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DCCF Impact Grants

CONGRATS!



2025 2nd Cycle Community Impact Grant Recipients

- Adam's Camp
- Aging Resources of Douglas County
- Beyond the Badge
- Douglas Land Conservancy
- Firefly Autism
- HRCA Backcountry Wilderness Area
- Paul's Mystery
- Ship to End ALS
- Sunday Salmon
- The Aspen Effect
- The Happy Crew
- Tri Arts Project



In October, DCCF awarded eleven grants to local nonprofit organizations totaling \$42,000 in its 2025 Second Cycle Community Impact Grant program. Through the generosity of DCCF's supporters, financial grants were provided to qualified local nonprofits creating lasting change through their missions, programs and projects that serve the Douglas County community. Congratulations to our Second Cycle Impact Grant recipients!

[MORE: Impact Grants](#)

Douglas County Opioid Council Grants



In September, the [Douglas County Opioid Council](#) (DCOC) launched a new public awareness campaign designed to reduce stigma and strengthen community awareness about opioid use. The DCOC leads the local effort to invest opioid settlement funds in programs that prevent addiction, support treatment and recovery, and promote long-term wellness in our community.

DCCF works in partnership with the DCOC to manage and administer the Region 12 Opioid Abatement Council Emergency Fund. To receive this funding, organizations must demonstrate that their primary mission or a significant part of their work focuses on opioid and substance use disorder prevention (OUD/SUD), intervention, treatment, recovery, or harm reduction.



The Douglas County Opioid Council at their awareness campaign launch on Sept. 25.

MORE: Info & To Apply

The Board of Douglas County Commissioners partners with DCCF to manage its annual share of the Philip S. Miller grant endowment and administer the grant program.

Grant funds support a broad array of services designed to enhance the quality of life of Douglas County residents. The application for 2025 Douglas County Philip S. Miller Competitive Grants recently closed, and grant awards and fund distribution will be completed in December 2025.



[MORE: Philip S. Miller Grants](#)

Douglas County Gives



Colorado Gives Day (CGD) campaign season kicks off November 1 and DCCF is excited to be the Regional Champion once again for Douglas County-based nonprofits that participate in CGD through [Douglas County Gives](#) and the "give where you live" campaign! This year DCCF is showing up a little differently...

We are taking our Giving Guide virtual, which allows us to have an unlimited number of spots open to our nonprofit partners who want to be featured, as well as leveraging our partnership with Douglas County to distribute the guide to their vast list of residents.

We are awarding 100 \$50 checks to organizations for use during their own Colorado Gives Day campaigns, thanks to the support of [CORE Electric Cooperative](#).

We are sending out weekly emails with tips and tricks, guides, and resources you can use to raise even more.

If you are interested in being featured in this year's Giving Guide, **please fill out our form by clicking the button below**, include an updated and high-res Logo, your Mission Statement, and a short 75-character or less "About Us" **by November 2nd**. The **first 100 organizations to submit their form will receive a \$50 check** from DCCF to use towards their Colorado Gives Day campaigns. *If you have not created a page with ColoradoGives.org, please do so [HERE](#) before proceeding.*

Last year Douglas County nonprofits raised more than \$2.1M together, and we think we can do even better this year!

DCCF Heroes Gala



On September 12, DCCF hosted its third annual Heroes Gala in the Signature Aviation South private jet hangar at Centennial Airport. More than 550 guests attended the gala, which raises funds for DCCF and the [Community Emergency Relief Fund](#) (CERF), a resource which can be quickly accessed and distributed to provide direct assistance to the community, nonprofit partners and first responders during catastrophic events affecting Douglas County.

With the support of more than 30 corporate sponsors – including our presenting sponsor, Sterling Ranch – donations, online and live auctions, more than \$570,000 was raised throughout the event, including a \$200,000 match from Douglas County.

Click below to read a story about the Heroes Gala in The Parker Chronicle.

[MORE: Heroes Gala Story](#)

DCCF Hero Awards

The Heroes Gala also honored recipients of the DCCF Hero Awards, which recognize the service and valor of Douglas County first responders, Armed Forces members and community heroes doing transformative work serving people in Douglas County.

DCCF 2025 Hero Award recipients are:

Armed Forces Hero: Commander Jim Espinoza, VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 4266

Community Hero: Retired Staff Sergeant Michael Connors, ConnorsK9-P.A.W.S.

First Responder Hero: Engineer Richie Fleming, South Metro Fire Rescue

Click below to read a story about the Hero Awards in The Castle Pines Connection.

[MORE: Hero Awards Story](#)

SPOTLIGHT: Nonprofit Partner



Caring People Caring for People

Serving 3,000 families a week requires so much more than simply having enough food. SECOR maintains a staff of 16, a fleet of trucks, the lease of a building, and countless other operational costs to keep doing their work. SECOR was a recipient of DCCF's latest Community Impact Grants and used the funds for less glamorous, but equally important parts of their work. They were able to replace the tires on their forklift (aka "Steve")!

See Steve with his new tires in action [HERE](#).

MORE: Nonprofit Partners

Nonprofit Partners: Share Your IMPACT

If you are already a DCCF Nonprofit Partner, **click below** to fill out the questionnaire and have the opportunity to share your IMPACT story in DCCF communications channels.

MORE: Share Your IMPACT

SPOTLIGHT: Community Partner



The HCA HealthONE Sky Ridge team at the DBJ's Partners in Philanthropy awards ceremony.

Congrats are in order for our community partner, [HCA HealthONE Sky Ridge](#), for recently receiving the [Denver Business Journal's 2025 "Partners in Philanthropy" award](#) for their work with nonprofits in our community, and a thanks for recognizing DCCF as "one of our newer partners...doing incredible work in our community."

Community involvement is a key component of the hospital's annual business and financial planning, as they budget for charitable contributions, events and memberships that have a direct impact on community health and well-being. The hospital is "proud to support the Douglas County Community Foundation, which is making a significant impact in through its grants and emergency funds."

SPOTLIGHT: Board of Directors



DCCF Vice Chair Terri Wiebold

DCCF Board Member and Vice Chair **Terri Wiebold** was the brainchild of a special surprise unveiled at the Heroes Gala on September 12. Terri and our partners at the [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](#) (DCSO) derived a unique way to honor our first responders, military personnel and veterans. In partnership with the DCSO, deputies were asked to wear an American flag pin while on duty as a small but powerful gesture, and at the event, these pins were presented to guests and sponsors as a symbol of appreciation and shared purpose—a token that was worn in service and passed on in support. More than 1,000 pins were distributed and worn.



Douglas County officer wearing multiple flag pins.

[MORE: DCCF Board of Directors](#)



Save the Date

Save the dates for some of DCCF's biggest fundraising, networking and educational events, including:

December 9, 2025 – Colorado Gives Day

First Quarter 2026 - DCCF Symposium

June 2026 - Drive FORE DCCF Golf Tournament

[MORE: DCCF Events](#)



Get Involved

There are many opportunities for Douglas County residents, nonprofits, businesses and community partners to get involved with DCCF initiatives and support the community, including...

VOLUNTEER your time with a [DCCF Committee](#)

ESTABLISH a legacy by [Opening a Giving Account](#)

DONATE (in any amount) to:

- [DCCF General Fund](#)
- [Douglas County Gives](#) "Give Where You Live" Campaign
- [Community Emergency Relief Fund](#)
- [Douglas Has Heart Fund](#)
- [Kendrick Castillo Memorial Fund](#)

Click below to see the DCCF programs, events and community partners that were featured or mentioned in recent news stories:

[DCCF in the News](#)



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