying to find something and I don't know it, then I stopped looking for a while because it was so weird, right during COVID. And it was just bizarre. And then one of my daughters decided to join the army and get married and move away. So though, like that was a focus for a little while.

Well, then finally I started buckling down looking for a job again and I saw the ad for the foundation. And I remember Andrea was on the board. So I'm texting Andrea, "Hey, I saw this job application. I'm gonna apply for it." She's like, Okay, I'm gonna let them know. I'm gonna **text in and out**. So that's kind of, um, you know, how I started. Yeah, I mean, one of the things they wanted, I remember in the job call was they wanted, like, maybe somebody who knew Broomfield. And so I think that helps the fact that I, you know, had grown up here and lived here and whatnot. And that kind of started from there and started the ball rolling, and then here I am now, doing all this fun stuff. So it's worked out good. I mean, I wasn't, originally when I went back to school, I really wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I wanted to do something different. And I thought I was gonna do human resources, but then I got **to offset??** the Front Range Community College Foundation, that did it and then a parent, **inaudible**

20:00 David Allison
familiar with a...

20:09 Tiffany Stockard
inaudible

20:19 David Allison

Tell me about some of the things that you did that you do in your role; you said you get to do all sorts of fun stuff.

inaudible

20:32 David Allison
That's a pretty fun thing

inaudible

20:45 Tiffany Stockard

...doing a different, like, even small organizations, all the way up to super big ones **reviewing them** and what they're doing in Broomfield, that they're having, you know, like, there's one, it's a bigger organization called **Reach Out....??**. Have you heard of it?

21:02 David Allison
Yeah I have heard of it.

21:03 Tiffany Stockard

I didn't realize that they are nationwide. So I had no idea. And I was in Hawaii with my daughter before they moved back. And at the baby's well child check and they brought her a book and I was like, you

know, we granted this organization that **inaudible** and she was like, “they do a great job.” It is! So it was like even from Hawaii, there’s still kind of like a connection back home.

21:23 David Allison

Yeah.

21:25 Tiffany Stockard

That's super fun. Being able to just go to the organizations and do their site visits, that's fun. And then also with our donors. So we had that big 30th anniversary just last year. And we planned a whole event for the founders. And that was really cool, too, to see who, you know, had started everything, to connect with them, learn about what they're all doing now, a lot of them are older and retired. And the very first director, we'd met her and she was, “So proud of you, girls, you are a;; doing awesome.” So that was really cool to meet her. I think she lives in Iowa now..

22:07 David Allison

Wow, that's amazing

22:08 Tiffany Stockard

But one of the things when I was doing all that, is I got to go back through all the old, old papers. We were trying to make sure that we had a list of all the, you know, the past board members, and I made you know, we had a list, but it didn't go all the way back. And so I got to go back and look at all that stuff. And that was kind of cool too, to see all that historic stuff. That was pretty nice.

22:32 David Allison

Yeah, see those kind of early days and how they were able to figure out how to just start something from nothing, really....

22:40 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, yeah.

22:42 David Allison

...and make it happen, you know. Really impressive.

22:44 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, it was, from my understanding, it was kind of a group of businessmen who kind of kept getting hit up for like, like, oh, you know, we need money for this or that. So well, we put together like, you know, 501c3 and a community foundation, then we can, you know..

23:03 David Allison

have more impact....

23:04 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, and have more impact and control and not control it. But you know, I mean, having an impact. And not just like every, every few months do something. And it was I mean, it was cool to see that

change of like from the beginning. I think it's like \$12,000, they gave away the first year in grants. And then now, we're up close to \$300,000 that we're giving in grants. So yeah, so it's been, it's pretty cool. But it was cool to see all that old stuff. That was neat.

23:31 David Allison

When did the foundation?...so it's 30 years ago, which would have been....

23:34 Tiffany Stockard

It was 1993

23:36 David Allison

1993, yeah. Wow. That's fantastic. Yeah. What else? What didn't we talk about yet?

23:50 Tiffany Stockard

Well, wait, well, we didn't talk about.. we talked about it before you turned on the microphone, but The Manor.

23:54 David Allison

Oh, yes.

23:56 Tiffany Stockard

The Manor. I mean, I just remember that being... like the steak.... like you'd go there and it was one of those old like diner kind of thing. I always wanted to sit at the counter and my mom never wanted to. But as a kid, "we want to sit on the counter." But they had really good French Dip, also really good prime rib. I remember that.

24:18 David Allison

So, the options were you could sit at a counter, or you could sit at tables, or was it booths?

24:25 Tiffany Stockard

I think there were both, but I don't have a good memory of that. I just remember wanting to sit at the counter. (Laughter) I remember that. I don't have a good memory of the tables, then I also remember **bonitos?**; my grandparents would come down. Although now looking back, I'm not sure that I would totally trust their food judgment. I mean, they're long gone. They always wanted to go there because they thought it was great Mexican food. I don't even really know if it was or wasn't, you know, I was a kid. But we always go to Bonitos, I remember that, and then The Donut Factory.

25:05 David Allison

Okay so can you....where were those two located?

25:09 Tiffany Stockard

So Bonitos is where Three Margaritas is now, but it's a different building.

25:13 David Allison

Yeah, yeah. okay

25:14 Tiffany Stockard

But that's where it was, so right there, and then The Donut Factory was, so where that Home Goods is but it's like, so if you go a little bit South and there's like those like, kind of, well not the strip mall across the street, but it's south of there on the other side where there's restaurants..

25:41 David Allison

Oh yes, by the Fire Station

25:43 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, so that used to be where Safeway was; that was the only grocery store we had and then behind it there was like a little strip mall kind of situation and that's where The Donut Factory was.

25:53 David Allison

Okay, okay

25:54 Tiffany Stockard

So kind of where HomeGoods is now, that was the big thing, that the Donut Factory was there.

26:01 David Allison

That would have been basically the old Broomfield Heights Shopping Center?

26:10 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, it was.(inaudible).. I also remember, speaking of, I also remember, this was always a big topic when people came into town, or the turnpike was, or is, I think it's 36. But it was the turnpike but they had the dog, right?

26:31 David Allison

Yes. That was Shep's grave.

26:34 Tiffany Stockard

That was a topic. (inaudible)

26:47 David Allison

Do you remember when he was moved to the Depot?

(inaudible)

27:06 David Allison

I'm from the Midwest, and I love donuts. And I find that there aren't very many good donut places in Colorado, compared to the Midwest. What were the donuts like at TheDonut factory? Can you describe them?

27:21 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, I know they were, I don't know, just light and fluffy and delicious. I think it's hard here. And I know I can say this because I'm a baker. And because I grew up here. It's hard to bake here if you didn't grow up here, too.

27:41 David Allison

Yeah, yeah.

27:42 Tiffany Stockard

Have you ever tried the...have you ever been on top of Pikes Peak and tried the donuts up there?

27:47 David Allison

Yes. Yes.

27:47 Tiffany Stockard

Because you know, when you come to it, like you have to change everything. But if you bring them down to regular altitude, they flatten.

27:54 David Allison

Interesting. Yeah, I've only just scarfed down when I'm up at the top.

27:59 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah. So but you have weird vape here, so you kind of have to run baking here to be able to, and I don't know, how about the folks who, who originally ran it or anything, but my sense is they probably knew and how that they had...they they knew what they were doing and all that kind of thing.

28:31 David Allison

I think actually one of the better donut places that I've been to, like all of the Front Range, is actually 5280 over here. I think they're really good.

28:38 Tiffany Stockard

Really?

28:39 David Allison

Yeah. Great. Yeah, it's just right across 287 here. Very good. And the same thing that you're describing; very light, the dough is not too dense.

28:46 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, yeah. This has nothing to...(inaudible)...bakery and they did Portuguese donuts

29:06 Tiffany Stockard

Back in September, I was there in August for my birthday and we gotta go to Leonard's? bakery one more time. (inaudible)....One more time before...

29:21 David Allison

You said, you're a baker. What are some of the things you like to bake?

29:25 Tiffany Stockard

Umm..Anything. Cinnamon Rolls, cookies. I'll do....well, you're from the Midwest. You probably know the random burgers?. (inaudible section about 20 sec.)

29:55 David Allison

I asked because I love baking too. And yeah, the cinnamon rolls is one that sometimes I would get asked, "Dad would you just make some cinnamon rolls?" . And I'm like, Well, the question is, do I want to be up until like midnight? As with all, like rising and letting it...

inaudible

30:11 David Allison

I have not. Does that work pretty well?

30:15 Tiffany Stockard

Yes. So I learned it actually, no rise, at the high school. So you can make the dough overnight and you do like your first rise. And then you, you know, roll them out, do all that stuff and then you put them in the refrigerator. And then the next day. The way I do it now is, I'll get a pan of hot water and I'll turn the oven on, but then turn it off, like get up to 350, and then I turn it off. And then, you put your pan of cinnamon rolls in, and then let them rise for 20 minutes and then you can bake them.

30:56 David Allison

That'll save some time. I'll do that. inaudible My wife doesn't like any other cinnamon rolls, other than like the homemade ones, so they request them fairly free.

31:17 David Allison

It's a commitment.

31:18 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah, it...

31:22 David Allison

The (inaudible) sound like a commitment as well because you have to stuff that...or do you stuff it or?

31:29 Tiffany Stockard

...use a potato bread recipe, like potato dough or whatever. And then you do the rise; low amount and then you do stuff them. So I do... I used to use hamburger and now I've switched to sausage.

31:53 Tiffany Stockard

Sometimes..... Well, I probably won't do that this weekend, because it'll be too spicy for my granddaughter; she doesn't like to eat hot sauces. You want a little spice to it. My mom used to make

them as a kid, my mom used to be **vegan?** That'd be likeand cabbage, that would be it. Well, so I do the meat. And then I boil the cabbage and I add like, you know, herbs and onions and garlic and all that stuff. And then what I do is, I'll put the meat in, I'll do the cabbage, and then I do cheese in it, and then I'll usually add, like, maybe some jalapenos or some green chilis in it.. Yeah.

32:36 David Allison

You dip it in, or is it just...? **(inaudible)**

31:53 David Allison

Okay. Okay. All about sauces.

32:47 Tiffany Stockard

So yeah, you can ...**(inaudible about 20 sec.)**

33:11 Tiffany Stockard

..just like it was a year ago.

33:17 David Allison

That's amazing. Do you know how your family got it? It was... Was it because of the connection, and I think, didn't they originate in, like Nebraska, or somewhere? Like that part of **the Arunsos?**

33:34 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah. No, I have to ask my mom. I have no idea how she got started making it.

33:39 David Allison

Interesting.

33:40 Tiffany Stockard

I mean, yeah, I don't know, grandma. So remember, I talked about the Mabel who had my.. **inaudible**

33:51 David Allison

That'd be great.

33:51 Tiffany Stockard

Because I have great grandma Mabel's picture right here, too.

33:54 Tiffany Stockard

Okay, so we're....

33:57 David Allison

I love it when kids are named after, like, when the name stays in the family. That's a beautiful thing; we have one of our daughters, is named Lena, after a grandma.

34:10 Tiffany Stockard.

This baby is named Mabel; she was just born on the 27th. But it's that picture of...here it is. Okay, so this is a five generation picture. So that's me. That's my mom. That's my grandpa. So it was his parents that came here, his paternal grandparents came here from France. This is Mabel right here and this is her dad, Grandpa Neese. I don't remember what his first name is.

34:39 David Allison

Those smiles are great, by the way, I love it.

34:42 Tiffany Stockard

He came here from Kansas in a car.

34:47 David Allison

Wow. That's amazing.

34:49 Tiffany Stockard

I know. Yeah, tough life and tough. Yeah, but she... I don't know. I don't know how she made...

35:01 David Allison

It's fascinating, it's fascinating

35:03 Tiffany Stockard

Yeah

35:05 David Allison

It's really been fun. Thanks so much for your time today, I appreciate it.