



Double Angel Foundation

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

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DAF Meets Growing Demand for Sports Scholarships

The Double Angel Foundation was pleased this year to meet a growing need for youth baseball and softball scholarships throughout the metro area, awarding \$6,317 to nine individuals and Parker Youth Sports.

In a year that marked 20 years since the tragic passing of Dillon and Logan Dixey, it seems appropriate that some of this year's recipients had heard about the brothers, for whom the scholarships were created, from a very young age.

The largest scholarship was awarded to Ponderosa High graduate **Ty Martens**, 18, who received a \$1,000 scholarship to Northwestern College.



Baseball means a lot to Ty: "The love of the game and competition are two great things, but people and the relationships you form with them will last a lifetime, long after the cleats have been hung up."

Parents Katie and Sam Martens said Ty "was at the dedication ceremony of the (Double Angel) fields when he was just 4 years old and grew up hearing the story of Dillon and Logan."

Ponderosa's **Brady Ingalls**, 17, who received a \$500 scholarship, also had known about the Dixey boys from a very young age, growing up in the same area of Parker. Mother Ginger

Ingalls said he "will uphold the legacy you all have started for your boys."

This year's winners also included:

Arianna White, 14, Alameda Green Mountain Huskies - \$200

Bahati Langford, 10, Nike Baseball Camp, \$200.

Caden Houle, 9, Parker Rec registration fee and helmet rental, \$99

Chloe Ryan, 8, Parker Rec registration fee, \$89

Faye Reynolds, 9, Parker Rec equipment, \$80

Odin Reynolds, 5, Parker Rec equipment, \$60

Austin Burden, 5, Parker Rec registration fee, \$89.



Caden Houle

Parker Youth received a \$4,000 donation, which was used to purchase equipment and buckets of baseballs and softballs for all of its 60 teams.

Gameday Sports received a \$5,000 donation that will be used to help operate the Double Angel Ballpark.

The Double Angel Foundation received thank you notes from most of the individuals who

received scholarships this year, as well as from the Colorado Bombers 14u Majors and the Parker Hawks for the practice balls and buckets that were donated.

"I wanted to thank you on behalf of our team, as well as the rest of the league, for this kind gesture," wrote the Hawks' Brad Wright. "It is because of folks like yourselves that the Hawks league continues to be able to show these younger kids the benefits of teamwork and friendship."



As an unaffiliated team, the Bombers' Mark Thewes wrote they "appreciate your donation to help offset our costs. We also enjoy playing in tournaments at Double Angel Field!"

Depending on financing and grants, the Foundation annually awards scholarships to ballplayers between the ages of 5 and 18, who need financial assistance. Scholarships can be used for high school baseball, special needs and community baseball programs, and girls' softball.

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

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Discussed at Annual Boating Convention

The story of Dillon and Logan Dixey and the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning were highlighted at this year's annual conference of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

During the virtual conference, Colorado Boating Safety Program Administrator Grant Brown shared information about the Dixeys, as well as the Double Angel Foundation and its efforts to make the public aware of carbon monoxide while boating.

Brown shared DAF's letter, in which the Foundation successfully requested putting

carbon monoxide warning information on Colorado's boating regulations brochure, in hopes that other states would follow suit and get the warning "out to the masses."

He plans to present similar information to the Western Boating Association in January. He is also working with DAF on other ways to promote safety, including a warning sticker.

During the fall virtual conference, carbon monoxide information was also presented by Minnesota Recreation Safety Outreach Coordinator Lisa Dugan. Minnesota passed Sophia's Law, which took effect on May 1,

2018, and requires motorboats with an enclosed accommodation compartment to be equipped with a functioning marine CO detector.

The law was named for 7-year-old Sophia Baechler, who died from carbon monoxide poisoning while boating on Lake Minnetonka.

The presentation – Creating a Successful Carbon Monoxide Awareness Campaign – can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/462678060/669b59dc79>.

An Update From *Gameday*

by Kellen MacDonald

Our Gameday 2020 youth season has come to an end. Despite the lack of tournaments due to COVID-19, all of our youth teams got in a lot of baseball.

The youth season began in January with our customary two practices per week. The first was a “Gameday-led” practice, featuring several professional players who worked with players to improve their fundamentals and knowledge of the game. The second weekly practice was implemented by our youth coaches. It was an awesome January-March.

Then, the pandemic.

How did we handle the crisis and unrest amongst our Gameday players, parents and coaches? We immediately waived all remaining Gameday fees, essentially making our 2020 youth fees 50% off. We knew people were struggling, each in their own way, and we made the right decision even though our own company was in financial turmoil. We firmly believe putting our players and their needs first is the only way to manage our business.



During the quarantine period, we offered two Zoom calls per week for all players, coaches and parents. The first weekly call focused on drills and activities our players could do at home to stay in “baseball shape.” The second call featured a special guest. The highlight was hearing from Dave Dravecky, a former major league player and fellow Christian who has a powerful and motivational story. Our next

guest was current Colorado Rockies catcher Tony Wolters. Our players had fun getting to know Tony and hearing his story.

When Colorado issued the first phase of “Safer-at-Home,” we were able to continue team practices, adhering to all social distancing guidelines and precautions. Baseball was back for Gameday players! Once the second phase of “Safer-at-Home” was put in place, we were able to have make-shift scrimmages among our teams from May through July.

Despite the adversity, we were able to provide a solid baseball program to all of our teams and players in 2020. We are blessed to have awesome indoor facilities and the Double Angel fields that allowed our players to play baseball when many neighboring fields were closed.

You can learn more about Gameday at www.road2gameday.com.

Thank YOU For Your Support!

Thank you to all of our supporters who contributed to our giving campaign. With your generous help, we are able to further our goals of guiding children to fulfill their dreams through the joy of recreation and the love of “The Game.”

We’d also like to extend heartfelt thanks to:

- **Thomas W. Bean Foundation** for its \$4,000 grant.
- **Clarence & Jennifer Frierson, Steve & Sharon Henriksen, Excel Personnel’s Frank & Jan Wagner, Keith & Karen Evans, Larry & Kim Ruane, and Ice Box Builders’ John Berendes.**

- All those who donated on our website by PayPal and through AmazonSmile.
- **George Heinrich** for helping with the mailing labels for the Double Angel newsletter.
- The newsletter volunteers who helped stuff and label the newsletter last year: **Kathy Lembke, Kathi Irwin, Chris Nicola, Paul & Kathy Schulte, Judy Dvorak, Judy Witt, Janice Johnston and Mike Dunkel.**
- **Susan Cormier** for writing and designing the newsletter.

Easy Ways to Support DAF

The Double Angel Foundation appreciates all donations to help fund its efforts to support baseball, award scholarships and promote carbon monoxide safety.

Perhaps one of the easiest ways to support DAF is by signing up to support Double Angel Inc. when you shop at Smile.Amazon.com. Through AmazonSmile, the company donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

Contributions can also be made through PayPal on our website at doubleangel.org or by sending cash or check to Double Angel

Foundation, P.O. Box 4004, Parker, CO 80134. (Envelope enclosed.)

Finally, the DAF sticker you find with this year’s newsletters is meant to help get the word out about the Double Angel Foundation and all that it does to support youth baseball. We hope you can help us spread the word.



DAF BOARD MEMBERS

Thanks so much to the community members who donate their time to help run the Double Angel Foundation.

A special thank you goes out this year to **Tony Anderson** for being a Double Angel Board Director for more than 10 years. Tony resigned because he is moving out of state. We thank him for his dedication and wish him well.



The other board members we so appreciate include:

President **Ken Dixey**
Vice President **Bambi Dixey**
Treasurer **Kathy Denson**
At Large: **Dan Farland, Jodi Frank, Mike Nicola, Steve Small, Jessica Farland-Cox and Mark Hague**
Office Manager: **Karen Dunkel**

IN THE NEWS....

As 2020 marked 20 years since the tragic passing of Dillon and Logan Dixey, the Double Angel Foundation received more news coverage than it does in normal years. DAF and the Dixey story was featured in a March 29, 2020, article in the Denver Post and on Aug. 2, 2020, on Jerry Schemmel’s Amazing Americans show on 104.3 The Fan. You can search for the article and interview at each of the organization’s websites: denverpost.com and 1043thefan.com.