

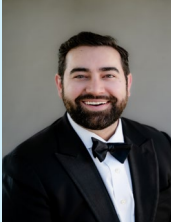
# 2024 annual review



DENVER  
CHILDREN'S  
FOUNDATION

# DEVELOPING LEADERS | BENEFITING CHILDREN

A year of incredible accomplishment ended with record-setting charity funding – and even greater opportunities are on the horizon.



**BEAU JENKINS**  
2023-2024  
PRESIDENT

In 2024, Denver Children’s Foundation reached new heights—raising record funds, deepening our impact, and fostering a culture of leadership among our 100 strongly committed members.

Through hands-on involvement, we empowered young professionals to become philanthropic leaders while ensuring that Colorado’s most vulnerable children receive critical resources. I’m incredibly proud of what we’ve accomplished together. Your support makes all the difference, fueling life-changing grants and strengthening our beneficial mission.

Thank you for believing in DCF and in the power of community-driven philanthropy. The future is bright because of you.



**NICK PIRNACK**  
2024-2025  
PRESIDENT

At Denver Children’s Foundation, we’re building a brighter future for Colorado’s children by empowering the next generation of philanthropic leaders.

Our 100 dedicated members are passionate about making a difference, gaining invaluable experience through hands-on involvement in grantmaking and community leadership. And your your support is crucial. It allows us to nurture these developing leaders and ensure that at-risk children receive the resources they need to thrive – through health and well-being, education, advocacy, and personal enrichment opportunities.

Invest in DCF and leave a lasting legacy of hope and opportunity for Colorado’s children. Together, we can create a community where every child’s future is filled with promise.



**ADAM COHEN**  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

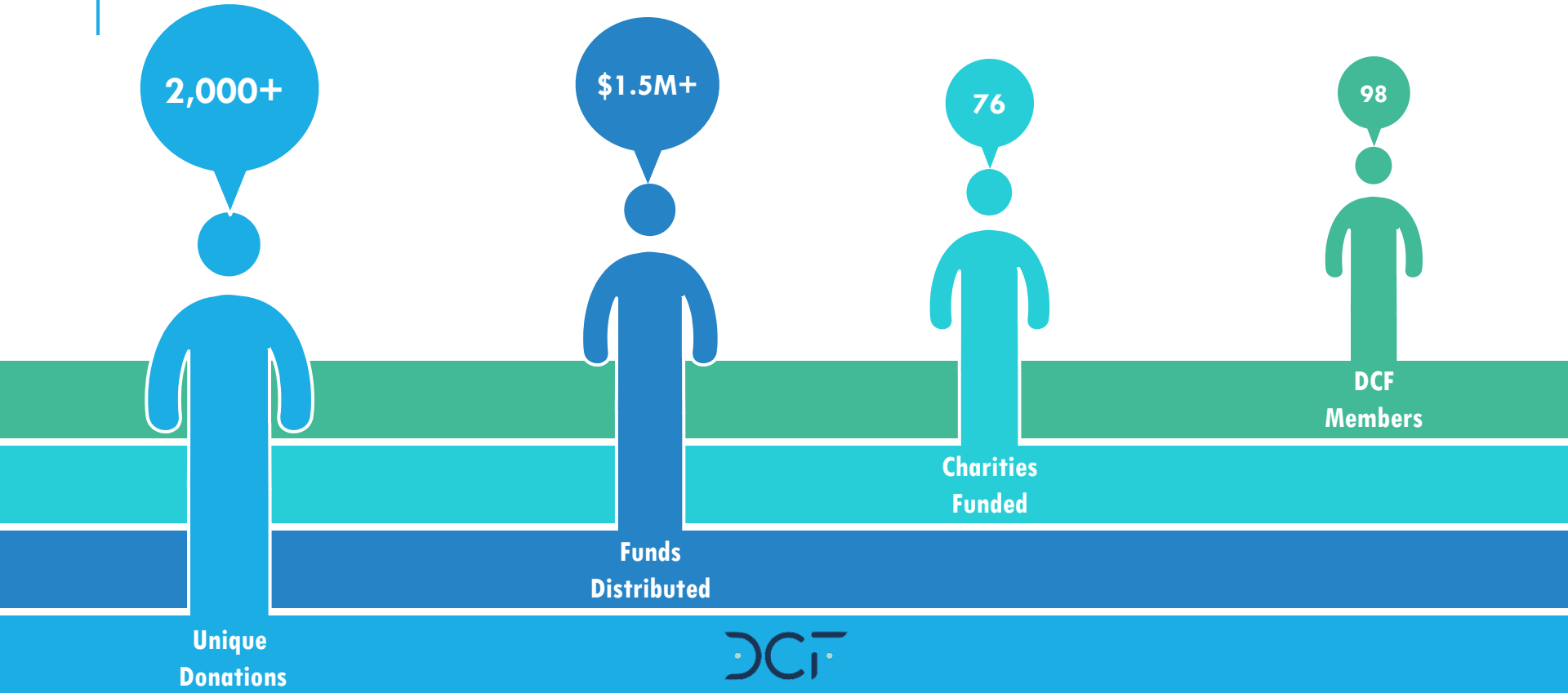
Six cycles of Denver Children’s Foundation fundraising have required me to stay agile as we chase excellence in Foundation operations.

New partnerships, venues, members, economic conditions, and sponsor expectations in 2024 required ever-increasing agility and creativity. In 2025, opportunities to elevate key events, optimize operations, enhance member engagement, and develop additional fundraising partners, streams, and resources will build on past success and enable DCF to continue to chase excellence.

I couldn’t be prouder of our amazing membership team or more grateful for the donor and sponsor community’s generosity. It’s an unstoppable combination as we lift Colorado’s youth to success.

# RECORD-SETTING COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Thanks to thousands of community members and the hard work of DCF members, we deployed a record level of funds in 2024



Unique  
Donations

Funds  
Distributed

Charities  
Funded

DCF  
Members



# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

DCF Members, sponsors, and donors lead the way, investing \$1.5M+ in grants to transform the lives of children in need.



# ELITE DUE DILIGENCE SELECTS BEST OF THE BEST

DCF Members perform 1,000+ hours of due diligence in aggregate to evaluate more than 150 applicants and to invest in 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 helps DCF members of our Grant Review Committee differentiate charity organizations. It's a difficult job and the all-Member 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.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE WHERE IT MATTERS MOST

DCF's stewardship ensures funds go to the top charity organizations with the greatest impact and strongest operations. Here are the 2024 recipients.

A Child's Song  
A Precious Child, Inc.  
Adam's Camp  
Adoption Options  
Advocates for Children-CASA  
Azteca Boxing Club  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado  
Book Trust  
Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region  
Boys & Girls Club of Weld County  
Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center  
Careers in Construction Colorado  
CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties  
CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties  
CASA of Larimer County  
CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, Inc.  
Child & Family Advocacy Program dba Blue Sky Bridge  
Child Advocates – Denver CASA  
Children's Advocacy & Family Resources, Inc., d/b/a SungateKids  
City Year Denver  
Clothes To Kids of Denver  
Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers  
Colorado Association of Family & Children's Agencies  
Colorado Center for the Blind  
Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation  
Colorado UpLift

Colorado Youth for a Change  
Delta Gamma Anchor Center for Blind Children  
Denver Area Youth Services  
Denver Children's Advocacy Center  
Denver Kids, Inc.  
Doctors Care  
Environmental Learning for Kids  
Family Learning Center  
Family Voices Colorado  
Finally Home Foundation  
Focus Points Family Resource Center  
Food for Hope  
Griffith Centers for Children, Inc  
Hope House Colorado  
Horizons at Colorado Academy  
I Have A Dream Foundation of Boulder County  
Illuminate Colorado  
Jeffco Eats  
Judi's House  
Kids In Need of Dentistry  
Kids Mobility Network  
Listen Foundation, Inc.  
Little Giants Learning Center  
Minds Matter Colorado  
National Sports Center for the Disabled

Night Lights Inc.  
Peak Education  
PlatteForum  
PorchLight, a Family Justice Center  
Raise the Future  
Ralston House  
Reaching HOPE  
Rise Against Suicide  
Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association  
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network  
SafeHouse Denver  
Save Our Youth, Inc  
Second Wind Fund  
SECOR Cares  
Sherman Entrepreneurship Foundation DBA HighView  
Shiloh Home, Inc DBA Shiloh House  
Special Olympics Colorado  
Tennyson Center for Children  
Therapies for Hope  
Third Way Center  
Vail Valley Charitable Fund  
WeeCycle  
Westminster Public Schools Foundation  
YESS Institute  
Young Americans Center for Financial Education



# INVESTING WHERE FUNDS HAVE GREATEST IMPACT

Charities such as these provide critical and essential programs to elevate our community's youth and to change their lives.



Careers in Construction Colorado

Careers in Construction serves 83 high schools in the state and has placed 1,655 program graduates in jobs in the construction industry. More than 82% of program graduates are working full-time in construction earning an average of nearly \$20/hr.



Sherman Entrepreneurship DBA Highview

100% of HighView graduates complete high school on time and earn substantial college scholarships. HighView opens doors for motivated high school students from underrepresented communities to succeed in life and achieve economic mobility.



SungateKids

SungateKids empowers children to use their voices, helping create a world where children are safe and free from abuse. In 2024, SungateKids served more than 500 children and conducted more than 470 forensic interviews.

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Kids Mobility Network

Kids Mobility Network had a big year, serving 261 children and providing 272 pieces of medical equipment – representing a nearly 40% increase in community benefit over the previous year.



Therapies for Hope

Therapies for Hope customized therapeutic developmental health programs for more than 70 children annually – with a 100% acceptance rate of data for the Rutgers Longitudinal Study.



A Child's Song

A Child's Song uses music education as a strategy to reach and develop social-emotional skills in youth; more than 85% of 1,200+ students served are in Free/Reduced Lunch programs



# ELITE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our events create community engagement, where sponsors and donors, DCF Members, and children in our community all win together.



# CREATE A LEGACY THROUGH YOUR INVESTMENT IN DCF



## 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.

*\$10K minimum investment for 3-year minimum term*

## COLORADO CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT = 50% OF DONATION



Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit AND applicable Federal and State deductions for all donations greater than \$1,000 up to \$100,000 annually.



**LEGACY  
GRANTS +  
COLORADO  
TAX CREDITS**

**growth + impact**



# INVESTING IN COLORADO'S CHILDREN

Donors and children win through investment in DCF using the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit.

1

## DONATE \$1,000 OR MORE

Cash donations from \$1,000 to \$100,000 (annual limit) with no goods or services received are eligible.

2

## GET A 50% DIRECT INCOME TAX CREDIT

Colorado taxpayers (individuals or organizations) receive a tax credit of 50% of the donation to offset their state income tax.

3

## INVEST TO TRANSFORM A CHILD'S LIFE

DCF evaluates, selects, and funds charities qualified for Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit donations.



# DCF'S YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

Fundraising in 2023 to overcome global and local economic challenges to keep pace with a record-setting 2022.

## CHILDREN SERVED

Protecting, nurturing, educating,  
and advancing children in need.



20,000+

## CHARITIES FUNDED

Our Members select and invest in the best-  
of-the-best charities serving children.



76

## YEARS OF SERVICE

Today's Members build on a foundation  
laid by visionary leaders.



37

158

## GRANT FUNDING

Non-event fundraising surpassed 60% of  
available funds in 2024.



\$1.5M+

## MEMBERS

Volunteer Member-leaders learn philanthropic  
leadership as they transform the lives of  
children in need.



## GRANT APPLICANTS

Many dedicated charities apply and DCF  
Members select and fund only the best.



# HONORING OUR SPONSORS AND DONORS

DCF sponsors and donors set the standard for community leadership and make a major difference for Colorado's youth in need.

**\$120,000+**



**SCHOMP**

## **\$50,000 - \$75,000**

*Phifer Family  
Sunrise Youth Fund*

## **\$30,000 - \$49,999**

*Carrie Fell & Company  
The Hamilton Group  
Jackson Family Wines  
Reserva de la Familia by Jose Cuervo  
Vanguard Solar Services  
Williams Family Foundation*

## **\$20,000 - \$29,999**

*Bank of Colorado  
Corey and Bradley Parker  
PNC Bank & Colorado Rockies*

## **\$15,000 - \$19,999**

*Alliant Insurance  
Artisan Home Loans  
Irvin Stern Foundation*

## **\$10,000 - \$14,999**

*Akerman LLP  
Amy & David Winsor  
BUILT Colorado Chapter  
Compass Realty | Ross Blahnik & Ben Finn  
Colfax Real Estate Company  
Eagle Rock Distributing  
Emich Automotive  
Harvey-Cleary Builders  
John Mastro  
Kathy & Brad Coors Foundation  
Kearney Wornall Foundation  
Kelln Family  
Lockton Insurance  
Longhill Contracting  
Marcus Eller  
Nelson Family Foundation  
PCL Construction  
Priscilla Stoll  
PropSwap  
Provident Construction  
Rebecca & Kevin Schmeits Family  
Revelstoke Capital Partners  
T. Craig Mills Family  
Washington Family/Buell Foundation  
Weber-Boxer Aspen  
Women for Research & Resources*

## **\$10,000 - \$15,000 LEGACY GRANT DONORS**

*Kane Kunz (2022-2024)  
The Mann Family (2023-2025)*

*The Morton Family (2021-25)  
The Arnold Family (2021-25)*

## **\$5,000 - \$9,999**

*Audrey Robertson  
Baceline Investments  
Beauty Refined  
Beazley  
Ben & Kara Farrow  
Berry Appleman Leiden LLP  
Better Good Club  
Big Blue Swim School  
Bow River Capital  
Capital One  
CCS Facility Services  
Cody McKay  
Compass | Ben Finn  
Compass | Ross Blahnik  
BluSky Restoration  
Bow River Capital  
BUILT  
Better Good Club  
Cecilia Cochran  
Concierge Home Loans  
Christian Dinsdale  
CLFS Equities  
CRS Insurance  
E. Thomas Arrington Family  
E&J Gallo Winery  
Eide Bailly  
Envestnet  
Elaine Yang  
Equity Dispo  
Erik & Sarah Carlson  
Eric Hubbell Family  
ErvoSquare  
Family Tree Corp  
First Alliance Title  
FirstBank  
Fleury Riley  
Foothills Energy  
Govinda Quish  
Kelton and Rachael Carter  
Kent Stevinson  
Kontnik | Cohen P.C.  
Forvis Foundation  
Gino & Katie Scarpelli  
Grand Wailea Resort  
Great Southern Bank  
Gwen Snyder Real Estate  
Intermountain Electric  
Jim Chapman  
John & Dot Kelley  
Lee & Bev Kunz Foundation  
Lindsey & Frank Auman  
Margueite Bellville  
Mark Schryver  
Maurice Nissim  
Michael Payne  
Narrate Holdings  
Nick Hansen  
Provident Construction  
Pynergy Petroleum  
Riverview Ranch  
Robert & Susan Schwarzenbek  
Robert Blankenship  
Shane Company  
Sheree Acheson  
Tammi O'Dea Family  
Tanweer Khan  
UMB  
Target Corporation  
Tom Vick  
Tryall Club Jamaica  
Victor & Barbara Klein Family Fund  
Ward Electric Company  
Williams Jewelers  
Wipfli LLP  
Yag Patel*



# DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITY'S LEADERS

The gentlemen of DCF embody DCF's mission, ensure stewardship, enhance collaboration, and build camaraderie in service to our community.

Adam Gressa | Adam Massaro | Alex Aubrey | Alex Nance | Andre Harris | Andrew Lane | Austin Snedden  
Beau Jenkins | Ben Farrow | Ben Finn | Ben Fishman | Brady Anderson | Brandon Jones | Brendan O'Heir | Bryan Lewis  
Bryant Mazzetti | Cameron Altman | Cameron Douglass | Cameron Saheb | Casey Dallas | Charlie Brackman  
Chris Kenney | Chris Banister | Christian Dinsdale | Cody Phifer | Cole Jackson | Colin Mulligan | Colson Castilla  
Colt Emich | Dallas Doiron | Dan Miller | David Haudenschild | David Wagner | Devon Bolton | Dillon O'Dea  
Elio Merino | Erik Carlson | Erik Comer | Ethan Gilbert | Evan Anundsen | Evan Gart | Gabe Albanese | George Savin  
Gino Scarpelli | Grant Oliver | Ian Epstein | Jack Hoyt | Jack Curry | James Samuelsen | James Veys | Jason Arneson  
Jayce Smallwood | John Mastro | Johnny Kellogg | Jonathan Shirazi | Jordan Williams | Josh Fitch | Kane Kunz  
Kenny Monfort | Kyle Henry | Lex Atencio | Liam Ryan | Madison Kelley | Matt Mansfield | Max Gansline | Max Molitor  
Michael Grace | Michael Ervolina | Michael Fancher | Mike Sangaline | Mitch Kelln | Nathan Oxman | Nick Behm  
Nick Eggemeyer | Nick Nientimp | Nick Pirnack | Nick Troxel | Nino Lawson | Rich Miskiewicz | Richard Self  
Rick DeFino | Rob Falick | Ross Blahnik | Russ Sellers | Ryan Cirasiello | Ryan McLean | Ryan Tracy | Ryan Whelan  
Ryan Dodson | Sam Evasick | Scott Jacobs | Sean Hughes | Sutton Cavalier | Tanner Scholvin | Taylor Kennedy  
Tim Laning | Travis Marr | Tyler Chapman | Tyler Snover | Vince Luparell | Vince Malara | Vinny Sangaline  
Wick Spaulding | Will Hightower | Wyatt Cox | Zac Clark | 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.



## Board of Directors

*Nick Pirnack, 2024-2025 President*  
*Ross Blahnik, 2025-2026 President-Elect*  
*Beau Jenkins, 2023-2024 Past President*

*David Haudenschild, Treasurer*  
*Gino Scarpelli, Treasurer*  
*Ben Farrow, Secretary*

*Rob Falick, Director*  
*Tyler Snover, Director*  
*Sean Hughes, Director*  
*Erik Carlson, Director*

*James Samuelsen, Grant Review Chair*  
*Chris Kenney, General Counsel*

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*Adam Cohen, Executive Director*

## Mission

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

## Vision

*By 2028, Denver Children's Foundation will have doubled the amount of money raised and distributed over 2023 to \$3M+*

## 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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Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram



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**traditional**

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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.

