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DCCF Impact Grants

CONGRATS!



2025 First Cycle Impact Grant Recipients

About Face Media

Crisis Center

DC Christian Counseling

Easterseals Colorado

Feel the Beat

Magpie Art Center

Nourish Meals on Wheels

Parker VFW Post 4266

SECOR Cares

Step Seven Ministries

Tall Tales Ranch

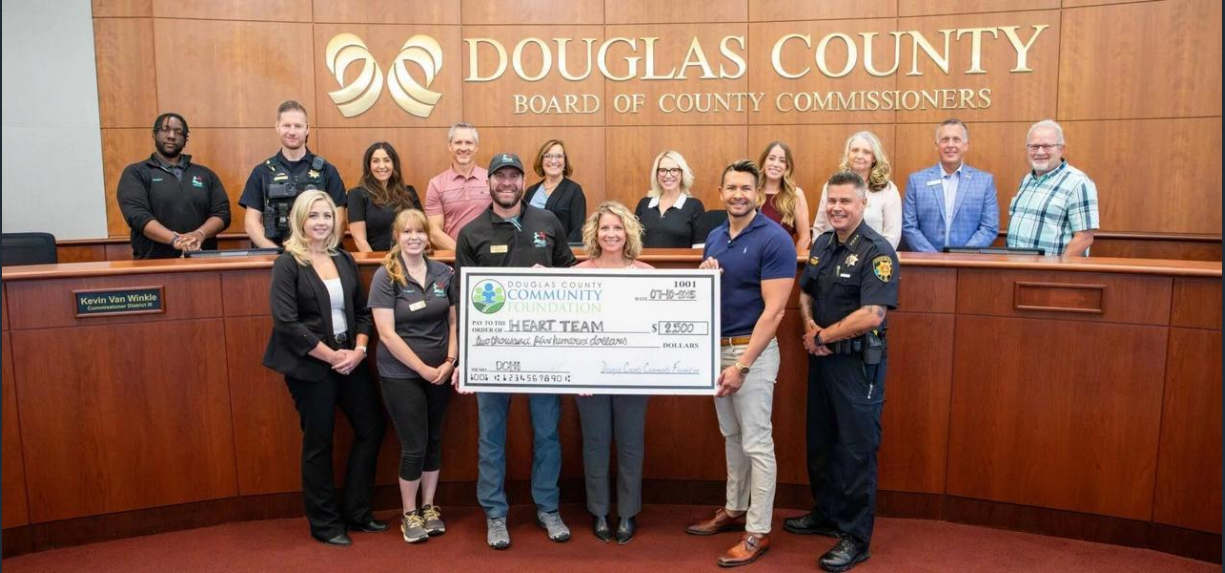
The Third Place for Kids



In July, DCCF awarded twelve grants to local nonprofit organizations totaling \$36,200 in its 2025 First Cycle 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 First Cycle Impact Grant recipients!

Applications for the second cycle of Impact Grants closed on July 27th, and grant award notifications and fund distribution will be made in August 2025.

[MORE: Impact Grants](#)



Check presentation at the July 10 Douglas County Homeless Initiative Executive Committee meeting.

Thanks to the generous donations of Douglas County residents made to the [Douglas Has Heart](#) fund, DCCF presented \$2,500 to the [Homeless Engagement, Assistance and Resource Team](#) (HEART) during a Douglas County Homeless Initiative meeting on July 10th. DCCF manages the donor-directed fund, and this is the fifth donation made as part of this campaign.

MORE: Douglas Has HEART

Drive FORE DCCF Golf Tournament

DCCF hosted its third annual Drive FORE DCCF Golf Tournament, sponsored by Kraemer North America, on June 16 at the picturesque Ravenna Country Club in Littleton. More than \$123,000 was raised to help Douglas County nonprofits continue to positively impact the community.



Working the check-in table (left to right): Monica Wasden, DCCF Director of Operations; Kirsten Swanson-Moore, DCCF Executive Director; Kendall Berg, DCCF volunteer and Mrs. Colorado 2025; and Felicia Jenkins, DCCF Board Member.

DCCF Hero Awards



DCCF 2024 Hero Award recipients.

DCCF is seeking nominations for its 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 categories are:

The Armed Forces Hero Award recognizes outstanding individuals or organizations in the Douglas County Armed Forces and veteran community.

The Community Hero Award recognizes an outstanding nonprofit organization, community leader, volunteer, or corporation located in Douglas County.

The First Responder Hero Award recognizes outstanding individuals or organizations in Douglas County law enforcement, including police officers and sheriff deputies, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, dispatchers, search and rescue, and volunteer first responders.

Nominees must have responded to a situation exhibiting exceptional courage, extraordinary compassion, or lifesaving actions considered above and beyond the call of duty, and the events must have occurred in the last 18 months.

Nominations will be accepted through **Thursday, August 7, 2025**, at 12:00 p.m. Award recipients will be invited to attend the DCCF Heroes Gala on September 12th and honored during the event.

[MORE: Nominate a Hero](#)

DCCF Heroes Gala



DCCF will host its third annual Heroes Gala on September 12th at Signature Aviation South at the Centennial Airport. This event helps raise funds for DCCF and the [Community Emergency Relief Fund](#), which can be quickly accessed and distributed to provide direct assistance to our community, nonprofit partners, and first responders during catastrophic events affecting Douglas County.

MORE: Gala Tickets & Sponsorships



YANA Founder & CEO Nikki Brooker

SPOTLIGHT: **Nonprofit Partner**

DCCF is proud to announce that one of our nonprofit partners was recently inducted into the Douglas County Hall of Fame! Nikki Brooker – founder and CEO of [YANA \(You Are Not Alone\)](#) – was recognized for her founding work with YANA, an organization that was born in 2017 after two Douglas County moms took their lives and the lives of their children, changing the trajectory of motherhood in our community. Watch an interview with Nikki Booker, [HERE](#). Watch her recognition at the July 8 Business Meeting, [HERE](#).

MORE: Nonprofit Partners

SPOTLIGHT: Community Partner

DCCF is proud to partner with the [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](#) and unveil a special surprise at the third annual DCCF Heroes Gala on September 12th honoring first responders, military personnel and veterans.



DCCSO Deputy is Pinned With A Purpose.

MORE: Heroes Gala

Nonprofit Partners: **Share Your IMPACT**

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

MORE: Share Your IMPACT

SPOTLIGHT: Board of Directors



James with Nancy Walsh (l), Chair of CBCA and Executive Vice President of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and Christin Crampton Day (r), Executive Director of CBCA at the Business for the Arts Awards luncheon at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts on April 22.

Congratulations are in order for DCCF Board Member **James A. Holmes**, who has spent more than 10 years as the Executive Director of [Cherokee Ranch & Castle](#) - a nonprofit that preserves and promotes the cultural and natural heritage of this historic Colorado landmark. James' passionate advocacy in the Denver Art community led him to recently receive the 2025 Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) John Madden, Jr. Leadership Award. Named for CBCA's founding chairman, the award was given to James because of his lifetime of community leadership and legacy of support for the arts. Read a recent article about James in The Castle Pines Connection, [HERE](#).

MORE: Board of Directors



Save the Date

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

September 12, 2025 – The annual **DCCF Heroes Gala**, a night of inspiration honoring heroes and celebrating community, will be hosted at Signature Aviation at Centennial Airport.

December 9, 2025 – Colorado Gives Day



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](#)

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DCCF in the News



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