

Denver Kiwanis Club  
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Each year the Denver Kiwanis club, in coordination with the Denver Kiwanis Foundation, hosts a grant awards luncheon to benefit approximately 20 local youth charity organizations. Our Denver club was formed in 1917 and currently has about 30 members providing service and charity primarily to the Denver community, with an emphasis on serving “at-risk” children. The Denver Kiwanis Foundation was formed in 1944 to receive, maintain & apply funds for these charitable purposes. For over 70 years, Denver Kiwanis Club members and their families have generously contributed to the Foundation, which has raised and awarded more than \$2.5 million since its inception for worthy charitable endeavors.

Our current Club members also contribute to the Foundation during an annual fundraising program. It is through these generous contributions from Kiwanis club members along with ongoing maintenance of the Foundation’s endowment that the Denver Kiwanis club is able to provide approximately \$50,000 of annual grant funds, distributed during our signature grant awards luncheon held each spring.

- A. Annual grant awards luncheon.
- B. Provides Denver Kiwanis Foundation grant proceeds to local youth programs (list of recipients below).
- C. Denver area at-risk, low-income, abused, or disabled youth population (see list below).
- D. Grant proceeds fund after-school, suicide prevention, team building, anti-gang, and family preservation programs, etc.
- E. Approximately 50 youth program directors attend our annual luncheon. There are roughly 15 to 20 grant award recipients annually. Most our Denver Kiwanis club members also attend this luncheon.
- F. This is an annual luncheon, held every spring. The Denver club has been arranging this grant awards luncheon nearly every year since the found of the Denver Kiwanis Foundation in 1944.
- G. The Denver Kiwanis Foundation (formed by members of the Denver Kiwanis Club) consists of 7 trustees and directors who coordinate the awards luncheon as well as review and approve all grant applications.
- H. No other partners involved beyond Denver Kiwanis club members.
- I. The president of the Denver Kiwanis Foundation begins the grant awards luncheon with a speech summarizing the mission of Kiwanis along with the lengthy and philanthropic

history of the Denver Kiwanis club and its positive impact on the youth in our community.

- J. The Denver Kiwanis Foundation promotes the grant awards luncheon by inviting local charitable organizations to submit grant applications each January.
- K. Recent luncheons have not generated media hits or social media shares.
- L. New members get the opportunity to see the wide ranging and incredibly profound impact these youth organizations are having on our local community, aided by the philanthropic support provided by ongoing Denver Kiwanis club member donations.
- M. Unfortunately, no new members were gained with last year's grant awards luncheon.
- N. The Denver Kiwanis Foundation provides over \$50,000 of grant awards annually. The luncheon itself costs the Foundation roughly \$500.
- O. The Denver Kiwanis Foundation covers the costs of the luncheon. Club members are invited to donate to the grant awards luncheon each year during a pledge drive phase that precedes this luncheon.
- P. The annual pledge drive generates approximately \$10,000/year to go along with 5% of the Foundation's endowment, which is roughly \$40,000/year. In total, there is \$50,000 of available funds for annual grant awards.
- Q. Members of the Denver Kiwanis club donate varying levels of funds to this grant awards project.
- R. Many local leaders of service programs participate in our annual grant awards luncheon.

**Attending Grant Awards Luncheon**

Organization	Summary of Program
2nd Wind Fund	Decrease the incidence of suicide in children & youth by removing the financial & social barriers to treatment.
Higher Ground Youth Challenge	Support at-risk Denver youth with challenging outdoor summer camp programs & ongoing mentor support. Grant will support Leadership Camp.
Anchor Center for Blind Children	Provides early development & education services to blind & visually impaired children in Denver & in rural CO.
Swallow Hill Music	Grant will assist low-income Denver students with tuition for a 1-week summer music-camp. 36th anniversary.
Griffith Centers	86 year of working with families & children in the Denver area. Grant will support their Denver Metro Family Preservation Program to continue to combat child abuse. Namely EMDR and CPP therapy programs.
SW YMCA	Organization for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Grant will support annual campaign which provides financial assistance to families in need.
Swan Center Outreach	Offer disadvantaged & low-income youth the opportunity to work & bond with rescued horses through their leadership & self-awareness programs.
Summer Scholars	Support low-income, academically struggling young learners. Literacy intervention, enrichment programming & leadership development for Denver kids. Grant will support summer service-learning project.
MSV Home	Provide clinical treatment for Children 5-12 suffering from physical or sexual abuse, neglect or mental illness. Grant will support a sensory program.
Friends of Paha	7-week summer camp program that provides recreation, leisure & life skills opportunities for children & young-adults with disabilities.
Listen Foundation	Provide auditory-verbal therapy services to children who are deaf or hard of hearing in order to learn how to hear, listen & talk. Two music programs & tele-intervention program for rural CO kids.
Open Door Youth Alt	Provide a gang alternative for at-risk youth with an afterschool program in Denver's Cole neighborhood. And among many other efforts, Rev Kelly & Open Door provides family support & intervention for Denver kids dealing with the pressure of gangs.
Limb Preservation Fndtn	Helping to ensure that anyone at-risk of limb loss has the opportunity to live their best life possible. Patient Assistance program for families & individuals dealing with mounting medical expenses.
Inside the Orchestra	Brings orchestra music to young children in Metro Denver, cultivating music appreciation & education.
Santa Claus Shop	Founded in 1931, serve 15,000 children annually during a 4 day toy giveaway every December.
Girls Inc	Mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart & bold. Support young women to graduate from high-school, transition to college & explore future career options. Grant will support the Academic Success program.
East HS Rugby	Self-funded boys rugby team serving kids from East high & other Denver schools. Grant will support scholarships for Kansas City tour.
Sweet Dream in a Bag	Provides new bedding to children transitioning out of temporary housing into a more permanent home.
Boy Scouts of Denver	Grant will assist in providing the opportunity to expand and enhance the efforts of traditional scouting in metro Denver.