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**Spotlight on LIFT Week 2023 Attendee Britt’ny Henderson**

“The people who speak for us and against us are regular people just like us, but in the same breath they need us to communicate our stance on things so they know if they need to stand on their opinion or change it.

“I’m very blessed, thankful and glad I accepted and even was offered the opportunity to go, because just being myself, being attentive and passionate put me in the exact place I needed to be [...]”

— Britt’ny Henderson, LIFT Week 2023 Attendee

Britt’ny Henderson (left) attending Lobby Day with other members of the Center for Employment Opportunities. After LIFT Week 2023, Britt’ny became a legal aide for State Representative Junie Joseph.

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**LIFT Week 2023 Metrics**

- Turnout phone calls: 376
- Turnout emails: 173
- Legislators engaged by LIFT Week 2023 attendees: 20
- Legislators that attended LIFT Week 2023 events: 13
- Counties represented by LIFT Week 2023 attendees: 8
- Meet State ACLU-CO Legislator Champions panel attendees: 45
- Advocacy and Action Taking training attendees: 66
- Creating Policy 101 training attendees: 41
- Give Your Story Power training attendees: 22
- Day at the Capitol and Lobby Day attendees: 47
- Breakfast burritos ordered: 100

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**What is LIFT People?**

Lobbying is for The People (LIFT) is the ACLU of Colorado’s annual advocacy program that gives activists from across the state the tools they need to influence state legislative policy on civil rights and civil liberties issues that directly impact their lives.

LIFT includes two major annual events: our LIFT Summer Advocacy Institute — launching this August — that prepares activists for the upcoming legislative session, and our LIFT Week in February during the Colorado legislative session.

Register today: acluco.org/LIFTsummer

**LIFTing Voices From Across the State**

Colorado’s laws should be representative of our state’s diverse communities and our shared values. To do this, it’s critical to ensure that Coloradans of all backgrounds are engaged in the legislative process.

To support the most diverse LIFT People cohort in our organization’s history, we contacted existing members and new volunteers of all ages, races and cultural backgrounds from across the state. We had attendees both virtually and in person from eight counties, aged between 18 and 70, who all believe we can make Colorado the most just state in the nation.

**Note from the Executive Director**

Our three-year strategic framework, The Road Ahead, takes steps toward a vision of Colorado as the most just and equitable state in the country — a state where civil rights and liberties are not only protected, but also united by a commitment to creating a thriving democracy and expanding the definitions and protections of liberty and freedom.

To enact this vision, we rely on the wisdom and activism of all Coloradans. LIFT is an example of how we at the ACLU of Colorado plan to amplify the collective needs of those unjustly impacted by our current systems, and our unified vision to change those systems to benefit us all.