RECORD-SETTING COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

The year 2022 marked another fundraising record for DCF. In fact, we are approaching achievement of our 5-year vision established in 2018: to double the amount of funds distributed over 2018.

From setting a new record for Christmas for Kids to hosting the Denver Barn Party in a new venue to lifting the Denver Polo Classic to and beyond its pre-pandemic level, each DCF event reached a new threshold of success. And, we launched a new name and brand in 2022.

DCF is more focused than ever on our rigorous charity review process and maximizing its impact on the community. I have been a member of DCF for more than a decade and our future has never looked brighter. Thank you!

I’m incredibly proud to serve as President of this amazing organization. DCF fills a void that my professional life lacks: giving back to a community that has afforded me so many blessings.

As a Denver native, I’ve seen our city and state grow tremendously. The evolution has been largely positive – but we’d be kidding ourselves if we didn’t recognize the populations left behind, including children. At DCF, we fight for underserved youth to level the playing field so that they can participate in the rewards that our great city and state have to offer.

I’m thrilled to lead DCF to reach our 5-year 2023 vision and new record-setting levels.

It was a year of epic proportion, with bigger and better events and record-setting fundraising and grantmaking.

For the first time in our history, nearly 50% of our funds resulted from non-event sources: Legacy Grants, cash contributions, Colorado Child Care Tax Credit donations, and matches. We proudly distribute $1 for every $0.13 in salary (mine!). And, we extended our reputation for world-class events that raise funds, build relationships, and celebrate community success.

Will we surpass fundraising records in 2023? Our Board, membership, and sponsors have a laser focus on transforming the lives of children in need in Colorado. Count on it and count on us.
DCF Members, sponsors, and donors led the way to a record-setting year for deploying funds into the community where children have the greatest need.

$1,452,500

71 CHARITIES
Our new brand launched in early 2021 elevates our world-class events, member-led culture, and compelling mission – expanding opportunities to impact our community.
INVEST IN YOUR INTERESTS
You choose the children’s needs your grant fulfills.

INVEST IN BEST-IN-CLASS CHARITIES
Our members evaluate and select the best charities.

INVEST IN LEADERSHIP BUILDING
Your contribution empowers our members to develop their skills as philanthropic leaders.

COLORADO TAX CREDIT 50% OF DONATION
Colorado Child Care Contribution tax credit AND applicable Federal and State deductions for all donations greater than $1,000.

growth + impact
Legacy Grant investors value our elite due diligence in charity evaluation, the impact their donation makes, and tax benefits they receive.

**IMPACT INVESTING**

**GRATITUDE FOR LEGACY GRANT DONORS**

- **Baceline Investments** (child advocacy) – 2021-2023
- **Chris and Joy Dinsdale Family** (arts and culture) – 2019-2021
- **Jason White / White Out Consulting** (outdoor education) – 2020-2022
- **Kane Kunz** (arts and trades) – 2022-2024
- **Karen and Charles Farver Family** (hunger and wellness) – 2020-2022
- **Matt Ward / Ward Electric** (children with special needs) – 2020-2022
- **Ryan Arnold Family** (outdoor education) – 2021-2023
- **Stefan Morton / Morton Family** (education) – 2021-2025
- **Zach and Roxanne May Family** (adoption and fostering) – 2019-2021
- **Mann Family** (education) – 2023-2025
Elite Due Diligence Selects Best of the Best

DCF members commit 1,000+ hours cumulatively to evaluate more than 130 grant applicants to choose the best-in-class charities.

APPLY
Nonprofits spanning Education, Health & Well Being, Child Advocacy, and Personal Enrichment request grants.

REVIEW
Members visit with and interview grant applicants, complete the grant review form, and calculate ratings.

EVALUATE
Member-led Grant Review Committee rates each charity and evaluates the portfolio of member recommendations, proposing a grant funding slate.

APPROVE
Entire membership reviews proposed grants, advocates for changes, then votes to finalize the funding slate.

A rating formula implemented in the 2021 Grant Review Cycle helps DCF members of our Grant Review Committee differentiate charity organizations. It’s a difficult job and the committee dedicates more than 250 hours in total to the critical task. Unlike other foundations where consultants or outside advisors make key decisions about grant recipients, only DCF members choose who receives the funds our sponsors and donors entrust to our stewardship.
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**Making a Difference Where It Matters Most**

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**YESS INSTITUTE**
Builds inclusive learning communities to support students on their Road to Success

*Impacts of social-emotional learning model include 85% on-track students vs. 40% peer group, GPA 2.47 vs. 1.15 peer group, and 25% Math improvement vs. 1% peer group.*

**ART FROM ASHES**
Empower struggling youth by providing creative programs that facilitate health and hope through expression, connection, and transformation

*Provided programming with 986 youth contacts across the Denver Metro Area and through partnerships with 192 youth-serving agencies and schools.*

**DENVER CASA**
Advocates for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect

*Served 574 children, trained 134 new volunteer child-advocates, and donated 7,485 hours of service.*
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MARIA DROSTE COUNSELING CENTER

Provides counseling services tailored to each child’s developmental level and emotional capabilities
Delivered on-site children’s counseling services at 17 metro-area schools, providing 3,300+ sessions to students ranging from ages 5 to 18 – nearly a 700-session or 27% increase over the prior year

COLORADO I HAVE A DREAM

Provides a holistic academic, social, and emotional program from elementary school through college
90% of CIHAD youth complete high school compared to 74% of youth from low-income communities nationally, and program youth are 3x more likely to go on to earn a bachelor’s degree than their peers living in low-income communities

NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED

By rethinking ability, we instill a spark of “what if” in children who haven’t realized what they’re capable of
More than 1,019 participants spanning the sports experience including skiing, rock climbing, rafting, and horseback riding
Making a Difference Where It Matters Most

DCF’s stewardship ensures funds go the organizations with the greatest impact and strongest operations.

A Child’s Song
Adam’s Camp
Adoption Options
Advocates for Children - CASA
Art from Ashes
Assistance League of Denver
Attention Inc., dba TGTHR (formerly Attention Homes)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado
Blue Sky Bridge
Book Trust
Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region
Boys & Girls Clubs of Weld County
Breakthrough at Kent Denver
Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center
CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties
CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, Inc.
Child Advocates – Denver CASA
ChildSafe Colorado
Clothes To Kids of Denver
Colorado "I Have A Dream" Foundation
Colorado Center for the Blind
Colorado Children’s Chorale
Colorado FriendShip
Colorado UpLift
Denver Children’s Advocacy Center
Denver Children’s Home
Denver Kids, Inc.
Deserving Dental
Doctors Care
Educational Access Group
Environmental Learning for Kids
Focus Points Family Resource Center
Food for Hope
Griffith Centers for Children, Inc
Heart and Hand Center
Hope House Colorado
Illuminate Colorado
Invest in Kids
Jeffco Eats
Judi’s House
Kids First Health Care
Kids In Need of Dentistry
Kids Mobility Network
Listen Foundation, Inc.
Maria Droste Counseling Center
Mile High 360
Minds Matter Colorado
National Sports Center for the Disabled
PCs for People
Peak Education
PlatteForum
Ralston House
Reach Out and Read Colorado
Rise Against Suicide
Rocky Mountain Children’s Health Foundation
Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center
Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Roots Family Center
SafeHouse Denver
Save Our Youth, Inc
Second Wind Fund
Shiloh Home Inc. DBA Shiloh House
Special Olympics Colorado
Summer Scholars DBA Scholars Unlimited
Sun Valley Youth Center
Tennyson Center for Children
The Buddy Program
Third Way Center
Thriving Families
We Don’t Waste
WeeCycle
YESS Institute
Young Americans Center for Financial Education
DCF doubled grant funds in 2022 vs. 2018, distributes $1 for every $0.13 in salary, and held total administrative cost at 16% of distributed funds.

**DCF**

- **$M available funds**: 1.4
- **# grants funded**: 74
- **$M in grants since 1987**: 15
- **grant applicants**: 131
- **$M in grant requests**: 2.9
- **years of service**: 35
- **total children served annually by grantees (000s)**: 192
- **members**: 100

*Impacting the Community Every Day*
Creating Value With Premier Events

The community recognizes our events as the best around, blending celebration, relationship building, and fundraising.

**The Denver Polo Classic**
The 3-day Polo Classic hosts more than 3,500 people with a first-class Black Tie dinner and live auction, Family Day, and Championship polo.

**Leaders Fore Kids Golf Classic**
Our annual golf event enjoys the beauty and player challenge of Colorado Golf Club, one of Colorado’s premier golf venues.

**Christmas for Kids**
A record-setting event affords 150 underserved girls and boys the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their family members.

**NAIOP Fight Night**
Thanks to the members and leaders of NAIOP, the raffle generated a record net gain again, and treated guests to a night of great food, fun, and prize fights.

**The Denver Barn Party**
With major country headliners on stage every year, great food and fun, the Barn Party shows again and again why it is Denver’s hottest country music event.

**Mile High Faceoff**
Amateur hockey players faced off in an exhibition matchup then enjoyed dinner, networking, and the Colorado Avalanche.
Honoring Our Sponsors and Donors

We are humbled by the continued engagement of our contributors – and inspired by the example they set in the community.

$100K+

$10K - $15K Legacy Grant Donors

$10K - $14,999

- Akerman LLP
- Arrowmark Partners
- Bank of Colorado
- Compass Bank
- DCF Membership
- Dealers Auto Auction
- Envestnet
- Harvey Cleary Builders
- Interior Environments
- Kelton and Rachael Carter
- Kevin Stark Family
- Listings.com Holland Team
- Non-Plus Ultra
- Ogletree Deakins
- Pearl Street Hospitality
- Powers Brown Architecture
- Sherman & Howard LLP
- Sopris Capital Associates
- Tom Williams
- Trenton Rhodes
- Ward Electric Company
- Washington Family
- Weitz Construction
- WynnBet

$10K - $15K

- Jason White / White Out Consulting (2020-22)
- Karen and Charles Farver Family (2020-22)
- Kane Kunz (2022-2024)

$50K - $75,000

- Alliant Insurance

$20K - $49,999

- Century Communities
- The Hamilton Group
- Orthopedic Centers of Colorado

$15K - $19,999

- Albanese Family/CBRE
- BluSky Restoration Contractors
- Exclusive Resorts
- Jordan & Skala Engineers
- Globus Family of Brands
- Keltn Family Trust
- MHM Lending
- Philfer Family
- PNC Bank

$10K - $15K

- Aberdeen Construction
- Agency FIFTY3
- Alcorn Construction
- Armada Venture Partners
- BDO Wealth Management
- BOK Financial
- Breakthrugh Beverage
- Karen Brinckerhoff
- Buffalo Builders
- Commerce Bank
- CRS Insurance
- Delli/Epoch
- Eide Bailly
- Emich Automotive Foundation
- Feist Family
- Forvis LLP
- FristBank
- Gort Properties
- Greenenberg Traurig
- Iconic Investments
- Jack Daniel’s
- Liv Sotheby’s Wolfe-Bouc Group
- Baceline Group (2021-23)
- The Arnold Family (2021-23)
- Longhill Contracting
- MG Stover
- Monarch Investments
- Municipal Finance Corporation
- Nelson Mullins
- Raymond Paolini
- RBC Wealth Management
- Sigma Computing
- Situs Real Estate
- SunLife Financial
- SVR Real Estate
- T. Craig Mills
- Trina Jablonsky
- Wipfli
Building Our Community’s Leaders

The gentlemen of DCF emphasize the mission, stewardship, collaboration, and camaraderie.

adam massaro | adam gressa | alex aubrey | andre harris | andrew green | barton thompson | beau jenkins
ben farrow | ben finn | ben geiger | ben fishman | ben henry | braden fridell | brandon jones | brendan mulcahy
brendan o’heir | brett cunningham | bryan lewis | bryant mazzetti | cam altman | casey dallas | chad huggins
chris banister | christian dinsdale | cody phifer | cole newcomer | colt emich | dan miller | david haudenschild
david wagner | dax gitcho | derek greer | devon bolton | dillon o’dea | elio merino | erik carlson | erik comer
ethan gilbert | evan anundsen | evan gart | gabe albanese | gino scarpelli | hugo weinberger | j.j. simon | jack hoyt
james samuelsen | james veys | jayce smallwood | jim crosby | jim francescon | john mastro | josh fitch | kane kunz
kenneth monfort | kyle ferry | kyle henry | lex atencio | lucas kulma | matt conway | matt mansfield | max gansline
max molitor | mike ervolina | michael fancher | mike sangaline | mitch kelln | nathan oxman | nathan vandiggelen
nick eggemeyer | nick nientimp | nick pirnack | nick troxel | nino lawson | peter sengelmann | raymond paolini
richard self | rob falick | ross blahnik | russ sellers | ryan cirasiello | ryan whelan | ryan mclean | ryan tracy
sam evasick | sam winn | scott jacobs | sean hughes | sid makkar | sutton cavalier | taylor kennedy | tim laning
tyler chapman | tyler snover | vince malara | vince luparell | wick spaulding | will hightower | wyatt cox | zack mann
Committed to Transform Our Community

Elected by their peers, DCF’s Board of Directors leads by example to achieve our mission and vision.

Mission
Develop philanthropic leaders who mobilize the community to impact the lives of disadvantaged children

Vision
By 2023, Denver Children’s Foundation will have doubled the amount of money raised and distributed over 2018

Board of Directors
Cody Phifer, 2022-2023 President
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Adam Cohen, Executive Director

Funding Pillars
Education
Health & Wellbeing
Child Advocacy
Personal Enrichment
Reach Out to Our Team

We are here to serve our community, to honor our sponsors and donors, and to transform the lives of underserved youth.

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A man never **stands so tall** as when kneeling to help a child.

**BUILDING LEADERS**
Our members cultivate philanthropic skills, have life-changing experiences that shape their world views, and solidify their community leadership roles.

**BENEFITING CHILDREN**
The community need compels us to reach higher and work harder to create value for the nonprofits and children our Foundation supports.