



Double Angel Foundation

Supporting youth baseball and raising the awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning

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Baseball Changes Lives

Baseball and softball have made an incredible difference in the lives of this year's Double Angel Foundation scholarship recipients, some of whom faced major obstacles and all of whom love the game.

Here is a look at this year's four recipients from Parker's Legend, Chaparral and Lutheran high schools who each received a \$1,000 scholarship:

Hannah Moore, a Chaparral High School graduate attending Colorado Mesa University, was introduced to softball when she was very young. She says the sport helped her through the unexpected death of her father when she was just 12 years old and has developed her into the person she is today.

"Having my softball family, and the whole softball organization support my family and I, is what got me through," she wrote in her scholarship application. "Softball has never failed to cheer me up. I am so blessed to have learned so much from one sport, and to have many friends as a result of my softball playing experience."

Christian Manmano, a Legend High School graduate attending Central Arizona College, appreciates every moment that he can play baseball and has become obsessive about learning the game on his own time.

"Getting to play the game I love, with the people I love, is a blessing every time I get on the field," he wrote. "I have no right to baseball, and it can be taken away from me at any moment, for any reason. That's why I play the game the way I do. I love the game. Every

game you have to play like it's your last, because it very well could be."

Paul Gibson, a Lutheran High School graduate who is attending Boise State University, attributes baseball with teaching him many important life lessons, including teamwork, responsibility, sportsmanship and how to manage his time.

"Baseball has been a life-changing experience for me," Gibson wrote. "These experiences have taught me that with perseverance and a positive attitude, I can be successful in anything I do. These valuable lessons I will hold onto as I begin a new chapter of my life in college and long into my future."

Marshall Hough, a Legend High School graduate attending Colorado Mesa University, referred to baseball as "a lifestyle, an escape from everyday life" that has led to valuable lessons.

His family has successfully bounced back from some difficult times, but Marshall got through the struggles with the help of baseball and Coach Withey.

"The main lesson that Coach Withey has taught me about life through baseball is that when opportunities arise, go out there and take them," whether the opportunities are on the



From left to right: Bambi Dixey, Brent Gibson, Paul Gibson, Hannah Moore, Sarah Moore and Ken Dixey

baseball field, the classroom, workplace or socially, he wrote. "Our financial situation wasn't anything to be sad about, it was an opportunity to push myself and my family to become closer and stronger."

Congratulations to this year's winners, who demonstrate the Double Angel Foundation's "love of the game" motto.

High school seniors who played baseball or softball during their time at Chaparral, Legend, Lutheran or Ponderosa may apply for this annual scholarship. Applications for 2017 will be available on the website, www.doubleangel.org, beginning in January 2017 and will be due March 15, 2017.

DAF also participates in a scholarship program with the Town of Parker to provide funding for baseball recreation leagues. This year's winners were Isz Mueller and Maxx Mueller.

Thanks to so Many for the Support

Double Angel Foundation couldn't do what it does without our loyal volunteers, all of our supporters who contributed to the giving campaign in 2015 and Gameday Sports, the non-profit that leases and manages Double Angel Ballpark for us. Thanks especially to Gameday for building the facility's bubble, so that the legacy begun by so many of our supporters will continue for years to come.

We'd also like to extend special 'thank you's to:

- Jim Haag and the Haag Bat Co. for donating the inscribed mini-bats given out to the High School Scholarship recipients, as well as his continued love and support of Double Angel Foundation.

- John Dingess, our attorney who wrote the Gameday sublease amendment.
- Tony Anderson and Redstone Bank for the purchase of a Double Angel Bronze Statue, which is displayed at the bank.
- Thomas W. Bean Foundation for its \$1,000 grant.
- IREA's \$2,500 donation for scholarships.
- George Heinrich and Adrienne Wilson's Legend HS Spanish National Honor Society for helping with our newsletter mailing.
- Katie Best and Debbie Santy for writing and producing our newsletter last year, and Susan Cormier for the 2016 issue.

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From Bambi & Ken

Dear Friends -

We hope you are enjoying a beautiful and safe Fall season wherever you are. Double Angel Foundation has had a wonderful 2016 and we are looking forward to some exciting achievements in 2017.

Our partner at the ballpark, Gameday, is planning on investing in two more fields. This would complete the park, as originally designed. Last year, Gameday opened the indoor bubble practice facility. With these improvements, Double Angel Ballpark is truly "one of a kind" in the state of Colorado serving youth of all ages.

Having the park managed so competently has freed up the Foundation to concentrate on our scholarship programs and carbon monoxide safety awareness.

Our scholarship program has been expanded to include softball participants. Four Parker High School seniors receive a Double Angel scholarship each year, designated for their college expenses. They are awarded the scholarship based on academic achievements, citizenship, leadership and baseball/softball

participation. Over the last two years, one of the four high school scholarship recipients has been a female softball applicant.

We also award Little League scholarships, based on recommendations from coaches and the Town of Parker and applications from families of youth in Parker, Douglas County and beyond.

Our marine carbon monoxide safety awareness efforts have been tremendously assisted by our association with Colorado State Parks and Recreation. The last few years they have welcomed us to share their booth at the Denver Boat Show. This has been a wonderful forum for us to speak to the boating public and dispense our educational materials. This past February at the boat show, we were extremely excited to see that every manufacturer had placed carbon monoxide warning labels at the stern and at the helm of every boat. This is a huge advancement in carbon monoxide safety.

Our family is blessed to be surrounded by a caring and supportive community. We thank all of you for your spirit of charity and service to others.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Double Angel Foundation was created after the tragic carbon monoxide deaths of Dillon and Logan Dixey. While we encourage youth baseball, one of our biggest efforts is to promote carbon monoxide (CO) safety.

Please be aware:

- CO can cause brain damage or death.
- Engine and generator exhaust contains odorless and colorless CO gas.
- CO will be around the back of boats when engines or generators are running.
- Move to fresh air if you feel nausea, headache, dizziness or drowsiness.

Donations Are Welcome

While we don't have the financial needs of running the ballpark as we did in the past, we continue to focus on providing scholarships to deserving youth to help cover the costs of playing baseball and their college education.

We know how important organized sports are for the development of young people, and we thank you very much for your consideration in giving to this cause.

Contributions can be made by cash or check to Double Angel Foundation, P.O. Box 4004, Parker, CO 80134.

An Update from *Gameday* by Keith Enockson

What an exciting year it was!

This year, Gameday Baseball saw tremendous growth both on and off the field.

Our teams benefited from our amazing Double Angel baseball fields and Gameday sports bubble, our tremendous coaches and mentors, as well as all the countless partnerships and opportunities for outreach within the community.

Among some of the highlights from 2016 were:

- Our participation in Tim Tebow's "Night to Shine"
- Our participation in the "Polar Plunge" for charity
- 20 youth teams, 5 high school teams, 2 college teams
- Partnership with Activ8 Sports Ministry
- Partnership with Special Olympics Colorado

We are continually striving to make Gameday Baseball the premier program for building great men of faith, character, and excellence both on and off the field.

2017 looks to be our best year yet, as we move forward with our expansion of two additional baseball fields!

Of course, the growth and success comes as a testament of the faith and perseverance stemming from our amazing donors, and the thoughts and prayers of everyone with great vision and hope for the future.

We look forward to another exciting year of utilizing baseball as a means to help shape the future citizens of our community!

To learn more, visit www.road2gameday.com.

