



# 2011 Membership Packet

## Overview

Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to contributing to the betterment and welfare of the children in the local community. Chartered nationally under Active 20-30 International, the Denver Chapter has members representing a diversity of professional backgrounds and some of the top young leaders in the Denver business community. Founded in 1987, the membership consists entirely of men between the ages of 20 and 39.

Through our efforts in helping others, it is our goal to develop character within ourselves, become better citizens and learn to live a fuller life. Our mission is to raise money for disadvantaged and at-risk children through annual fundraising events and projects. We currently host three primary events during the year: the [Denver Polo Classic](#), [Brokers Benefiting Kids](#), and [Christmas For Kids](#).

While fundraising is a top priority for our membership, we do more than just raise money. Each member is also actively involved in reviewing the charities that we support. The Foundation typically distributes funds to over 40 different charities annually. In the long successful history, Denver Active 20-30 members have raised and distributed over \$6,000,000.

## Membership Information

Our Foundation is lead by an experienced Board of Directors. We've intentionally kept the group small to emphasize the quality of our initiatives and to assure that each member has a significant roll in our success. Members are only required to pay minimal dues to and to care about the future of Denver's children. We work together through our personal networks to raise money and create opportunities for the charities we assist.

Denver Active 20-30 members typically meet every other Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at various restaurants around town. The annual dues (\$500) are used to pay for these bi-weekly dinners. Members who raise a minimum of \$2,000 per year are

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entitled to vote on agenda items and for officers. Members are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of the meetings and provide "manpower" at all our major fund-raising events.

## Membership Application

The Denver Active 20-30 membership application can be found online at <http://da2030.com/membership-info/>. Prior to applying, we ask that all prospective members make the effort to learn as much as possible about our organization and get to know the members. In addition to the member that introduced you to Denver Active 20-30, the application requires that you list two additional ACTIVE MEMBER sponsors to endorse your application. The best way to familiarize yourself with the group and its members is to attend a "guest friendly" general meeting. These meetings will give you a feel for how we operate and the type of men that are members. Typically, a follow up cup of coffee with a few members that you met at the meeting is all it takes to secure your sponsors for your formal application to the foundation.

We welcome your interest in our organization and are available to answer any questions you may have about Denver Active 20-30. Please contact Aly Srauss, our Executive Director, or Aaron Grey, the New Member Chair (contact info listed above).

## Grant Review Process

Denver Active 20-30 has an extensive review process for grant applications. Since individual members have worked countless hours in raising these funds, Denver Active 20-30 also wants to see the money used to generate the "greatest good" for the children.

To be considered for donations, charities must first meet our eligibility criteria, then submit a comprehensive written application accompanied by various financial statements. After applying, a Denver Active 20-30 member conducts a site visit and interviews the charity's top people—a process which is often more revealing than the application. The findings of each site visit are then turned over to the Charity Review Committee who will submit final recommendations to the membership for approval.

This process allows Denver Active 20-30 to better understand where the money is going, whom it is helping, and what issues are arising in for child welfare.

## Fundraising Events

The [Schomp BMW Denver Polo Classic](#) has grown to become the largest charity polo tournament in North America. It is a one of a kind weekend that includes a Black Tie Ball

with dinner provided by Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse and two days of world class polo. Set against the spectacular backdrop of the Rocky Mountains, under our signature white tent, patrons and guests of the Denver Polo Classic will enjoy exquisite wines and champagnes, a sampling of the region's finest beers, and gourmet food from some of Denver's finest restaurants.

[Brokers Benefiting Kids](#) brings together the Denver area's brightest and best real estate professionals to compete in a sports day and charity event to raise money for Denver area children's charities. The benefiting charities include Denver Kids, Inc., Tennyson Center for Families and Children, and the I Have a Dream Foundation-Colorado .

The [Christmas for Kids](#) fundraiser is an event sponsored and coordinated by the Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation and Denver Kids, Inc. This event pairs 20-30 members with underprivileged Denver area children and gives the children the opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their loved ones - something they typically haven't experienced before.

## The Beneficiaries

All of the proceeds raised by Denver Active 20-30 benefit charities serving disadvantaged or at-risk youth in the local community. Charities receiving contributions in over the years have included:

- [Advocates for Children](#)
- [Anchor Center for Blind Children](#)
- [Autism Society of Colorado](#)
- [Bluff Lake Nature Center](#)
- [Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center](#)
- [Byrne Urban Scholars](#)
- [CASA Jefferson County](#)
- [CASA of the Pikes Peak Region](#)
- [Children's Outreach Project](#)
- [cityWILD](#)
- [Colorado Uplift](#)
- [Colorado Youth at Risk](#)
- [Denver Children Advocacy Center](#)
- [Denver Inner City Parish](#)
- [Denver Kids, Inc.](#)
- [Doctors Care](#)
- [Environmental Learning for Kids ~ ELK](#)
- [Families First](#)
- [Family Homestead](#)
- [Family Pathways](#)
- [Four Mile Historic park](#)
- [Griffith Centers for Children](#)

- HOPE Center
- “I Have A Dream” Foundation – Colorado
- Invest in Kids
- Judi’s House
- Kids in Need of Dentistry
- La Clinica Tepeyac
- Maria Droste Services of Colorado
- Mental Health America of Colorado
- Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, Inc
- Net Results Junior Tennis
- Open Fairways
- OpenWorld Learning
- Parent Pathways
- Parenting Place
- Project Pave
- Rocky Mountain Children’s Choir
- Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center
- Safehouse Denver
- Save our Youth
- Second Wind Fund
- Sewall Child Development Center
- SOS Outreach
- Summer Scholars
- Tennyson Center at Colorado Christian Home
- The Children’s Museum
- Third Way Center
- Urban Peak
- Warren Village
- YESS Institute
- Young Americans Center for Financial Education
- Youth Biz