RK Foundation: Building Our Community
SUMMER 2017 NEWS

The RK Foundation (RKF) is funded by RK’s recycling efforts. All of the money earned from recycling the scrap metal generated in our fabrication facilities and our projects across RK’s seven business units goes to the foundation to support community development, education, health and human services. As of July 2017, the foundation has granted $208,940! To date, the RKF has granted over $800,000 to regional nonprofits and public charitable causes.

Each quarter, the RKF Board of Directors reviews grant applications and determines which organizations best align with our core advocacy areas and our mission to build better lives by strengthening communities and providing opportunities for those most in need.

2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS TO DATE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- B:Civic
- Center for Work Education and Employment

EDUCATION
- Alliance for Choice in Education
- Colorado Bioscience Institute

HEALTH
- American Heart Association: Southwest Affiliate
- Brent Eley Foundation: Brent's Place

HUMAN SERVICES
- Amp the Cause
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Weld County Inc
- Freedom Service Dogs
The 42nd annual Wells Fargo Ski Cup took place on February 25 at Winter Park Resort. The signature fundraiser for the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) raised more than $250,000 to support year-round therapeutic recreation programming for children and adults with disabilities. In addition to sponsoring the event, RK was one of 33 corporate teams that participated in the Corporate Challenge Ski Race, a competition for bragging rights and prizes.

Team Epiphany is a group of nine CU Denver students who designed and built a competitive rover for their senior design project. The rover featured a carbon fiber composite modular frame, belt driven powertrain, front differential, custom light-weight carbon fiber wheels and custom tread. This past March, Team Epiphany competed in the 2017 NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The team brought home two honors for Rookie of the Year and, even more significantly, the Neil Armstrong Best Design Award.

Freedom Service Dogs is a non-profit that provides service dogs for veterans and active duty military. The 30-year-old organization recently moved into a new facility that allows them to train more
First Descents provides life-changing, outdoor adventures for young adults impacted by cancer. First Descents’ participants, ages 18 to 39, experience free outdoor adventure programs that empower them to climb, paddle and surf beyond their diagnosis, reclaim their lives and connect with others doing the same.

Girls Inc. of Metro Denver’s "My Bold Future" event is their signature fundraising luncheon that supports their mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold! Over 600 supporters attended the event and $55,000 was awarded to girls from our community.

RKF HAS A NEW WEBSITE

The RK Foundation has proudly launched its new website! The new site:

1. Identifies our four core advocacy areas: community development, education, health and human services
2. Highlights the organizations we are proud to support
3. Offers easy access to detailed guidelines for our grant application process
4. Provides an easy to navigate platform that is compatible with all devices

Check it out at: rk-foundation.org
Watch for our next RKF newsletter highlighting our 2017 accomplishments, donation recipients and program highlights!

The RK Foundation Board