



Children's Hospital Colorado
Foundation

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We are a 501(c) Yes!

Mission Statement: To improve the health of children through the provision of high-quality, coordinated programs of patient care, education, research and advocacy

Please check below to verify your compliance with our non-discrimination policy:

X Our organization does not discriminate in any of our services or programs on the basis of religion, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or country of origin, including people served and volunteers within our organization. (If you have questions please contact the Program Manager, 720-390-7910.)

Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:

Children Elderly Hunger/Homelessness Disaster Relief Animal Welfare

Health/Wellness Environment Human Rights Families Soldiers/Supporting Troops

About Your Issue Area:

What is the deeper issue behind your organization?

Children's Colorado addresses the need for high-quality, pediatric health care in the Rocky Mountain region, provides cutting-edge research to find better treatments and cures for pediatric diseases, educates the next generation of caregivers, and advocates for the safety and well-being of children throughout the state. Children's Colorado works tirelessly to help children have the healthy lives and futures that they deserve.

What programs or services does your organization offer?

Children's Colorado provides care for children from birth through age 18 for any medical or mental health need. We have a main hospital in Aurora, 16 satellite locations across the Front Range, outreach clinics in rural communities in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming and offer health advice and resources online and by phone 24 hours a day.

Children's Colorado also conducts ground breaking research leading to a better understanding of pediatric diseases, more effective treatments and cures.

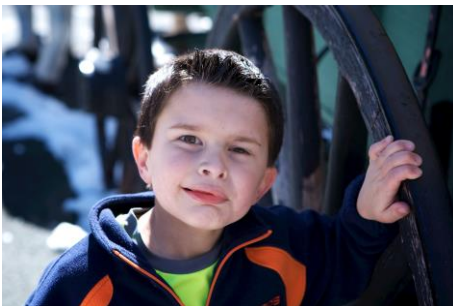
Children's Colorado is educating the next generation of doctors, nurses and researchers, and also provides education to families and communities about how to keep kids safe from illness and injury.

Lastly, Children's Colorado advocates for the safety and well-being of children by working with communities and government officials to create regulations and laws benefitting and protecting kids.

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students?



Annalisa, an 8-year-old from Snowmass, was diagnosed with idiopathic interstitial lung disease before she was even 1 year old. She spent the next eight months in the hospital. Her caregivers gave Annalisa the ability to breathe again, but that was not all they gave. By encouraging a lifestyle that is beneficial to Annalisa's health, Annalisa's caregivers gave their family hope. Her treatment includes many medications, a complex feeding regimen and an oxygen tank to keep her saturation levels stable. Today, thanks to Children's Hospital Colorado's treatment and ongoing guidance, Annalisa is an active 3rd grader who does gymnastics, climbs, and rides horses.



Trey was 4 when he visited his pediatrician for ear pain. What his doctor discovered was much worse than an infection. Trey had rhabdomyosarcoma, a soft tissue cancer. The next year of his life included an intense month of radiation followed by 43 rounds of chemotherapy. "Besides the top medical care and treatment Trey had at Children's Colorado, everyone we encountered was extremely caring and concerned about him and our family," said his father, Ty. Trey kept up with his passion for sports during his treatment. Now 7 years old, continues to play flag football, soccer and baseball.

How Can Students Help?

How can students help through group service projects? (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?)

- Children's Hospital Colorado is always in need of new books, toys, games and movies for playrooms. Because many of the children who are treated here have diseases that affect their immune systems, we can only accept new items. Holding a toy or book drive and donating those items to Children's Colorado will brighten the day for many children who are receiving treatment here.
- Children's Colorado also accepts items that have been made by volunteers and students to give to our patients. For example, fleece tied blankets are one of the most popular items at Children's Colorado. Nearly every patient who comes through our doors receives a handmade fleece blanket, all of these are made by community members and donated to the hospital!
- The patients and staff at Children's Colorado always appreciate a word of encouragement. A card or letter offering support and encouragement can brighten the day of a patient or a caregiver and give them the support they need to feel better. Writing a letter or making cards to hand out to patients is a great way to show support for patients at the hospital. Many of our patients do not speak English as their first language, so cards in every language are very much appreciated by children and their families.
- Part of the Children's Colorado mission is to educate children, families and communities on how to keep kids safe and healthy so they never have to come to the hospital. Students could do a project to research health and wellness and present information to their peers to help educate their community on how to stay healthy and injury free.

Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth? (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?)

Children's Hospital Colorado does have a teen volunteer program. These volunteers help in the playrooms, help with administrative duties in the volunteer office and work on special projects. Please contact the volunteer office directly for an application: 720.777.6887

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month; or specific items/supplies that will benefit your programs)

Every gift to Children's Colorado is used wisely and supports our mission and the patients whom we are honored to serve.

Donations can be made to a large fund for general use by a department or program, or they can be made for a very specific purpose. For example, a gift can be given to **The Children's Fund**, which is a large fund that supports the areas of greatest need for the hospital. Many donations are pooled together to create this important base of support that can be used for any need from emergency care for an unexpected disaster to providing support for research. Donations can also be made for a very specific purpose, such as to support research, or to purchase something that the hospital needs.

Every gift to Children's Colorado is an investment in a child. Here are some examples of what a donation to Children's Colorado can do:

- \$1 Can provide a toothbrush to a child seen in the Dental Clinic. Some of our families seen in the Dental Clinic have only one toothbrush for the entire family, and sharing toothbrushes can lead to sharing diseases and tooth decay. Providing a simple toothbrush can change a child's life.
- \$20 Can purchase a therapy ball used in physical and occupational therapy. Children from many programs in the hospital benefit from physical and occupational therapy – for example a child with a physical, developmental or sensory disorder; or a child re-learning how to walk after an accident or injury. One therapy ball can have a significant impact on the care and healing for many different patients.
- \$35 Can purchase a lifesaving infant CPR kit. These special kits are given to families when they leave the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with their baby. They include an instructional DVD and fold out quick reference guide for giving a baby CPR, along with other helpful lifesaving tools. Children's Colorado gives these kits to approximately 1,000 families each year.
- \$50 Can purchase a special backpack for a child when they check in to the Heart Institute. This backpack contains items to make a child's stay more comfortable, such as a soft blanket, crayons and a coloring book, and fuzzy socks.
- \$250 Can provide an exercise bike for use by the Fitness and Nutrition group for children learning how to lead healthier lives and fight obesity.
- \$500 Can provide wall mounted toys for patient waiting rooms. These toys ease anxiety and provide entertainment and distraction for children waiting for a medical procedure or visit.
- \$2,500 Can provide special toys and therapy equipment with sensory disorders.
- \$2,700 Can supply playrooms at the main hospital with enough crayons for a whole year.

Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization? (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.)

Young philanthropists will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition. When possible, young philanthropists may also be recognized in a newsletter or a Facebook or other social media post.

A member of the Foundation staff will be happy to attend a check presentation or visit student groups and schools to talk about what we do and how philanthropy helps.