

# Christy \_ David Broomfield Out...Depot (2024-02-17 11\_27 GMT-7)

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Dave: Good. Morning, Christine, thank you so much for chatting with me today. I really appreciate you coming in. I wonder if you could just maybe start by introducing yourself and just sharing maybe a little bit more

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Christy: Ok, my name is Christy Campbell and I'm a lifelong resident of Broomfield. My parents moved here in like 1971 or 72. So I was just a toddler at the time. I've lived here my whole life went to Broomfield High School. Both my husband and myself have had the pleasure of working and living within Broomfield. We both worked at Hunter Douglas for many years and COVID kind of change that so we found other other employment opportunities but we're still in Broomfield still in the same house. So yeah.

Dave: So can you tell me a little bit more about your parents?

Christy: So they, when they were first married, they bought a little house in Arvada, that would be like I -70 ish and Wads(Wadsworth) in that area, like the old town Arvada area for about 8000. And I think when he worked for the Denver Rio Grande Railroad, he was an engineer. And they had a little bit of extra money and there was a second baby coming, so they decided to buy in his brand new development a little further away. And that's where they could afford so they bought a little house on East Sixth Avenue.Yeah.

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Dave: So what are some of the things? *Garbled remainder of this question*

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Christy: So childhood was great, so being there on Sixth Avenue, kind of where the King Soopers sits right on 120th and Sheridan there used to be a large field back there. And my dad had we had motorcycles growing up so we used to go play in that field and ride our motorcycles in the back of that area. It used to be a cow pasture. Yeah, and my cross street neighbor her dad was the fire chief Mr. O'Hare. Dave: Yes yes.

Christy: Grew up right across the street for those two and we just had a great childhood fireworks, barbecues you know we used to shut down the street and the fireworks and over there at the lake at the all my guests would be the senior center now so yeah, that's childhood was amazing here yeah.

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Dave: Did you attend like Broomfield Days?

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Christy: Oh, yes. Very much so yeah. A lot of fun the parades you know, they had I mean, it used to be a three day event kind of when we were growing up like they had the bands Friday night and the bed races and that kind of stuff. So it's just it was a three day weekend kind of thing. So yeah. Yeah, the pancake breakfast they still do that but yeah, it was it was great grown up here it used to actually Broomfield days used to be where, gosh, it used to be where Shakey's Pizza was and there was boom, got I can't think of the name of that restaurant.

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Christ: Oh, God, I can. I can see

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it. I just can't think of it at the moment. It would be kind of where Wells Fargo would be right now. Okay. Yeah, that old shopping center. Junks? It was the Junk restaurant. Yeah, I think it was called Junks. Yeah.

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Dave: Hotel?

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Uh huh. Yum. Yeah, the Broomfield Manor. I do remember very vividly as a kid. We had a tornado come right now on Main Street. And I remember two by fours being like impaled right into the, into the Broomfield Manor. It saw its days for sure. And then it got a little seedy towards the end. It was not in the not exactly the nicest place, but but it served its purpose. Sure. And then the barbershop was right next to it.

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Dave: So you mentioned you worked at Hunter Douglas. So can you tell me kind of like as you like what happened after (garbled) ?

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Chrisy: So my brother had unfortunately passed away. He committed suicide. So my parents we went from Sixth Avenue and he bought a house and Country Estates. My my dad, my mom bought the house in Country Estates. So I spent my high school days in that neighborhood. But after high school, I got married at the age of 23. My husband and I also bought a house in Broomfield in the first filing. He was my first husband and just trying to raise a family still do the same things. In fact, we still have our childhood friends that I had growing up from Nativity -(church) days. Mentioned Nativity of our Lord

went to Emerald Elementary , Broomfield High School, we still have about a group about a good 50 to 60 people that we still get together with on a yearly basis. Yeah. It really felt like family. And just to have those lifelong friendships is amazing. I don't think many people have that anymore. For me, right, even though we've all scattered, you know, like some people are in Idaho and Alaska, and, you know, pockets, but everybody kind of comes together every one, to couple years. And we just get together as a big group, husbands and all so yeah, it's amazing.

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Dave Yeah so should *Garbled*?

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Christy : At 120. Yeah, It used to be a field back there. What King Soopers wasn't there?

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Dave: So yeah (*Garbled*)I know, like people's space is open space. Right?

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Christy: Exactly. so,I'm trying to think of when that was developed, I want to say maybe when I was in middle school, so that would have been like, early 80s, I think is when that started when that neighborhood started to develop a little bit and grow. But it seemed like I don't know I guess when you've been here for so long things just trying to change slowly and you don't really pay attention to them. I guess if that makes sense. Yeah.

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Dave: Business when I started just a few years ago, there? *not understandable*

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Christy: There was nothing there. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I do remember, you know, coming down from like, I-70. As a kid with my dad being on the railroad, I used to drive or I used to be on the ski train with him all the time. So I kind of grew up on the ski train. And I remember kind of coming down you could vividly pick out like, here was Denver, way over there was Lakewood. Here's Wheat Ridge. And you could kind of see the difference in the cities in the pockets in between. But now when you come down, it's just a massive sea of homes. So I know it's just nothing but total sprawl of suburbia, I guess.

Dave: Exception right.Is that right?

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this kind of place versus City? Yeah. So Westminster. Um,

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Christy: I always felt Broomfield was a very safe community. Um, Northglenn never really felt that safe to me. I don't know why. Maybe because it was just a tad bit older than Broomfield and Broomfield was newer. That was just my perception, I guess. But I don't I don't think I really thought of it that way. I

mean, we had friends that you know, we played sports against in, you know, that went to Centaurus or, you know, Boulder and, you know, I just I don't think I thought of it that way is you know, Broomfield kind of being the goody two shoe. City. I just, it was just my home, I guess. Yeah.

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Dave: So tell me about... Broomfield shortly after?. filing? Yo, what was kind of my guess is that the first filing when it was first opened? Christy: Yes. Dave: *Garbled* It's that like,

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Christy: um, you know, it was amazing how fast I think the neighborhood changed because we (Christy and her husband) bought the home from his mom. And, you know, they were the original owners of the home. And, you know, there were a lot of elderly people at the time. But then, you know, once the younger generation kind of moved in, and then you had little ones running around and, you know, bikes and that kind of thing. It was quickly how fast the neighborhood kind of rolled I think, you know, and the younger, younger kids about our age started moving in. So yeah, it was amazing. I'm like, gosh, I don't think I paid that much for that house back. Dav:e (garbled) Christy: I know. Yeah.

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Dave: So tell me just a little bit, or some of the things that maybe you're involved with, kind of activities, things that you're gonna do.

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Christy: Oh, um, well. I would say it would have been through church through high school and then I kind of faded away from that, but I was always very much involved in Broomfield and then as my son went to Broomfield when he grew up he graduated in 2017. Broomfield Jam. I think I lived in that Jam shed and had paint on my elbows for about four to five years. So yeah, Jam was/is an incredible community based function. I think it's it's a well oiled machine and there's a lot of dedicated parents to make that happen. Because I think that what started Jam - I think that accident happened in what 1983 where they have the they have the accident and that young lady was killed.

So and that's how- Jam was created. Dave I heard that Christy: Yep. It Off shoot off of that.

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Dave *Garbled* Was that - how about?

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Christy: I think so. I think so that was kind of right before I hit into high school. And so I don't really paid attention to where it was just kind of where we started from, I guess.

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Dave: So tell me a little bit more. *Garbled* at. You had Hunter Douglas. Yep. Yeah.

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Christy: So my husband worked there. 25. And I was there 16. And then we left, I guess, right at COVID. So they offered some buyouts and we took it and started over. So he's now at FedEx, and I am

at a little company called Urban Grow. So it's an architecture design and construction firm all rolled into one. And yes, that does include cannabis, will build anything. I've seen labor and delivery rooms, 7-Elevens. It doesn't matter, we'll build it.

Dave: Yeah, what kind of, um, job/work do you do?

Christy: I actually have two hats that I wear at Urban Grow. So if it's on the cannabis side, then we I sell all the equipment, like the lights, the benches and the fans. And then on the other side of the hat, I work in product management. So I kind of work with the design, the owners and designers that want to put together their building. And we just kind of see it all the way from the very beginning of schematic designs through DDS (design and development) and get them through construction and get that certificate of occupancy open. So kind of lead the charge there.

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Dave: So it sounds like so what has to be done you can do it you are gonna have to deal with me.

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Christy: right. Right. Yeah. Working with the mechanical engineers, and you know, they get your MEPs (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) and, you know, you the interior designers and the architects following code, what can we do? What can we not do? Is it ADA? You know, then you have to pay attention to your civil engineers, and you know, what's under the ground? And it's, it's complicated, for sure. Yeah.

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Dave: So tell me about your second husband. How you met.

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Christy: At Hunter Douglas. Yes,

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Christy: ya, yah. So I started in 2004, or five, I believe. And I'm, I saw him for about a year didn't pay any attention to him. And we started on the softball team, and that was history. Yeah. Yep.

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Dave: So Hunter Douglas had a softball team. Yeah.

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Christy: Yeah, It's just random. Yeah. We just I just randomly signed up for the softball team. And he was on it. So yeah. So we were there from 2005 until May 2020. Right at the beginning of COVID. Yep. When things really started to kind of take a downturn and things were pretty scary at that point.

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Dave: Yeah, it sounds like more *garbled voice*

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Christy: yeah, yeah, I was an Associate Product Manager at Hunter Douglas. So I worked on the Duette honeycomb shade line and the Vignette modern shade. So I did that. And that was a lot of fun. traveled quite a bit. But, you know, I think all good things come to an end. And I saw it out. I'm like, Well, I kind of want something different. And I went to Urban Grow. And it was a little scary. We had a couple, you know, downturns and layoffs, I think because I think a lot of people did, because I didn't know where the economy was going to go. But I survived through all of that and put myself back into product management. And right now I have seven clients I'm working with, which is kind of our max for each individual PMO person, because there's only so many meetings and notes and designers, but there's, I think, almost 100 People at Urban Grow now. And we're all scattered. So we have offices in New York, Massachusetts, the Netherlands, we you know, have out shoots of Europe. Yeah. Yeah, they're starting to work on a project in St. Croix. I'm like, Oh, I'll go. I'll go work from the beach. Thank you. Yeah, I can go take notes and run it from there. Sure. Just give me your Wi Fi.

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Dave: So So you still in Broomfield? *garbled* ?

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Christy Yes, yeah, Well, my second husband and I bought and I'm in now in Brandywine. Yeah. We bought it.

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Christy: When did we buy the house? 2008.

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Christy: So when the economy crashed to we're like, All right, yeah. We were dating at the time starting over, we're like, Sure. So it fit our blended family at the time, because we had he had two kids and I had mine, my one. So blended family.

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Dave: That was your son?

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Christy: Yes, he actually. Turns out he works now at Hunter Douglas as a maintenance tech. So he followed in our footsteps or my husband's footsteps, and he has an apartment right over there across from the Weather Tech. Yeah.

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Christy: Yeah. Yeah.

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Christy: Yeah. He's not really caring that he has to pay for \$2,100 in rent for a one bedroom apartment. That's really steep for a 24 year old going on. 25. That's pretty steep. So yeah.

Dave: Ask another question gives another prompt - *not understandable*

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Christy: So much different. Yeah. I don't know how people do it today. I really don't.

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Dave: Yeah. So tell me a little bit more. I think I heard that....

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Christy: I am. Yeah. So for the last two years, I was a grant reviewer and I just became enthralled with the entire concept of, of the Broomfield Community Foundation and helping him I didn't realize how much need there is in our community. And to read about the grant applications, and who is doing what I just My heart just as like, yes. I mean, so I was nominated. And I was accepted. So now I sit on the board. Yeah, I'm very excited.

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Dave: History just, - *garbled*.

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Christy: Exactly.

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Dave: Yeah. Anything for that work? Standing outside? City (perhaps) ?

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Christy: Right, I don't think if I hadn't been involved in the grant reviewing process that I didn't realize that we have, like 3000 folks that are blind within our community. So someone has developed an app that people can go like, do recording. So how would How would a blind person know like, what the King Soopers ads are for what's on sale? Or what's happening on Broomfield Enterprise? So they have somebody that will go in and read, like the local newspaper or the ads for the week, and they can tap into that? And hear it. I was like, Oh, my gosh, what? What a way to reach out and make sure that everyone in our community has the same opportunity.

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Dave: For sure. What...*not understandable*?

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Christy: Oh, I'd have to go back and look at my paper. I don't remember the name of the group. But yeah, they have volunteers that go in and read on the app. So if people have a radio voice, I would definitely recommend doing that. Yeah, exactly.

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Dave: So tell me what or somebody *garbled*

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Dave: says the same changes. *garbled* what would be?

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Christy: I would assume by now. Yes, Broomfield may have been it has expanded, but I don't think it'll ever lose that small town feel. Politics may change. That may change it may sprawl a little bit more, but I don't think it'll ever lose. I think people that have been here long enough kind of get it. It does still have a small town feel to it. I don't prefer that our community government get involved with like property and real estate like the First Bank Center. That was a flop. Yeah. And then the old Safeway, they still own that building. And I prefer that they didn't like okay, well, we've been talking about that for how long now? So that's a little bit. I know, it's an eyesore. It's got some mold issues, and I know they have plans for it, but it just doesn't seem like it goes anywhere. It just seems like a waste to me. And it's unfortunate that the First Bank Center didn't really take off the way that it should. I don't think it was managed very well either. They could have had more venues because I think the Budweiser one up the road does a lot better. I don't know why, but it just didn't seem like they had a whole lot of I don't know. performers, I guess?

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Dave: Yeah. It's really impressive to us, right. sighs Yeah, it's, ya know. Yeah. Is there anything else that we didn't talk about? You shouldn't? Christy: Yeah, I don't know.

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Christy: It was amazing growing up here. I think. I think when Tom and I got together, and we kind of had our blended family, I think the kids still had that little small town feel to it. I mean, each one of the kids went through Broomfield (*schools*). You know, the Proms, the homecomings, the football games to know that the kids trying to

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Christy: I'm trying to think of where Tom's kids went to elementary school and middle school. Brady, my son was at Emerald. No he was a Kohl, he was a Kohl kid. Mm hmm. And then went to Broomfield High School.

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Dave: Yeah. I mean, appreciate some fun.

Christy: Oh, of course. Yeah.

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Dave: All right, so Christy, tell me a little bit more about blizzard. I want to hear what happened with that. Oh the

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Christy: Oh the blizzard of '82 I remember the drifts on our front door on a Sixth Avenue. It seemed like we had one drift come over the top of the garage and the front door that we had to literally like bust our way out. It was so big and we did get skis that year for Christmas. And so my brother and I, unbeknownst to my mom, we opened up our bedroom windows and put on our ski stuff and we literally skied right out our bedroom window down into the front yard.

Dave: Wow.

Christy: Yeah, we do have pictures. My mom's like, what are you doing? You're gonna break my window. We thought it was fantastic. Yo, yo, and we did have a swimming pool back there on East Sixth Avenue. And I do remember jumping off the roof into the pool. Yes. And or jumping from the roof to the trampoline to the pool. I was quite the little Hellraiser that's back then. That sounds Yes. I was a daredevil for sure. Dave: Oh

Christy: So the dog would usually tell on me so the German Shepherd we all the time he would come in crying and she would know I was up to something so yeah. My dad had very odd hours working for the railroad. So he was gone quite a bit but mom was a stay home mom and the dog usually told on us or she could hear me on the roof.

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Christy: Christine, you get off that roof right now. Oh my god. One more.

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Christy, your going to Break your leg -

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Christy: no I won't mom. I'll be Oh, yeah. Dave: Thanks for sharing that story. Christy: Sure. You

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Christy: School? I think it was a little after high school. His name was Bob, Bob Sanders. He's into theater and arts, he can really sing. I do remember him working there and they had an elephant or a giraffe pass away at the Denver Zoo. Well, he had a little Ford F-150 car or truck, and they had to go dismember it before the guests came in. So he had the giraffe sticking in the back of his truck, and had to drive from the Denver Zoo with its head hanging out the back of the truck as he tried to take into the Broomfield taxidermy. He will tell you that story very vividly. Yes,

Dave: sitting next to a giraffe as you drive up the highway.

Christy: You know, driving down I 25 not very often do you see a giraffe in a little Ford 150. Like she others. Yeah.

Dave: Yeah, so you're saying the place, kind of where some of the partying was going? I was talking about Tiffany about this as well. Above 144.

Christy: Yeah, yeah. It's the old coal mines. Dave: Yeah.

Christy: I don't fit you know, we, they we did bring our keggers down. I don't think the police really bothered us a whole lot. You know, people didn't really get out of control. We did have bonfires down there. And I'm sure they could see it. But now they just it was a different time back then. So we had good time there. And then Fred's row. I don't remember where that would be like today. I think it would be up near McKay's Lake. Okay, used to call Fred's row. And then there was a spot on the old frontage road going towards the Flat Irons Mall that we used to cross the railroad tracks. Okay. And I don't remember I think, I think somebody got hurt there. And we didn't go to that one anymore, but I don't really that was kind of a vague memory for me. But yeah, the cops didn't really bother us a whole lot. We did have a lot of fun on the golf course. Growing up on Eagle Trace, we had the roman candle wars and having fun in the sand traps. I'm sure they didn't appreciate that. I don't think the owners are still the same owners today of the Eagle Trace Golf Course. Oh my goodness. And I did have a swimming pool back there. At one point my girlfriend Teresa who was also a diver on the high school dive team with me she and I occasionally with bunch of girls would go skinny dipping in the pool. But it was right behind her house. So it was easy for us to just hop the fence. Dave: easy access. Yeah, jump right out.

Christy: Yeah, we weren't interested in the golf carts. We just you know, would go hang out once in a while. I do remember all of the local schools had to come to our community center because I think Centaurus had an outdoor pool and it was too cold. So we have to swim with the Centaurus girls, and practice with them. It was harder for us because I was just the diver. I wasn't an actual swimmer. And we would have to, the pool was so crowded I remember having to try to time my dives and practice my flips in between a dive. Dave: Wow. Christy: And one time I did not time it very well. And I took, I kind of straddled her, I kind of landed on her. I took her to the bottom of the pool with me. So they have the schools do two separate times after that. Dave: So make sense. Christy: Yeah. Yeah. But we had to be there at 4:30 in the morning, before school. That was tough. was not easy for teenagers getting up that early. No, especially not if you're going to a kegger the night before.

Christy: We didn't really do that every night. That just was very early in the morning.

Dave: So it's 4:30 for high schoolers. Christy: Yeah,

Dave well that's it.

Christy: yeah.

Dave: Thank you again, I appreciate it.

Christy: Oh, you're welcome.