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That's the one two. Okay, we are here today at the Bruner house in Broomfield. And my name is Marty, Dharmesh. I'm with the refuge at a partner of the city and of the local museums. And I'm going to be doing an interview today with my friend Laurie Lane, who you can see on the screen, and will soon hear on the audio. And I'll just be asking her some open ended questions about her life. And this will be an oral history that will be used for a couple of different purposes for Broomfield archives, and for another grant related project to help tell the stories of people in our community who are experiencing homelessness. And so I'm really glad to be here with Laurie and Laurie, is there anything you'd like to say, by way of introduction,

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I'm just excited to do this. To get the various stories out there, to learn from each other. And to see where this goes, what kinds of changes we can make with this. So I got a little bit of sore throat allergies.

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That's okay. So Laurie, would you start by sharing with us about your background and Brumfield and how you're connected to Broomfield.

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Broomfield was really the only place I've lived since 1997. June 4, to be precise, moved out here for my husband's job, he was hired as manager for the Denver Post. So we moved here from the high desert in California. And I have called Broomfield home since 97. And I love it because we had cows on Main Street when I moved here. Now, some I was used to, but I loved it small town, I grew up in Las Vegas, I lived in LA, this is a small town. And this is what I've been looking for my entire life. So I will spend the rest of my life here. And being in my 60s, I still got some time. I love it. Love the people love the community, and really want to make some changes, especially with the homeless issue.

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Thank you, Laurie. So we want to hear your story today and your oral history of your life and the episodes of it that you'd like to share with us. But is there anything in particular that you'd like to start with that you want to make sure that you emphasize today?

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My life as an adult didn't change chose 57. Because there were so many different things that went on, dealt with traumas as a child. As I say, I'm working on the mess that my mother created the mess that my now ex has been controlled, and the mess that I allowed my daughter to manipulate. That doesn't happen anymore. Because I mean, and they have no control over me. And it took me like I said, 57 years to get to the point where I'm doing me, I'm doing my life, my way. And moving on and I'm happy. I'm happy with my life now. I love it.

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Would you mind talking about your work history, just kind of the highlights i

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i was the child that grew up with the silver spoon. Didn't have to work. When I got married two weeks after I turned 18 I had to turn over 28 credit cards to my mom because she said he pays your bills now. So I didn't have to work until I got married. And I only worked when he allowed it. I had to quit working when he'd had enough when I had to be home. And that continued all the way until I got divorced. So mostly worked retail did manage apartments in California. But none of the jobs I've ever had meant anything until I connected with the refuge actually, it gave me a purpose in my life. Not just a reason to get up every day. But it made my heart happy. And it was just amazing. So I do have a lot of experience in different things. But working with the homeless actually made a difference. So to you, thank you, because that was important to me. I've met some amazing people that I continue to work with for different reasons here in Broomfield because everything I do is in Broomfield it's just that's the way it should be. I do venture out to other areas, but I prefer Brookfield because there are certain craft stores that are not here in Broomfield so I do have to deal with that addiction of mine with crafting my yarn, all that stuff. So I do have to go in there with places but I want Brimfield To be on the map for the right reasons, and some of the jobs I've held in the past is going to help get there. Such as a lot of it is community when you're a crafter, it's a tight knit community. So that I learned from some of the stuff I do on my computer, that teaches me a lot. And also, I used to be very, very shy. And I learned from that, I've learned to step out of that little box that society tends to put you in. When you're an extreme introvert, you hide in that box, I don't hide, I am not invisible. But a lot of my things, which I just learned yesterday, there's a difference between essence and personality. And I was born to do this, the past traumas bury that. And through the various jobs I've had, I'm looking to get a little bit more confidence in myself. I try and have a positive attitude when I can, for the past year or so that hasn't been easy, dealing with some health issues with myself and with my daughter. And it was making me angry, frustrated, confused, but I'm getting through it. And it's all from learning experience from past just a lot of different things my past and most of its jobs, because those jobs are my escape from a very controlling marriage.

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So speaking of your jobs, you were in criminology for a while and then you also said that you worked with your daughter. So could you just detail for our listeners, what those jobs

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involve? Absolutely. I was not a good student. I barely graduated high school. I started college three days after I turned 41 earned about an associate's degree in criminal justice with a 4.0. Follow that up with an Associates in accounting with a 4.0. And I was working at the college at the time started in the registrar's offices work study, ended up working my way within a three year period, to senior registrar and then executive assistant to the president. So it was pretty cool. And then I worked in community corrections. So when people got out of prison, or jail, they would get on my caseload taught me a lot about myself, then I did the accounting for the facilities also. So I use both of my degrees for that my daughter owns her own business, we, it's data entry is a big part of it. But we pull federal state tax liens from the internet. So that's a tax mediation companies. Problem is COVID killed it. Because we lost 80% of our clients, because they could not survive it. And so we're still struggling to rebuild it, but we'll rebuild it. So I still work for her. And I enjoy it. I'm good at it. I'm fast at it. And it's zero stress. Unless the computer accept which I've had happened lately that I learned from everything. I've learned how to be a little bit more patient with my daughter. Not the easiest tasks. But I got my seven grandkids, it is very hard to get. We're both strong willed. And we butt heads. So I'm lucky enough I can work remotely. I don't have to be at her place. It's so much easier that I get to see my grandkids we get to hang out. But when serious decisions have to be made regarding her life, not mine. We butt heads. She's stubborn, which is okay.

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So you mentioned your divorce. When When did that happen?

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The last one was in 2002. And I don't say that I've had multiple husbands. I married same man three times and divorced three times. Crazy, but that was how I was raised. You always are compliant to your husband. I grew up from the age of five being told, No honey, you're not quite smart enough. Take care of yourself. You're gonna have to marry a rich man. And when you're told that that affects everything you do for your life, so when we'd get divorced, we'd be apart for two months. get remarried. I did what I was told to do. Never gonna happen again. It served its purpose at the time because I thought nobody's ever gonna want to marry me. I said yes to the first person that has and now I knew him for two months before we got married two weeks after I turned 14 or 18. So it was it was quiet. But then We got divorced in oh two. And I didn't realize that at the time, but it was the best thing that ever happened to me. Because I started little pieces, realizing how bad of a situation that was, never went through the physical abuse per se. It was more emotional, verbal, to control when you're given seven minutes to get to the store to get gallon of milk and come back. And you got to give him the receipt and the change and how come you were gone for nine minutes. That's a control freak. He is a narcissist, which my daughter has a lot of the narcissistic traits. But I'll get married again, I believe in it. I'm not letting that taint me. But there wasn't a lot of good things other than my kids that came out of it. So I don't want anybody making those kinds of mistakes. When you don't know how to do something, you don't just jump in, ask questions. I didn't know how to be married. I didn't know what a relationship was. I didn't date. He was first person I really dated. And that was just before I turned 18. So people ask questions, learn, seeks guidance from somebody that's been there, done that. So that's what I try and do with some people that are taking those first steps in certain directions. As the questions don't go through what I went through.

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So you mentioned health issues that you yourself have struggled with. And then also your daughter has had some health issues which in mind.

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For me, I have PTSD from a childhood incident. Also, I'm a diabetic, with all the stuff that goes with that. The neuropathy in my hands and feet, I can't feel for my knees down from my wrist down. I have diagnosed diabetic retinopathy, I have early stages of kidney issues. I take 19 different medications a day. Because I have all of this mess at one seed that is in a death range at 14.6. And trying to deal with that. And everything that goes with it. It's really hard to do when you're living in your vehicle. My daughter just two weeks ago, we found out she's in remission from Stage Two breast cancer. She also has thyroid cancer, hypothyroidism, Hashimotos. She's in early stage kidney failure. Her stomach lining is creating a negative enzyme in her kidneys, that's causing them to shut down. So they actually want to go in and scrape the entire lining of the stomach. It's harsh. I don't like focusing on myself. But I don't want to have to focus on my daughter's health is scary. She's 41 It's scary. Because with the cancer, it can kill her. I know diabetes is one of those things that it can kill you. I'm doing the best I can not let it get me down. But she brings me down because it breaks my heart. So trying to deal with the stress of my living situation, which is this dress most people think it's teaching me about me that I'm stronger than I ever thought it was. But when it comes to your kid, doesn't matter how old they are, because she has three daughters 1517 and almost 21. And the 17 year old is on the autistic spectrum. If something were to happen to her, then what? Her ex husband is not what I consider a strong parent. And if he had to take them, I would fight him tooth and nail for it wouldn't get what my situation is. They deserve better. And I know that puts a lot more stress on my daughter too. Because if something happens to her, what happens to the girls? Her dad lives in Ohio. Yeah, they could go there but she doesn't want that. They were born and raised in Broomfield. The oldest one shall be the 17 year old she'll be graduating from Brookfield high school this year. The other one is going to be a sophomore. This is what they've known. So it's more important that I focus on hard times, which was my health in question. Because I don't as a parent, we just put ourselves aside doesn't matter their age. But we're going to come out of it. We got the Creator upstairs. That's telling us though, so I keep my faith in that.

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So you mentioned the refuge earlier as something that has had an impact on your life. Could you talk about how you got involved there and kind of start sharing the details of how you ended up unhoused and go from there.

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Back in. I think 2018 I was renting a house here. I'm Dronfield the landlord live had moved to Colombia, which is where his wife and her wife, his wife, and her family were from was Colombia. And her daughter was dealing with brain cancer. So they moved to Colombia. So mom could be close to her. They were out of the country for seven years and wanted to be back. They showed back up I had 30 days to move out of the house and was evicted. greenfields housing market is extremely high. I couldn't get a place. I didn't have a vehicle at the time. So I was on the street. How to relinquish my two dogs because they did not belong on the streets. They belonged in loving homes. And it wasn't fair to them.

Especially being Chihuahuas. They don't like the snow. They're made for the desert. So I did relinquish them to Denver dolphins lake.

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And when was it that you?

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That was in April of 2018. And I was working for my daughter then. So I went to Girl Scout shelter at Midway Park. Because you could plug in you could get internet there. And I was able to work from there. As I started just researching what kind of resources are in Broomfield and I came across the refuge. Like I said, I didn't have a car for me. It was just too far to walk. And I was referring everybody else over there. And then finally, one day, somebody I knew from the shelter had been going to the refuge. And he finally said, because you're going

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mean the Girl Scout shelter shelter, because there are no homeless shelters in Broomfield. We need to change that. And so Rodney took me over to the refuge. And that was, I believe, around May 20 of 2019. So I spent a year almost on the streets of Broomfield and went over there, and had been there ever since. The five days after that I actually had a vehicle on May 25. Pay \$500 For my Jeep Cherokee. I choose Oh, she's got fractures and some blemishes like I do, and it's okay. But I only paid \$500 for it. And she's still running. And so before you were the first one person I met there, when I walked through the door, you were the first person there. And it was cool, because we just sat and talked. And by that time I had mentioned about somebody I've met at the girls got shelter James, who had passed away. And we did a memorial there for him. So I thought that was cool. But I felt comfortable walking in the door. And at first I'm like, okay, I can do this. They're going to look at me like oh, she's homeless, and just looked down on me. Then it dawned on me, so was everybody else that was in there. So it was okay, that from the minute I walked in, I was comfortable, confused, frustrated with myself a little well, a lot last night, just a little bit, it became a home away from home. It was a missing piece of my piece of my life that I didn't know I needed. It gave me purpose in life. It gave me a total reason to wake up the next day, because not only was there going to try and help somebody else, it was helping me to heal. And to pick up those pieces of that fracture puzzle and put them together. So I just started there as a guest. Then I started just volunteering and pitching in and helping out. Then I was hired on staff. And then I just take a step back because of my health. I need to focus on that. I can't be trying to help other people. They're getting housing, when I don't even have housing. Or when I'm trying to talk to housing wrap. were interrupted five, six times. I just couldn't do it. I had to make that decision. It's like, I need this is my time now. I'm gonna allow myself to be selfish. I'm going to take the time to heal physically and emotionally. Mentally I'm fine. But emotionally I'm not. I'm learning to. With the help of various people there. I'm learning to let my emotions back out. I locked them away for probably say the last 30 years. And a lot of that was because of my marriage. And I'm realizing that I don't have to only cry when I'm angry. I can cry because I'm happy, I can cry because I'm actually sad about something. And it's not comfortable. But with all of you guys at the refuge, and it doesn't matter

who it is, you're just drawn to somebody you need to talk to in that moment. And that's what I do. Or I stay quiet. I still do some of the data entry that I was doing before, which I love. I still do the laundry love, which I love, still involved with confluence, which I love. There's so many things, and I'm getting more involved in the community, with different organizations, but all of that started, because the refuge, you guys have changed my life. And I never in a million years would have ever thought. And no, I'm not going to say that I would ever be homeless. No, I never thought I'd be where I'm at with the connections I've made. I never thought I could actually say, I know the mayor. I know the chief of police. I know probably 50% of brownfields, law enforcement. Maybe not by name, but I know him when I see him and they know me. I can go places and people like I know you. And I love it. Because that means I'm making an ever lasting impression with the changes I'm trying to make. Not for the Pat's on the back. Because I don't care about that. I want to make changes in people's lives. I want to help educate them on being proud of who they are proud of where they come from, whether it's a harsh past, or a happy past, I came from somewhat happy past as a child, I was a kid with silver spoon, because they're the perfect child, I always seem to never hurt. I'm not that person anymore. But the refuge not just for me, because I hear it from a lot of people out in the community where the refuge has made a change in their life. They've either gotten housing, they've been in contact, to prep some of their legal issues that they have thrown. Whether is bad decisions they've made. I've made the bad decisions we all have. We have to live with that. But we can change it. Like one of the things at the refuge says you can make a new beginning on the bathroom wall. But you basically you can start over. You can't change the past that I'm changing my future. I'm changing my present. And that goes to the Creator. That goes to the refuge. And it goes to me.

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Well, could you talk a little bit more about you said that for nine months or so you lived outside in Brookfield, where did you sleep?

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I actually slept over by the at home store. There was a spot in the bushes that was cleared out. I'd stashed my stuff and you couldn't tell it. I grew up camping so I know how to do a lot of camouflage. And it just looked like normal everyday stuff. They had to have known I was there. But I kept it cleaned up. I was never there during the day. Except when we had a blizzard than Yes, I did stay hunkered down. But I would get up and walk over to the shelter. And I was over there by 9am. And I never left till they closed at 11 so that the people at the store never felt threatened by me carrying a lot of stuff with me. So yes, I was like that bag lady that had the cart. But I had my own cart. It wasn't some store shopping cart. I learned how to actually eat healthy. I worked on my laptop. I even had coffee makers that every once in a while a cop would come by where you got some hot coffee. Absolutely. Here you go. I learned I can survive from the things I learned as a child from my grandparents being outside. I've had insomnia for more than 30 years because of an earthquake in California. And I found out through a family member that the women in our family have a problem with their circadian clock. So you're supposed to sleep outside every few months for seven nights and that helps reset it. So I did not have problem with insomnia for that whole time I was outside. It was great. I could put my stuff away. crawl on my sleeping bag and I fell asleep and I slept solid. Even I hear though Kayo towel under the weather pickup. I can read that sleep. So it's not always a bad thing being out there. Wintertime is a little harsh, but our survived was all my fingers and toes. I know how to take the heating pad roller for frozen but

rido in it by lunchtime, that Jesus will have a little burn your tongue in a heating pad. I can make rice and spaghetti and boiled eggs and a coffeemaker. I learned a lot of things about myself. So it's not always a bad thing, not something I would recommend for everybody. But once in a while, go sleep in your backyard. See if you can make it all night in the dead of winter, feel what everybody else feels. Because I was one of them that had the blinders on. Just like a lot of people in Broomfield, Denver all over the world, you put the blinders on, but you don't want to see the negative, you don't want to see the ugly. But that's humanity. I do not ignore them, I don't give out money, I will go buy him a gift card. I will go buy them lunch, I will take them right now. fresh socks for somebody that is living on the streets is the most amazing field ever. And wet wipes. And I will give those out. And I don't have money coming in right now. It's a big thing, but I have to do it. Because they're human beings. I'm a human being just like everybody else. Just because we don't have a roof over our head. It's not always a bad thing. I don't have a mortgage to worry about. I don't have rent, utilities. And I have nobody to answer to about myself, which means I have nobody about myself to blame. So it's making me accountable for me, which is not easy. There are a lot of people out there that need the mental health help. They need the medical doctors. They're not all on the streets, because they want to be a lot of us is circumstances. A lot of people that I've met did not have mental health issues, till they became homeless. Because you become terrified of everybody around you. Who's going to take my stuff who's going to hurt me? Am I going to lose everything up here? Because local law enforcement came in to sweep. You become a little paranoid. You develop social anxiety. I never had social anxiety. I was shy. But I wasn't terrified of being in crowds. I have that now. I'm learning to step away from it. smile at people. Hey, how's your day going? You never know what's on that person's mind is that going to be the last moment of their life until you smiled at him? acknowledged him as a human being. And all of this is stuff that I have learned by going to the refuge because it made me see things through a different lens. The rose colored lenses are gone. This is reality. This is what America is. We need to fix it. I can't fix America. I can't change the world. But I can share change my own backyard or Broomfield because I love it. That's how much brings notice in me. We need more here. We need people just to be compassionate. I have never looked and I don't think you could ever say I looked for a handout. It's always been a compassionate Helping Hands up. Because what I receive, I give back tenfold. That's the right way to do it. I pay it forward whenever I can. I don't try and sit back and go. Why is this person getting that and I don't get it. I'm a good person. That person drinks all the time. Because it's their time they need the extra help. I'm a survivor. I am not a victim of any of my Das. I am a survivor, that person needed help. Because they weren't surviving on the streets. I'm surviving. And in some ways I'm thriving. That's why God said you need the help. Okay, let them know what can I do? My time has come and I do feel it. It's going to happen here soon. And are we ready for now?

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Can you speak to what changed for you when you got your vehicle? So you were outside sleeping, you know in the elements and then you got your vehicle and in May you said

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it was easier because I've had problems with my left knee for years. There's no cartilage and there's other stuff missing. So walking through the hills because Broomfield is not flat. I don't think there's any part of Broomfield, it's flat. It's all hills. And when you're carrying everything that you own, with you, either pushing it on the floor dolly with bungee cords all strapped down to it. backpacks. It's really

difficult. You can't go very far so you're limited to your radius of home. So I can buy food at Walgreens. I could sleep out of the elements because we're exactly had trees And I knew how to create a shelter out of what I had. So when I got the car, it opened up the world a little bit more, I was able to go to Walmart and save money on food. I was able to go to Hobby Lobby and get a craft. I when I became homeless, I lost five sewing machines. I lost 1000s and 1000s of patterns. Every needle, knitting needle crochet, I was able to start getting those back. And I had put doing a lot of my crafts for over 20 years. Because it became a job. My ex husband sold everything I made. That's how I made money when I wasn't working someplace else. And I loved it. But it became a job not a passion. It is now my passion. I don't sell anything I make now. It's for me, I'm keeping it. Having the car gave that back to me. Because I didn't have to call my daughter and rely on her to take me somewhere. She lived across town so it wasn't just sugar, drop everything come get me and take me and my daughter and I butt heads. So we are not going to live together. Not today. Not tomorrow, not ever. just not gonna happen. And it got me to the refuge. Because after that first time that Rodney took me there, like I said, Five days later, I had the car, I had no more excuses for not going to the refuge. And no more excuses for not getting out into the world. And I actually slept better outside than it did in my car. Even though I had space in the back and all that. But it also gave me a little bit more added security. I can sleep at night and not have to wake up every sound is that someone coming? There wants to do harm. Is that a cop? That's gonna come wake me up and tell me I don't move? Or is it a drunk driver? When I first got my car, that was my fear that I was gonna get hit. So I was very careful. I worried parked where it was away from traffic and industrial area over by the refuge, then I was able to sleep again. But it took a while to learn to sleep secure. But it did it does change your life when you have a vehicle.

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What has been the hardest thing about these last several years since since you became displaced from your home in Broomfield and have been experiencing homelessness.

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I think the the biggest problem, there's two biggest one is not being able to eat healthy. Because you have to carry food that you can keep in your vehicle. So that's not refrigerated stuff. I am not one to keep going and buying bags of ice I now have

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So when you're out there, one of the hard things is you cannot eat healthy. You can't keep buying ice every day. You just can't. I have a portable icemaker so I can make ice. And I take that everywhere with me now. And everything people will give you care packages that have food in them. problem is most of what we get is not healthy for a diabetic. I used to weigh 385 pounds, I've lost a little bit more than half of that. I'm not going back to that. If I want a candy bar, I'm going to eat it. But I know the repercussions of that means I've got to take additional insulin. The other thing that's really hard is being able to sit down in a bathtub just to soak. Your legs are sore and tired. I have a lot of problems with my legs right now, too. I have to have surgery on my knee. I'm not going to do the surgery until I've got a place

because I'm not going to do the rehab in my car. I'm not going to do any of the recovery from the surgery in my car. So I can't walk very far. I'm very limited on that. So I walk around the Girl Scout shelter, but then you're afraid because of the health issues. If I go into a diabetic episode, how long is it going to be till somebody finds me? Am I going to die alone? I don't like being ignored. Not by my friends, not by my kids, not by my grandkids. The worst thing for me would be to die alone, I don't want anybody down on the streets alone, including me. And that is my number one fear. I'm going to have a diabetic episode, if my car, and people are just gonna think I'm sleeping, and they're not going to approach that's scary. So we're gonna change that, somehow, someway, we're gonna change it. Even though those are very scary things. For me. That's not what my life is about. My life is about educating people making changes. I'm talking to people whining and complaining about the system, but didn't want to do anything about it. Put me out there. Use my name, use my face use my voice. Because if not me, then who? If not now, then when? Let's do it.

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Thank you. Sorry. Could you talk about in our closing, we just have a few minutes left. But could you talk about Confluence and why that's important to you and your involvement in that group. And some of the things that are coming up that you

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I love Confluence. That's my heart. Because when you approached me, and we're talking about this as I get to be a part of something from the beginning, it's something that wasn't established. That's not something I've ever done. And the fact that it has to do and I hate the word reparations, because this generation doesn't owe me anything. I'm part Native American, I have Cherokee kinship, why me, you do not owe me anything because of what your ancestors did. So I really hate the word reparations. Let's change that. Let's give back what quote unquote, the white man took. And that's what I think Confluence is about is educating general public, making some of those changes offering what we have, and giving it back without any strings attached, as some of those treaties from the past had. And it wasn't that it was a positive string attached. That meant we're going to give you this, but we're going to take all of this from you know, it's time we gave back. So being involved with Confluence has brought me back to where I was, as a child. My great grandparents, I spent a lot of time with them. And they taught me a lot about how the Native Americans are. And back then the term was Indians, Native Americans just wasn't in the terminology back in the 60s. And my grandmother always said, Be proud of who and what you are. Don't let anybody take that away from you. We would sit and talk about dreams, I have this phrase called sapphires guys. And she would ask me every time I struggled twinkle in the sky at night, name that what is that? And she taught me that that is a need a want a desire, anything, and that is one of my ancestors, saying, Hey, I'm here, named me. And so it would become my dream of what my life should be. When she passed away, and I was 10 years old. I got really scared, because then my grandmother and my mother stopped talking about it. It was never allowed. And my great grandmother there didn't have the anger. That from hearing the stories I thought she would have because she was taken and moved to the white schools. And she didn't like it, but she never held grudges. And I think that's where I get it from. I don't hold a grudge. It's a waste of my energy. So when you bought a coffee once, it's like, yeah, let's do this. And then when we found out about Longmont creating a sister city with the northern tribes. And I'm like, Well, we're south of Longmont. Can we do that with the southern? Just a little simple comment. I like to crack jokes. When

things get a little too tense, make people laugh. So being able to go to Oklahoma last year, to meet with the tribes. It was life changing, which tribes specifically it was the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. And that's the proper way to refer to them. Because I kept saying the tribes in Oklahoma are the Cheyenne and Arapaho. And Fred Mesquita is the one that told me it goes the proper way. Is this shot the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma or the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, you always have to be very formal and referring to the tribe. Oops. And he taught me my only share key word. And that was OCR, which means hello. Because I've tried to learn it, it is not a language to learn. It is hard. I'll get there, just not today. And every time they come out, and these are people that are high up within the tribes, Fred Mesquita, then we got Chester Whiteman, their high up, and they call me by my first name. There's a couple times I've gotten an email where they've had a question. And it's like, yes. And they love the excitement that I have for educating our kids. I'm not a teacher, I'll never be a teacher. I'm just me. And they're coming back out in October, for a big thing. And it's like, this is my legacy, I believe to my grandkids, because I've already got one that's gone. Can't believe you're doing that grandma. Because when the time comes, I want them to go. And my grandma helped with that. I want them to be proud. And for them to say, you know, grandma was homeless when she did that. If she can do it, I can do anything. And when I say want educated kids, that's what I'm talking about. Educate them on being strong people. I don't care what your race is. My family's got a whole lot of mixed race in there. Be proud of every piece of that. And I'm learning more and more about myself, because of the tribes because of the way they think, the way they treat people. When I asked them last year, what kind of homeless problem do they have? We don't have one. Fred straight up said we don't have one. We take care of our own. Shame on us. That sad that according to a lot of statistics, the wild are one of the richest places out there, but we do the least amount for our own people. That's a shame. Shame on us. We need to change it. Don't focus on our own focus on everybody make the changes that need to be made. And my passion for it is getting stronger every day. But a lot of this started with Confluence and because you start doing that, I'm sure Little did you know when we started this group that it was going to be where it's at now. That it's worth the work. I want people to go I live in Broomfield. This is what we do for our people. I want Broomfield to be on the map, and we're getting there. People are trying to duplicate some of the stuff that Brookfield does, because we are one of the first plant communities. But where does it go wrong? Where's the rest of the build up? For Broomfield? It starts with me. It starts with you. It starts with every person out there. And I'll take that first leap. Because I love him for that much. So come on people. Let's get it together. I know I'm perky at times, but I get excited. I was great. I just think we're at the point because that's the