



Double Angel Foundation

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

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DAF Scholarship Program is Now Open to More Parker Youth

The Double Angel Foundation Scholarship Program has been expanded to include all area youth ages 5 to 18.

In recent history, four high school seniors were awarded scholarships to pursue their education. But the Foundation Board of Directors decided this year to refocus and expand the program in its effort to follow the DAF mission of making baseball accessible to all children.

“We don’t want to see an enthusiastic, young, potential ballplayer not get to learn or continue playing baseball because the family is struggling financially, and we hope to offer assistance through this program,” according to

the Board’s announcement. “Our desire is to grow the game of baseball, one child at a time.”

The Foundation hopes to spend up to \$7,000 each year, depending on financing and grants, to sponsor ballplayers, ages 5 to 18, who are in need of financial assistance. This scholarship can be used for high school baseball, special needs baseball programs and girls’ softball.

The money will be awarded to the parents and the coach or recreation program. It can be used to cover registration fees, uniforms and equipment.

Parents of applicants must return a copy of their 1040 tax return form; free or reduced lunch program documentation, if applicable; and a recommendation letter from a baseball coach or unrelated third party such as a principal, pastor or close friend.

Interested applicants should return the completed packet to: Double Angel Foundation, P.O. Box 4004, Parker, CO 80134. ATTN: Double Angel Baseball Scholarship. More information on Double Angel is available at www.doubleangel.org. Questions can be addressed to doubleangelorg@msn.com or 303-841-2420.

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

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



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Scholarships Help Students Further Their Education and Baseball Experience

The Double Angel Foundation awarded \$1,000 college scholarships in 2018 to help further the education of four Parker students.

Selected during an April meeting of the Double Angel Foundation Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors, the 2018 winners are:

- **Luke Bailey**, a Chaparral High School graduate who is studying hydrology at St. Cloud University.



- **Brody McCord**, another Legend High School graduate who is attending Colorado Mesa University.
- **Noraa Fort**, a Lutheran High School student who played softball for Ponderosa High School. She is majoring in accounting at Colorado Christian University.



The scholarships were officially awarded at a breakfast reception on July 20 at the Double Angel Ballpark. Two of the winners were unable to attend – Brody McCord, who has since moved to Texas, and Luke Bailey, who was represented at the reception by his parents.

This year’s winners were chosen from the largest number of applicants in the scholarship program’s seven-year history. In future years, the opportunity will be expanded to include youth ages 5 to 18 who need assistance paying for baseball/softball registration fees, uniforms or equipment.

Double Angel also donated \$1,095 to Parker Youth to cover the registration fees for three baseball players. The scholarships were awarded to three brothers – **Corban John**, 6; **Tobias John**, 8; and **Josiah John**, 10 – all of whom have played baseball since they were old enough to register.

The Foundation annually awards scholarships in honor of Dillon and Logan Dixey, the sons of Ken and Bambi Dixey who loved baseball



- **PJ Ausmus**, who attended Legend High School and is now a freshman at Montana State University.

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but drowned before they could graduate from high school.

For more information about Double Angel and its scholarship program, visit www.doubleangel.org.

Ken Dixey with Noraa Fort and her parents at the July 20 reception (right).

PJ Ausmus with Ken and Bambi Dixey (below).



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Your Support is Appreciated!

Thank you to all of our supporters who contributed to our giving campaign. The spirit in which your generous donations were given will further our goals of guiding children to fulfill their dreams through the joy of recreation and the love of "The Game," along with providing baseball scholarships for youth, and donations to Gameday Baseball, Parker Youth Inc. and the Town of Parker's baseball and softball programs. We'd also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- **Gameday Sports**, the non-profit that leases and manages Double Angel Ballpark for us.
- **Thomas W. Bean Foundation** for its \$1,000 grant.
- **IREA** for its \$2,500 grant
- **The Golden Bear of Vail** for its donation.

- **Jim Haag and the Haag Bat Co.** for donating the inscribed mini-bats given out to the High School Scholarship recipients.
- **George and Sue Heinrich, Chris Nicola, Kathy Lembke, Mike Dunkel, Janice Madigan and Judy Dvorak** for helping with the newsletter mailing last year.
- **Chris Nicola, Kathy Lembke, Janice Johnston, Mike Dunkel and Kurt Jeffery** for helping set up and serve at the Breakfast Reception to honor the 2018 High School Baseball Scholarship recipients and their parents.
- **Joe Backiewicz** for his car donation through "Cars Helping Charities."
- **Susan Cormier** for writing and producing our newsletter.

An Update From *Gameday* by Keith Enockson

With more than 30 first-place and runner-up finishes in 2018, Gameday Baseball is ecstatic to celebrate the most wins in program history.

But Gameday's strong emphasis and dedication to youth baseball is paying dividends in more ways than one.

Gameday continued its steadfast approach on nurturing young talent through the best instruction in the state, coupled with the best facilities in the region. Players were given access to year-round camps, clinics, tournaments and even a home run derby that was sponsored by Big League Chew.

The summer season was a whirlwind of baseball at Double Angel Ballpark, as Gameday's high school and collegiate teams played constantly on the new turf and under the lights, with a great showing of support from the local community!

This year, Gameday also continued its Colorado Rockies "Jr. Broadcaster" sponsorship with select athletes announcing the Rockies players as they came to bat in the home half of an inning at Coors Field. For the

chance to be a junior broadcaster, athletes were encouraged to submit why faith, character and excellence were important to them in their lives.

Also new this year, Gameday's lead chaplain and hitting instructor, Rick Eisenberg, became the face of Big League Chew. You can find his likeness on the package of the Big Rally Blue Raspberry-flavored gum available exclusively at Dick's Sporting Goods!

With even bigger things on the horizon for the 2019 season, Gameday continues to grow as the premier baseball organization for developing the faith, character and excellence that the young athletes in Colorado deserve.

Stay up-to-date by visiting Gameday's website (also newly redesigned in 2018) at: www.road2gameday.com/baseball. If you have any questions or inquiries, you may email us at info@road2gameday.com.



KEYS TO CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

The Double Angel Foundation was formed in honor of Dillon and Logan Dixey, two young brothers who tragically drowned in 2000 after being overcome by carbon monoxide (CO) while swimming at the rear of a houseboat on Lake Powell.

A major focus of that Foundation, founded by parents Ken and Bambi Dixey, is a nationwide campaign to raise awareness on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning on houseboats.

To help in that effort, here is information from the U.S. Coast Guard on ways to help keep CO from poisoning you, your passengers and others while you are boating.

- Know where and how CO may accumulate in and around your boat. This can include:
 - ◇ Inadequately ventilated canvas enclosures.
 - ◇ Exhaust gas that is trapped in enclosed places.
 - ◇ Blocked exhaust outlets.
 - ◇ Another vessel's exhaust.
 - ◇ At slow speeds, while idling or stopped. Be aware that CO can remain in or around your boat at dangerous levels even if your engine or a nearby boat's engine is no longer running.
- Maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat at all times. Run exhaust blowers whenever the generator is operating.
- Know where your engine and generator exhaust outlets are located and keep everyone away from these areas.
- Never sit, teak surf or hang on the back deck or swim platform while the engines are running. Teak surfing is **NEVER** a safe activity.
- Never enter areas under swim platforms where exhaust outlets are located unless the area has been properly ventilated.
- Although CO can be present without the smell of exhaust fumes, if you smell exhaust fumes, CO is also present. Take immediate action to dissipate these fumes.
- Treat symptoms of seasickness as possible CO poisoning. Get the person into fresh air immediately. Seek medical attention unless you're sure it's not CO.
- Install and maintain CO alarms inside your boat. Do not ignore any alarm. Replace alarms as recommended by the alarm manufacturer.
- Get a Vessel Safety Check. A VSC is a free bow-to-stern safety examination.