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***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

WHAT: Open community meeting introducing **The Catalyst Fund of Manitou**, a new operating foundation, which will serve the Pikes Peak region with innovative programs

WHEN: **Friday, February 13, 2026**

and **5pm – 6:15pm** Presentation at Manitou Springs Elementary School,

WHERE 110 Pawnee Ave., Manitou Springs, CO

6:30pm – 8pm Networking & Brainstorming – Manitou Art Center

513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO

WHO: **John Weiss**, the Catalyst Fund of Manitou founder, who recently purchased the city's famed Penny Arcade

Community leaders working on initial Catalyst Fund projects, including

Transforming **Tubby's Turnaround** convenience store into a grocery or co-op providing healthy and affordable local food to area residents

Providing locally controlled, **independent news and cultural reporting** for the region, building on the strengths of existing local media

Plans to make the **Manitou Springs Penny Arcade** a stronger, community-serving institution