



Double Angel Foundation

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

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Double Angel Scholarship Winners Learn Beneficial Skills From Their Sport

The 2017 Double Angel Foundation scholarship recipients attribute their strength of character and determination to their participation in baseball and softball.

Two of the four winners – Justin Vaughn of Lutheran High School and Andrew Psaltis of Chaparral High School – also noted on their scholarship applications that baseball is a game built on failure even though perfection and success are the goals.

The other two – Chaparral’s Gabrielle Garcia and Ponderosa’s Philip Emmette – credit the game for giving them leadership skills.

Here’s a look at the 2017 recipients, who each received a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Philip Emmette, a Ponderosa senior who will study statistics at the Colorado School of Mines: “I have learned an incredible amount of things from baseball, including perseverance, managing stress, teamwork, what it means to be a leader and who I really am.”



As a pitcher, Philip said he learned from his mistakes. “I have gotten my fair share of beat downs, but after every practice, it is just that much less likely. Every mistake I make isn’t really a mistake; it is an opportunity to get better, and I sure take advantage of it.”

“Through baseball, I have learned what it means to be a leader.”



Gabrielle Garcia, a Chaparral senior who will be studying English and education at Colorado University-Boulder: “This game has introduced me to players and coaches that taught me the importance of teamwork, diligence, self-discipline and leadership.”

Although she was hit in the throat with a softball, suffered a blood clot in her voice box and will never play again, she said the game will always hold a “special place in my heart.”

“The diligence, mindset and hard work my team and I put into practicing softball is the same diligence, mindset and hard work I apply to my academics and work ethic,” she said.

Andrew Psaltis, a Chaparral senior who will study international business at the University of Nebraska: “Baseball builds character. It is a

game built on rare success and a high rate of failure.”



“It has taught me how to fail and how to bounce back from those failures. It took me quite some time to appreciate failure, however, once I fell in love with the game of baseball, it became the greatest teacher.”

Psaltis also got extra experience, thanks to the game, traveling to the Dominican Republic with a group sponsored by Community Connections International, where he learned “how privileged and blessed I truly am.”

Justin Vaughn, a Lutheran High School senior who plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha on his way to becoming a physician assistant: “Baseball is a game designed for failure. There will be errors and there will be strikeouts. The goal is to limit the amount of both, and oddly enough, that is why I love baseball.”



Vaughn, who overcame kneecap injuries and surgical repairs, said “baseball has taught me both mental and physical toughness, along with many other attributes that have helped me in my daily life.”

“Baseball isn’t just a game to me. Baseball has shaped me into who I am today.”

The Foundation awards four scholarships each year in honor of Dillon and Logan Dixey, the sons of Ken and Bambi Dixey who loved baseball but drowned before they could graduate from high school.

To qualify for the scholarships that are available to graduating seniors from Chaparral, Ponderosa, Legend and Lutheran high schools, applicants must demonstrate their love of baseball and their potential through well-roundedness, integrity, initiative, “heart” and service to others.

High school seniors who played baseball or softball during their time in high school can apply for this annual scholarship. Applications for 2018 will be available on the website, www.doubleangel.org, beginning in January 2018, and will be due March 15, 2018.

Double Angel also partnered with the Town of Parker, providing scholarship funds this year for four children in the Town’s summer baseball and softball programs.

Dale H. Farmer

April 2, 1929 – August 12, 2017



It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Dale H. Farmer, a member of the Double Angel Board of Directors and Town of Parker volunteer, passed away in August at the age of 88.

Dale was very active with DAF and the building of Double Angel Ballpark, which opened in 2006. Because he generously gave his time, DAF nominated him for the “7 Everyday Hero” award, which he received in 2008.

He was also known as “Mr. Parker” because he spent so many of his precious hours volunteering throughout the Town for more than 20 years. As a thank you, the Town named a baseball field at Salisbury Park the “Dale Farmer Ballfield.”

“The footprint he left in Parker is second to none,” said Jim Anest, former Double Angel board member. “Thank you, Dale. You will be truly missed.”



New Plaque Honors Donors

The third plaque on the large bronze statue at the ballpark was installed in October. It includes the names of people and businesses that purchased or sponsored 30 limited edition bronzes, including Scott and Pat Eseman, Dave and Jodi Frank and Family, Steve and Sharon Henriksen, Redstone Bank, Mark and Lisa Schlereth and Family, Douglas County Commissioners, and PACE Center Bronze Sponsors.

From Bambi & Ken

Dear Friends -

We would like to thank you, our Board of Directors and staff, many of whom have been with us since the foundation of Double Angel.

We've had many goals, the largest being the building of Double Angel Ballpark. None of these projects would have been completed without help from all of you!

Today, with assistance from Gameday, thousands of families enjoy what we all started 17 years ago.

Sincerely,

Ken and Bambi Dixey

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We'd also like to welcome the newest member of the Double Angel Scholarship Committee - Jessica Farland - who joins Bambi Dixey, Jodi Frank and Karen Dunkel on the committee.

Heartfelt Thanks for all of the Support

The Double Angel Foundation wouldn't exist without the generous support of the community, its loyal volunteers and Gameday Sports. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- **Supporters who contributed to our giving campaign.** The spirit in which your donations were given will further our goals of guiding children in the fulfillment of their dreams as we believe that no child should be denied the chance to play baseball, a game that Dillon and Logan Dixey learned from and loved.
- **Gameday Sports**, the non-profit that leases and manages Double Angel Ballpark for us.
- **Thomas W. Bean Foundation** for its \$1,000 grant.
- **Jim Haag and the Haag Bat Co.** for donating the inscribed mini-bats given out to the High School Scholarship recipients.
- **Paul and Nancy O'Dair** for their donation to Double Angel, the non-profit of their choice.
- **George and Sue Heinrich, Kathy Schulte, Jenni Bristow, Mike Dunkel and Adrienne Wilson's Legend Spanish Honor Society** for helping with our newsletter mailing last year.
- **Brian Hardy**, 1Network Services, for his computer assistance to the foundation.
- **Susan Cormier** for writing and producing our newsletter.

An Update From *Gameday* by Keith Enockson

Keeping with the motto of "Faith Matters, Character Matters and Excellence Matters," Gameday Baseball proudly continues to help develop the strong men of our future through the game of baseball.

Gameday fielded 20 youth teams, seven high school teams and two collegiate teams this year! In addition, they held camps, clinics and showcase events throughout the year, featuring the best instructors from within the game.

Outside of their games and practices, Gameday teams participated in food drives and local charitable events, making a positive impact within the community.

Their sponsorship with the Colorado Rockies was a huge success this summer, as many of the Gameday youth athletes were able to be a "Rockies Jr. Broadcaster" and announce the batters for the home half of an inning at Coors Field! The contest was open to the public, and winners were chosen from the best entries on why faith, character and excellence were important to them in their lives.

With the newly turfed infields on Logan and



Dillon, there was renewed excitement for baseball in the 2017 season! For the first time ever, youth baseball games were able to be played, with the addition of portable fences, moveable bases and pitching mounds.

Gameday also launched the "Big League Experience" youth tournament series, which drew great attention from teams throughout the region. These tournaments really showcase Double Angel Ballpark, with games under the lights, scoreboards, announcers and portable fences! Look for more information on these tournaments by visiting www.road2gameday.com.

26 New Bricks

The next time you visit Double Angel Ballpark, you'll probably see 26 new bricks at the entrance. The bricks will be installed by the end of 2017 to recognize:

2014 Double Angel Scholarship winners:
GREG STARK, MICHAEL BAIRD, KYLE KERCHEVAL, ALEXANDER CHAPMAN

2015 Double Angel Scholarship winners:
NATHAN VAUGHN, HANNAH JAMISON, JORDAN STEPHENS, BRANDON DELAY

2016 Double Angel Scholarship winners:
HANNAH MOORE, PAUL GIBSON, MARSHALL HOUGH, CHRISTIAN MANMANO

2017 Double Angel Scholarship winners:
GABRIELLE GARCIA, PHILIP EMMETTE, JUSTIN VAUGHN, ANDREW PSALTIS

In Loving Memory of:

DALE H. FARMER
BRETT BACKIEWICZ
MARK BROOKS

Gameday Baseball:

MARC FAVARO AND KURT JEFFERY

Special Thanks to:

DR. ROBERT BARON
JANE MCCAMMON

Also:

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DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

The 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

We thank you very much for your consideration in giving to Double Angel Foundation to support baseball, award scholarships and promote carbon monoxide safety.

Our annual high school scholarships go to deserving youth from Parker's four high schools. We also give \$3,000 annually to Gameday Baseball. And our safety efforts have led to carbon monoxide warning labels on every new boat.

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