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WELCOME



We share our deep gratitude as **Denver Children's Foundation** and our Members welcome you to the largest charitable polo event in the country, the **36th Annual Denver Polo Classic presented by Schomp BMW**. Expect another elegant, luxurious, and fun experience at the legendary Polo Reserve.

Without your continued support, this event would not be the success it has been for more than three decades. The kids in our community need us and, together, we will double down on our dedication to raise even more funds for charity. Due to your support, we granted nearly \$1.5 million to 71 local children's charities in 2023, bringing the total we've invested in the community to more than \$18 million since our inception.

The Denver Polo Classic is better than ever and aims for record-setting fundraising. We've refreshed our approach to the Live Auction, securing a new auctioneer and introducing two *Mission Moment* speakers. A *Heads-Tails Contest* offers every guest a chance to win diamond earrings donated by **Williams Jewelers** (\$100 for one chance, \$150 for two chances). And, at the end of our *Paddle Raise*, every final-paddle donor can enter a drawing to win a 7-night trip to Mexico for two guests. Don't forget to buy *Drive for the Kids Raffle* tickets for a 1965 Mustang 289 V8 and other prizes!

The weekend begins with **The Hamilton Group / Williams Foundation Black Tie Dinner and Brad and Kathy Coors Foundation Live Auction**. After a VIP Happy Hour with on-field tequila tasting and cigars, award-winning *Matsuhisa* and *Epicurean* will provide elegant table service as the sun sets. All guests partake in a full open bar including signature cocktails. Our Live and Silent Auctions feature an exciting array of items including official Polo Classic artwork from exceptional local artist *Carrie Fell* and amazing packages at all price levels. *Brightflight Drones* will present another stunning lightshow over the field. Finally, *Little Moses Jones Band* will energize the evening with iconic Urban Soul and Hip Hop dance music.

Bring on the kids! Saturday's **Bank of Colorado Family Day** offers the special V.I. Kids area full of activities for our younger polo enthusiasts. Planned activities include pony rides, a photo booth with fun dress-up items for the kids, face-painters, and dog agility racing. In addition to these activities, enjoy tasty bites from Denver restaurants, visit flowing open bars, get in on the Silent Auction, and enjoy the opening polo matches. Make sure to help out with the Divot Stomp.

The excitement culminates on **Reserva de la Familia by Jose Cuervo Championship Sunday** where the 2024 Denver Polo Classic Champion will be crowned on the **PNC Bank Polo Pitch**. Once again, sample tasty bites from some of Denver's finest restaurants, visit our open bars, and get your silent auction bids in early. Get involved with another Heads-Tails Contest and short Live Auction. Stomp more divots, too!

Denver Children's Foundation has doubled its distributed funds in the last 5 years and we are on the way to invest up to \$2 million in the community! We are deeply grateful for your continued support. Without you, making a difference in the lives of youth across the great state of Colorado would be impossible.

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Ross Blahnik, Polo Chair



Ross Blahnik
Polo Chairman



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POLO CHAIRMAN

Ross Blahnik



Ross joined DCF in 2017 because he was impressed by the significant positive impact the Foundation has in helping disadvantaged youth in our community. Ross is honored to serve as Polo Chair to lead the group's most significant fundraiser in 2024.

As a real estate agent with Compass Real Estate, Ross has more than 8 years of experience passionately serving his clients. Born and raised in Lakewood, Colorado, Ross received a Bachelor's degree in Integrative Physiology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He also proudly serves on the Associate Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado. Outside of work, Ross loves traveling the world, playing golf, skiing, and spending time with his significant other, Erika, and their dog, Louie.

Ross wants to recognize and to share his appreciation for all the hard work of his fellow DCF members, especially the Board of Directors, Board President Beau Jenkins, Beverage Chair Erik Carlson, Logistics Chair Casey Dallas, the Black Tie dinner catering teams and weekend restaurants, the vendors who support the event, and Executive Director Adam Cohen.

He appreciates the generous support of patrons returning to the Polo Classic and welcomes those attending for the first time. Please let Ross or the DCF team know if you have any recommendations on how to bring the best experience to the most valued part of our organization: our sponsors and donors.

DFC PRESIDENT

Beau Jenkins



Beau joined DCF in 2018 seeking an opportunity to better serve his community. The mission of serving underprivileged children immediately called to Beau and he has been looking to expand his service since joining. Beau was first elected to a 2-year Treasurer role on the Board and now brings his personal and professional experience to serve in the President's role for 2023-2024.

Beau is the General Manager and Senior Loan Officer at Artisan Home Loans, specializing in mortgages and working with clients to purchase and refinance their homes throughout Colorado. His experience in underwriting complex financial deals, as well as his passion for serving, add value to DCF in leadership, event management, fundraising, and grant review roles.

A Texas native, he has moved several times in his life with Colorado becoming a fast favorite and his home since 2010. In his free time, Beau enjoys spending time with his wife and two boys, Theo and Dean.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY - THE HAMILTON GROUP / WILLIAMS FOUNDATION BLACK TIE GALA



HAPPY HOUR AND DINNER:

We host a top-notch cocktail service and dinner as the sun sets over the Littleton Polo Reserve. VIPs enjoy on-field Reserva de la Familia tequila tasting and 1910 cigars. Matsuhisa returns for its third Polo Classic service, offering new-style Japanese appetizers and dinner for VIP Sponsor and Major Sponsor guests. Epicurean will serve its award-winning, contemporary culinary experience this evening. Bon Appetit!

BEVERAGES:

Enjoy the open bar with top-shelf cocktails until 11:30 pm. Thank you to our beverage sponsors. Cheers!



BRAD AND KATHY COORS FOUNDATION LIVE AUCTION:

Beginning around 8:15 pm, expert auctioneer Halie Behr will conduct a spirited Live Auction. The live auction's once-in-a-lifetime trips and experiences will astound you. Paddles up!

WILLIAMS JEWELERS HEADS-TAILS CONTEST:

Buy beads to play this game of chance, then try to survive the rounds of Heads or Tails to win \$8,950 diamond earrings donated by Williams Jewelers! Beads are one for \$100 or two for \$150. All participants start by standing up. They predict the outcome of the ensuing coin toss by placing their hand(s) physically on their head or their "tail." The result of the coin toss determines winners (who remain standing) and losers (who must sit). If you lose, take off a set of beads. When you have no more beads (up to two losses), you are OUT! Process repeats until only one person is left standing.



SILENT AUCTION:

The silent auction will be available until 11:30 pm with 125+ items available for bidding. Pick up winnings when you leave. Good luck!

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Purchase 2024 Drive for the Kids raffle tickets for your chance to win a sky blue 1965 Mustang 289 V8. This vintage vehicle has a 289 V8 engine, near-perfect original Pony interior, automatic transmission, power steering, and radial tires. The appraised value of the vehicle is \$32,500.



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MUSIC:

Little Moses Jones isn't merely a band; it's an immersive musical journey. Specializing in the iconic Urban soul and Hip Hop hits spanning the 90s and 2000s, this dynamic group of seven musicians creates an atmosphere that goes beyond conventional music. With their distinctive fusion of Urban soul and Hip Hop, get ready to find yourself on your feet, joyfully dancing and singing along in no time.

LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW:

Bid on a three-night stay for three couples at **Manzanita House on Spring Mountain in Napa Valley**, valued at \$25,000! *Architectural Digest* featured the home in the late 1980s. It has an incredible view and the Mexican architecture features two detached Casitas – all three rooms have King beds. The package includes two curated full days of tastings leaving a day open for the group to visit some of their favorite wineries or other attractions. The first Napa day tasting will feature the Spire Collection, Freemark Abbey Decades experience, and tasting/lunch at Lokoya. The second day will feature a Stonestreet Mountain Tour (epic!) along with a tasting and lunch at the Verite Estate where the wines have received more than 35 100-point scores since the brand started in 1998.

Other amazing Live Auction packages include Polo Classic Signature Artwork "*Polo Swings*" by Carrie Fell; a North Carolina Deep-Sea Fishing experience; Ritz-Carlton Vail private residence and Hawaii resort stays; luxury Montana, Indonesia, and African Safari trips; an all-expenses-paid trip to Mexico to tour Jose Cuervo's distillery and Reserva de la Familia's agave estate; Aspen Snow Polo with private jet service; and more!

Guests are advised that auction bids constitute legal offers by the bidder to purchase the goods or services represented by the auction package presented on stage during the live auction, in-person at the auction feature board, or in the online silent auction platform. Each winning bidder agrees to make payment in the amount of the winning bid. All bidders are encouraged to review the package description and exclusions described therein before offering an auction bid. Guests are advised that live auction proceedings will be recorded with audio and video equipment.

BLACK TIE DINNER CUISINE



Matsuhisa Denver is Chef Nobu Matsuhisa's third Colorado location, having joined Aspen and Vail in April 2016. Situated in the Steele Creek building in Cherry Creek, a thriving and rapidly expanding area 10 minutes from downtown, Matsuhisa Denver has three private dining options perfect for an intimate business meeting or large party. Chef Nobu's new-style Japanese cuisine draws influence from his classical training in Tokyo and his life abroad in Peru, Argentina, and around the world, showcasing signature dishes such as Yellowtail Sashimi with Jalapeño, Black Cod Miso, and White fish Tiradito.

EPICUREAN CATERING

Epicurean believes in the potential for large impact on those who gather together to celebrate successes, support the community, and deepen relationships. The award-winning, high-quality provider helps the Polo Classic make DCF's signature event creative, with seamless collaboration and its commitment to stellar cuisine and meticulous service. Epicurean has won many awards for its work, including 8-time caterer of the year, top 25 caterers in the world, best plated meal and best food presentation, and event of the year. Epicurean team members embody enlightened hospitality and are motivated by the idea that they set the industry standard, not follow it.

FEATURED ARTIST: CARRIE FELL



For more than 25 years, Carrie Fell has electrified collectors, galleries, and enthusiasts with her highly contemporary portrayals of the West, securing her provenance as one of the greatest contemporary artists of her time. Each Carrie Fell piece is unique, yet all are recognizably part of a continuing story.

Whether it be the quintessential material of the West, sophisticated abstract extractions of DESIGNLINE, the nostalgic mood of MODERN SOCIAL, or the dynamic NEON COWBOYS, Carrie's work is always classically elegant yet highly contemporary. Her work speaks to people in a way that draws them back again and again – emotion, shape, line, colors, and textures – inviting them into a mesmerizing story that plays out on canvas.

In 2020, Carrie published *"The ART of CARRIE FELL and the Chronicles of Ruby Copper: A Retrospective Review 1994-2020,"* with 400 carefully curated images highlighting her illustrious career and culminating with pieces commissioned by the International Ski Federation (FIS) for the 2015 World Championships. Most recently in 2022, following Carrie's keen instincts about the evolving art market, Carrie Fell & Co. (CF&Co) minted its inaugural non-fungible token (NFT) piece – "Front Runner" – exclusively for DCF's Polo Classic Auction. With four more NFTs minted on the digital market OpenSea, CF&Co is boldly stepping into this new realm of expression.



Carrie Fell "Polo Swings"

Today, with everything from original gallery art to interior design and personal effects in development, CF&Co continues to evolve and expand. However, just like the founder herself, CF&Co is just hitting its stride. As has always been the focus during her career, CF&Co's new tagline says it all: *let's begin with the art.*

MISSION MOMENT SPEAKERS



ADRIAN PEREZ graduated from Denver North High School in 2016. During high school, Adrian participated in the DCF-funded YESS Institute’s program from 2014-2016 as a student, then student-mentor, and finally as a student-mentor leader. With support from YESS Institute and Founder Carlo Kriekels

(a DCF Alumni), Adrian went on to study at the Colorado School of Mines, graduating in 2021 with a Bachelor’s in Civil Engineering and a Master’s in Structural Engineering.

After graduation, Adrian went off to work for First Things Foundation, a small NGO providing foreign aid through project development. He spent 2 years in Momostenango, Guatemala, teaching English, assisting with local start-up businesses, and coaching basketball and soccer. After finishing his service, he is now training to become the Executive Field Director for First Things Foundation. He just recently returned home to Denver after visiting First Things’ project sites in Mozambique and The Republic of Georgia.



RASHAD CALDWELL is a rising sophomore at Princeton University and a student-athlete playing football. He was an active participant in the DCF-funded Denver Kids, Inc. program from 2013 to 2023 and graduated from Denver South High School in 2023. He attended DCF’s Christmas For Kids shopping event four times.

Rashad has six siblings (four brothers and two sisters), ages 9 to 24. Rashad is currently learning Swahili and studying Social Psychology, Entrepreneurship, and Philosophy. His life goal is to be a living testament of turning dreams and passions into reality.



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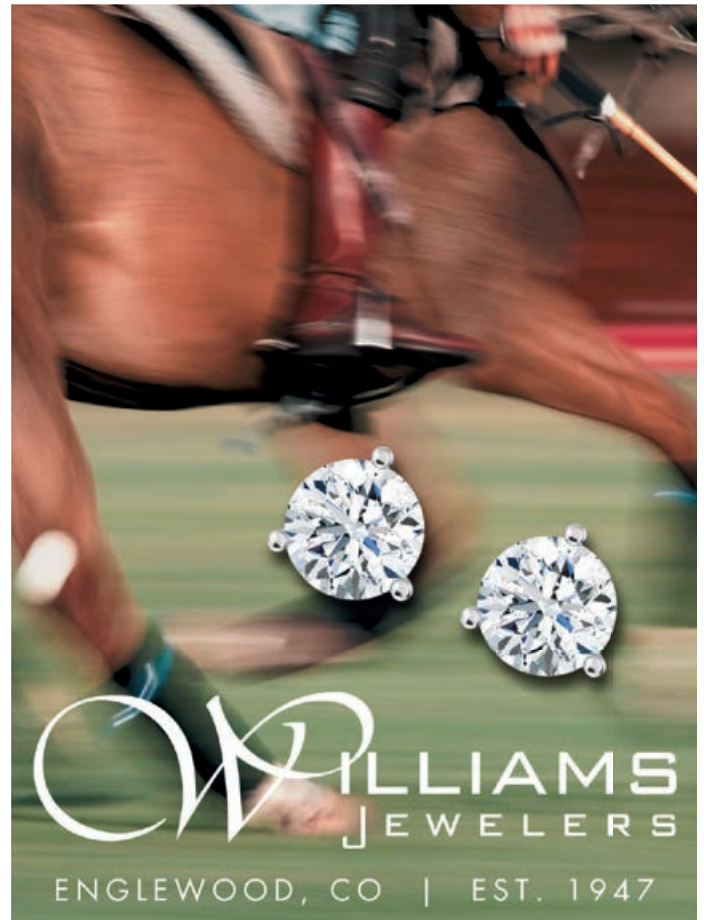
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SATURDAY - BANK OF COLORADO FAMILY DAY



POLO:

Qualifying matches will take place during the event today to determine standings for the championships on Sunday. Four teams wear the jerseys of our major sponsors: Schomp BMW, The Hamilton Group / Williams Foundation, Bank of Colorado, and Reserva de la Familia by Jose Cuervo. PNC Bank flaggers work the field and boundaries. Learn more about polo on pages 27-29 of the program.

V.I.KID'S TENT:

Located at the north end of the seating area, we will provide fun and educational activities to entertain and to delight kids of all ages.

PONY RIDES:

Smaller children will enjoy "polo pony" rides at the north end of the seating area.

RUFF FLYBALL DOG RACES:

Between polo matches, come down to the field and watch canines compete in an obstacle course relay.

FACE PAINTING AND BALLOONS:

Kids will be able to choose from dozens of designs and creative balloons.

SILENT AUCTION:

The Silent Auction will be available until 3:30 pm with 125+ items available for bidding. Pick up winnings when you leave. Good luck!

RETAIL:

Commemorative items will be available for purchase at the retail table near the entrance to the event.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

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SUNDAY - RESERVA DE LA FAMILIA BY JOSE CUERVO CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

POLO:

Championship polo matches will be contested during the event today. Get involved in the Barefoot Divot Stomp out on the field!

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION:

The Silent Auction will be available until 2:30 pm with 125+ items available for bidding. A short Live Auction will have some great trips and experiences available. Pick up winnings when you leave. Good luck!

RETAIL:

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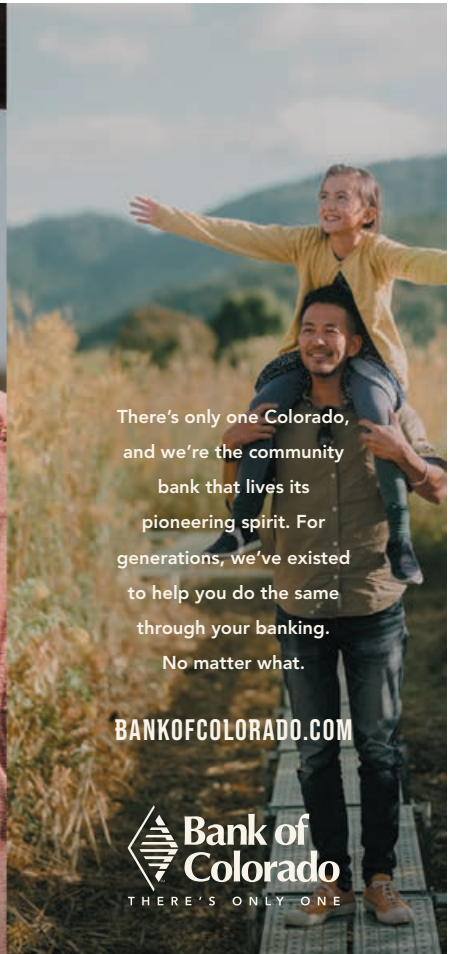


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EDUCATION



MOTIVATION:

There's a growing gap in the quality of education that's available to children due to socioeconomic, disability, and other situations. At DCF, we support organizations that help students prepare for each step in their educational journey and eventually find gainful employment in our community. A quality education for children is the foundation for long-term success and enables a better future for our communities.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that demonstrate success in improving reading and math proficiency, graduation rates, college/high school readiness, and other measurable outcomes.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Higher graduation rates
- High school/college/job readiness – ensuring students are prepared for the next step in their educational journey and have the support needed to succeed
- Job placement – for those that choose not to pursue post-secondary education, finding gainful employment is critical to leading a successful and fulfilling life

**TOTALS GRANTED IN EDUCATION:
\$515,000**



2023 EDUCATION GRANTS

Book Trust
Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region
Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers and Scientists
Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation
Colorado UpLift
Colorado Youth for a Change
Delta Gamma Anchor Center for Blind Children
Denver Kids, Inc.
Denver Scholarship Foundation
Environmental Learning for Kids
Family Learning Center
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Heart and Hand Center
Hope House Colorado
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HEALTH/WELL-BEING

MOTIVATION:

DCF recognizes that physical and mental health affects children from all backgrounds and levels of socioeconomic status. We fund a diverse portfolio of organizations providing access to care and support for children suffering from poor physical health, mental health, or exposed to situations where either is at risk, with an emphasis on providing support to traditionally under-served groups.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that eliminate socioeconomic barriers to the healthy growth, development, adaptation and recovery of children experiencing a health-related circumstance affecting physical health, mental health, or social-emotional well-being.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Improved health outcomes for affected children
- Access to care, support or treatment for underserved populations
- Greater ability to return to normal life or adapt to life-long or long-term consequences of a physical or mental health event
- Better overall health leading to improved social-emotional well-being

**TOTALS GRANTED IN HEALTH/
WELL-BEING: \$500,000**



2023 HEALTH/WELL-BEING GRANTS

- Adam's Camp
- Adoption Options
- Denver Area Youth Services
- Denver Children's Advocacy Center
- Denver Children's Home
- Doctors Care
- Food for Hope
- Jeffco Eats
- Judi's House
- Kids First Health Care
- Kids In Need of Dentistry
- Kids Mobility Network
- Listen Foundation, Inc.
- Maria Droste Counseling Center
- Reaching HOPE
- Rise Against Suicide
- Second Wind Fund
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CHILD ADVOCACY

MOTIVATION:

Children that are victims of neglect and abuse do not have the ability to advocate for themselves. DCF believes these children need and deserve a champion – a trusted adult looking out for the best interest of that child.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that provide a safe haven for children in crisis situations and provide long term advocacy, counsel, and guidance to those victims of abuse and/or neglect.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Emergency services – Removing children from dangerous situations and providing them a safe environment including food, shelter, and nurturing.
- Long-term advocacy – Providing children with a capable advocate and counsel to navigate the legal environment, with the ultimate goal of achieving security and stability in their lives.
- Case Management – Reducing time in foster system, finding a permanent home more quickly, and building a sense of safety and security

**TOTALS GRANTED IN CHILD
ADVOCACY: \$465,000**



2023 CHILD ADVOCACY GRANTS:

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CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties
CASA of Larimer County
CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, Inc.
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PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

MOTIVATION:

Our perspective of the world is what shapes our actions. Children in poverty don't experience life in the same way more fortunate kids do. Many whom lack basic needs never have an opportunity to engage in activities that lead to greater social and emotional well-being.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that provide mentorship, adventure and teambuilding experiences, as well as those that broaden children's horizons to expand the scope of what's achievable in one's life.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Help children achieve a higher level of social and emotional awareness, through confidence building, feelings of accomplishment, healthy relationships, and increased self-esteem, leading to a life of fulfilment.

TOTALS GRANTED IN PERSONAL ENRICHMENT: \$200,000



2023 PERSONAL ENRICHMENT GRANTS:

- A Child's Song
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado
- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center
- Clothes to Kids of Denver
- Colorado Center for the Blind
- National Sports Center for the Disabled
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ABOUT DCF

The Denver Children's Foundation is an independent non-profit service organization for business leaders between the ages of 20 and 39. Foundation members represent a diversity of professional and personal backgrounds. The mission of DCF is to develop philanthropic leaders who mobilize the community to impact the lives of disadvantaged children through annual fund-raising events and projects. Since our inception in 1987, events and campaigns hosted by DCF have enabled us to distribute more than \$18 million.

The 37-year old Foundation is dedicated to contributing to the betterment and welfare of at-risk and underserved children in the local community. In its efforts to help others, each DCF member also strives to develop character, to become a better citizen, and learn to live and to appreciate a fuller and richer life. In addition, DCF strives to raise the community's awareness of the need to care for underprivileged children in the state of Colorado through fundraising and hands-on community service.



WHO WE FUND:

For the past three decades, DCF has been changing the trajectories of children in Colorado through financial grants to organizations that directly support at-risk, disadvantaged children in our community. But, that's not all. We also go deeper with a few select charities providing business and other supporting activities to help those organizations grow and thrive. Our membership is composed of young, talented professionals who bring experience and fresh ideas to the table. Receiving support from DCF is not easy, but it's worth it. We accept grant applications May 1 - July 31 every year.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

At DCF, we've developed a strategic grant giving strategy that's aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty among children during their formative years. Obviously, there are many nonprofits doing amazing work in our community. But, we choose to partner with those that have the greatest impact on four areas of a child's life: Education, Health & Well-Being, Child Advocacy, and Personal Enrichment.

For more information about our mission and our events, please visit our website: www.denverchildrensfoundation.org.

Thank you all for your generous support of the Denver Polo Classic presented by Schomp BMW and enjoy the weekend!



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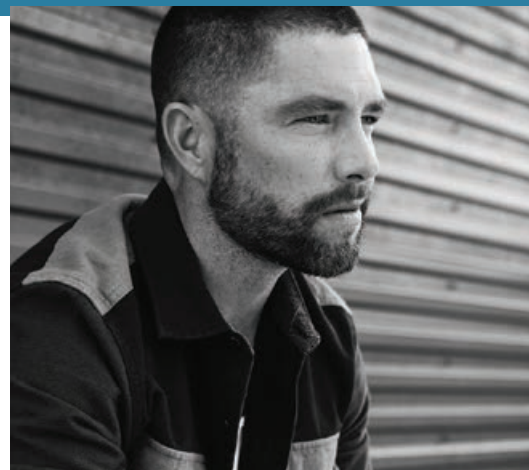
OUR EVENTS



September 28, 2024

One of Denver's hottest charity events – featuring top-tier country music stars on a large – the 2023 **Denver Barn Party presented by Schomp Ford** will host 4,000+ guests from all over the Front Range.

Our 2024 event featuring **CHRIS LANE** with support from **Ray Fulcher** will be better than ever on Saturday, September 28, outdoors at Levitt Pavilion in Denver. Tickets and sponsorships are available at <https://denverchildrensfoundation.org/denver-barn-party>. Expect another sold-out show!



GET TIX



December 14, 2024

The Christmas for Kids fundraiser is an event sponsored and coordinated through the Denver Children's Foundation. Presented by **Mitch Kelln Realty**, this event provides underserved Denver-area children the opportunity to share holiday gifts with others, which many wouldn't otherwise be able to experience.

As these children plow through the store, they listen, learn to budget, and develop a shopping list which focuses on other people. Then, after a wild time at the gift wrap tables we've set up for them, they'll leave with brightly colored wrapped packages stuffed in shopping bags for their families. And we've been known to surprise them with a "goodie bag" at the end, as a reward.

Many of you are committed to worthwhile charities and events during the holiday season. However, if you'd like to open your heart to assist us with this most special of all our events, your donations would be greatly appreciated. Each child receives \$125 with which to budget. Every donation we receive gets us closer to the goal of ensuring that these kids have an enjoyable holiday season. We accept donations year-round. If you would like to Give the Gift of Christmas to a child this year, or would like more information about this incredible event please visit: <http://denverchildrensfoundation.org/christmas-for-kids/>

Thank you all again . . . and Happy (Early) Holidays!





October 17, 2024



In 2023, NAIOP Colorado (Commercial Real Estate Development Association) and DCF continued our partnership to bolster the support of at-risk and disadvantaged children in the Denver area through NAIOP Fight Night. In a single evening, guests and sponsoring affiliates raised \$26,000 in raffle funds for 2023 – increasing the total amount raised to more than \$235,000 since the inception of Fight Night (formerly Brokers for Kids) in 2013.

The NAIOP Colorado Chapter is excited to host the 12th Fight Night Benefiting Denver Children’s Foundation on October 17, 2024, at ReelWorks in Denver’s RiNo neighborhood. This year’s event also commemorates the 12th Anniversary of the NAIOP-DCF partnership.

Once again, Denver’s Top Commercial Real Estate professionals and Colorado’s finest in the ring will gather for an exceptional evening of boxing, business, and the most heart-pumping real estate event of the year! In addition, the evening will feature the “White Collar Brawlers Bout” – an amateur fight between two NAIOP Colorado or DCF Members.

For more details regarding Fight Night 2024 and raffle ticket sales, please visit:

<https://www.naiop-colorado.org/fight-night/>

<https://denverchildrensfoundation.org/naiop-fight-night/>



June 3, 2024

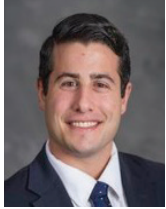


Our 13th annual Leaders Fore Kids Golf Classic was held Monday, June 3, 2024, at the Club at Ravenna. Foursome sponsors and guests were treated to catered Bloody Mary drinks, other beverages, and prizes in the club’s beautiful clubhouse with a stunning view of the foothills of Denver.

The winning foursome received four (4) tickets for a 2024 Colorado Rockies game in the exclusive Rockies Owner’s Box, donated by Monfort Companies, and framed DCF Champion Flags. The hole-in-one prize was a 2024 BMW Series 5 one-year lease provided by Schomp BMW.

Get more information at: <https://denverchildrensfoundation.org/leaders-fore-kids-golf-classic/>

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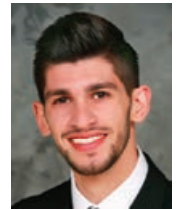
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LEGACY: 37 YEARS OF GIVING

DCF LEGACY is a non-profit organization composed of alumni who remain committed to supporting DCF and Colorado's at-risk/underprivileged youth non-profit organizations.

DCF and the former Denver Active 20-30 forged our path to become philanthropic leaders within the local community and we have progressed as leaders within the business community. Now we want to continue to give back to DCF and the worthy cause to support children's charities. In 2019-2020, DCF LEGACY established the Legacy Endowment Donor-Advised Fund to support DCF's operational needs. Learn more at denverchildrensfoundation.org/donate/.



Our primary objectives are to:

- Continue to develop DCF through financial and mentoring support
- Advance thought leadership across children's charitable organizations
- Improve communication about DCF events and updates
- Foster camaraderie among DCF alumni

DCF LEGACY salutes DCF on another successful Polo Classic and we hope that our contribution creates positive change within the local community!



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A POLO 101 OVERVIEW

THE GAME

Six Chukkers (periods), seven minutes each. The field is 300 yards long and 160 yards wide. On the end line at each end are goal posts, eighteen feet apart. Points are scored by hitting the ball between the posts. Each time a goal is scored the teams change direction of play. It's like hockey on horseback. It's legal to "hook" the hitter's mallet and it's okay to ram into your opponent during the play. The game is very physical and can be dangerous. In between chukkers there is a two-minute break for players to change ponies. After three chukkers there is a five-minute "half time." With time-outs for penalties and the like, a typical match lasts one-and-a-half hours.

PLAYERS

There are four players on the field for each team, wearing a jersey numbered 1 through 4. The roles of each player are:

- #1 The Forward. Always out in front – should score most of the goals.
- #2 The Hustler. Quick and aggressive with fast ponies.
- #3 The Pivot. The quarterback and captain. Has to hit a long shot.
- #4 The Back Defender. There are no goalies. It's his job to stop the goal shots.

Helmets are required, and some have face masks. Most players wear padded knee guards and they all have to wear boots.

THE HORSE

They are called ponies. Most are former race horses, high-speed thoroughbreds with exceptional abilities. The tail is braided to stay out of the way of the mallet. The mane is clipped so the player can see the ball, and also to keep the animal cool. The ideal is for each player to have six ponies – one for each chukker – however some players have as few as three ponies for the match.

THE SHOTS

Players actually stand up in the stirrups when hitting the ball. Shots are made from the "off" side, which is the right side of the animal. The left side is called the "near" side. With reins in the left hand and a mallet in the right hand, a player is only holding on with his legs.

HANDICAP

Players are rated on a scale of minus-2 to 10. Beginners start at minus-2. Only eight players in the world are 10, none in the U.S. About 96 percent of all U.S. players have a handicap of 2 or less, and some with a handicap of 2 or more are considered professional. In handicap matches, each team adds up the ratings of its players to arrive at a team rating. The difference of the two teams' ratings is awarded as points to the lesser-skilled team as the beginning score of a handicap match.

FOUL

When you hear the umpire blow the whistle, it's just like basketball– somebody fouled. The other team gets a free hit. The most common foul is crossing the line. Forty percent of the points in a game are scored from the foul line.

RULES

Polo is governed by the United States Polo Association. The rules are so complex it takes 55 pages in the USPA Blue Book just to explain them.

IN A NUT SHELL:

Don't hit your horse or anyone else's with a mallet. You can't play left-handed. No dangerous riding. Abusive play and language are not allowed. If a player comes off his or her horse or off the field, the clock can continue to run; if a horse falls down, stop the clock.

2024 POLO TEAMS



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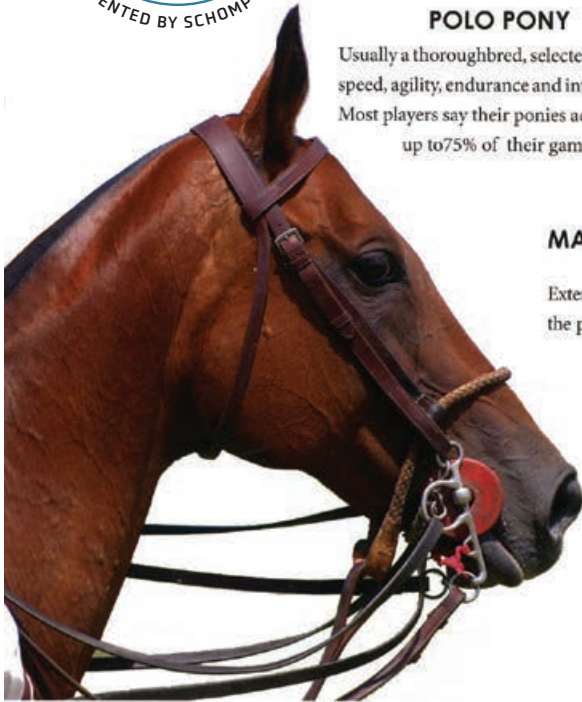


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POLO EQUIPMENT FOR PONY AND RIDER



POLO PONY

Usually a thoroughbred, selected for their speed, agility, endurance and intelligence. Most players say their ponies account for up to 75% of their game.

BRIDLE

Different types of bridles are used on polo ponies. Usually a Gag, Pelham or Double bridle, leverage based for quick stops and turns. Bridles are customized to suit each pony.

PELHAM BIT

Used with two sets of reins: one for the curb action of the shank; and one for the snaffle action of the ring.

MARTINGALE / HEAD CHECK

Extends from girth to noseband, inhibits the pony's head from rising up too high and hitting the rider.



GAG BIT

With distinctive cheek pieces that pass through holes in the top and bottom of the bit rings to attach directly to the reins, a gag bridle works on the pony's mouth and poll simultaneously to increase braking and balancing control.



BIT GUARDS

Flat rubber rings fitted on to the sides of a bit to protect the sensitive corners of a pony's mouth.



POLO SADDLE

Leather construction with stirrups. Less padding than a jumping saddle.



BREAST PLATE

Secures the saddle in place, keeps it from sliding back during play.



STIRRUP LEATHERS

Strongly constructed of buffalo hide, these adjustable straps connect the stirrups to the tree of the saddle.



STIRRUPS

Steel loops to support the rider's feet, often with a wide flat base to provide more stability while standing to make a shot.



DRAW / RUNNING REINS

A pulley design, extended from the girth through the bridle rings to the rider's hands to give better control, which is an important safety precaution when the horses are travelling at high speed.



GIRTH

A wide, flat strap that secures the saddle around the belly of the pony.



OVERGIRTH

Used in addition to a standard girth, this nylon or leather strap buckles under the pony's belly and over top of the saddle to keep it from shifting during play.



POLO PLAYER

Players are rated from C to 10 goals. "C" being a beginner, and 10 goals being the best in the world.

POLO BOOTS

Leather construction to protect legs and a heel to help keep the rider's foot securely in the stirrup.



KNEE PADS

Provides protection for the rider's knees in case of bumps and falls.



POLO JERSEY

Showcases team name, colors and logos, numbered 1-4 to indicate player position.



HELMET

Hard surface, lined and strapped, the helmet provides the rider with protection against swinging mallets, airborne balls and spills. The USPA has determined that a polo helmet should be light in weight, but must also have a durable or hard shell to structurally support a face mask which will remain intact if a horse rolls over it.

SADDLE BLANKET

Also called a saddle pad, it must be positioned properly and lay smoothly over the pony's center of gravity. A good blanket helps blood circulate evenly, lets perspiration evaporate, and distributes weight evenly.

POLO BREECHES

Regulation white breeches or jeans are traditional for tournament play.

CLIPPED MANE

Eliminates interference of pony's mane with players rein hand.

BRAIDED TAIL

Minimizes interference with swinging mallets.

POLO WRAPS

Also called bandages, they support and protect a pony's legs from the ball and accidental knocks with the mallet, which are inevitable during play. Made from fabric, they have velcro fasteners at one end and are usually taped for extra security.



BELL BOOTS

Bell boots protect the coronet around the top of the hoof and the heel from being stepped on by one of the other hooves. Made of rubber, fleece, or neoprene.



TENDON BOOTS

Hard plastic or leather boots strapped over bandages to further protect the pony's legs from impact.



POLO BALL

The white plastic or wooden ball, 10" in circumference, is struck by the side of the mallet. Indoor or Arena polo uses an inflated ball, which looks like a small soccer ball. Because an Arena is smaller than an outdoor polo ground, this makes it safer in a confined space. It is leather covered with a circumference of 14.5".

MALLET

Made of a bamboo shaft with a hardwood head. The head is beveled on one end (77.5 degree) to allow for a full swing, flush to the ground. Shafts are very flexible and can make a complete arc under the pony's neck or tail when swung hard. Available in lengths of 48" to 54", mallets are chosen by players to best fit their swing and size of pony.



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