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Letter of Affirmation
The Soup Project. Innovation 4
Collaborative for Community Engagement

The Soup Project is a truly innovative project to re-envision Colorado College's role in addressing hunger, poverty, and homelessness in Colorado Springs. For over 23 years, the Community Kitchen at Colorado College served a meal to hungry Colorado Springs residents each Sunday. The Soup Project is the next step in meeting these pressing community needs by creating and supporting four student-led projects (developed through the Soup Project Challenge) that utilize the unique talents of the Colorado College community to address issues of hunger, poverty, and homelessness in creative, innovative ways. These programs each have at least one strong partnership in the local community, and are supported by the Collaborative for Community Engagement and the Innovation Institute of Colorado College. As Director of the Collaborative for Community Engagement, I can attest to the innovative and unique aspect of the Soup Project. The CCE is invested in institutionalizing this effort in order to create long-lasting relationships and partnerships in the Colorado Springs community dedicated to positive social change.

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