



Double Angel Foundation

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

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Exciting Additions to the Foundation Board of Directors

The Double Angel Foundation welcomed two new members and a treasurer to its Board of Directors, while giving a big THANK YOU to retiring treasurer **Kathy Denson**.

Cole Dixey and **Jonathan Brandland** joined the Board in mid-2021.

“We’re excited to have these two gentlemen join us as we work to further the Foundation’s mission of providing sports scholarships and raising awareness of carbon monoxide poisoning,” the Board said in announcing the additions to the team. “Their expertise in leadership, management and the community will be a huge asset.”

Cole is the foreman at Dark Horse Industries and the owner of Elevated Drone Imaging. He attended Regis Jesuit High School and Metropolitan State College of Denver.



He is the son of Ken and Bambi Dixey, and the brother of Connor, Dillon and Logan Dixey. Cole and his fiancé, Aimee, have a small ranch

east of the town of Parker. Cole enjoys skiing, hunting, fishing and sailing.

Jonathan is the geospatial rental & sales manager at Vectors, Inc., specializing in high-level strategic sales, communications and strategic corporate-giving initiatives. He has a 12-year-old daughter, Aspen.



Jonathan was born and raised in Douglas County, where he attended Chaparral High School. He went to the University of Northern Colorado and University of the Virgin Islands St. Thomas (exchange), graduating with a major in business and minors in chemistry and biology. He also played on the UNC’s men’s soccer team.

Mike Nicola will replace Kathy as the DAF’s new treasurer. The Board is grateful that Mike, a long-time board member, stepped up to assume the added responsibilities.



A Big Thank You to Kathy for Her Years as Treasurer

DAF will always be grateful for the many years that Kathy Denson volunteered as its treasurer.

Kathy served in that important role for about 15 years, resigning in 2021. Thankfully, she will continue as a Board member.



The Board members thank her for a job well done!

DAF BOARD MEMBERS

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

Your Donations Bring Opportunities to Young Ballplayers

More than **\$11,000** was given out by the Double Angel Foundation to various individuals and sports organizations in 2021!

Among this year’s recipients were:

- **Amelia Adams**, 11, Parker Parks and Recreation. Amelia has enjoyed playing softball with others as a team.



- **Faith Secrest-Sanchez**, Alameda Green Mountain Girls Softball League/Lakewood Tigers. The 10-year said she has always dreamed of being a softball player and believes the sport will help her be successful in her career.



- **Giovanni Rosales**, 8, Lakewood Junior Baseball/Tigers. Giovanni has asthma, but his parents said he wants to be active and become good at baseball.

- **Anthony Gasca**, 10, Lakewood Junior Baseball Association.



- **Jayleah Espinoza Gasca**, 7, Alameda Green Mountain Girls Softball League/tee ball.



Anthony & Jayleah’s mother, Marisol Gasca, told the Foundation that their family was new to the area and had suffered economically, due to the pandemic. “Having a scholarship for my children will definitely give them hope and guarantee them a new opportunity to have something to look forward to,” she said.

- **Joshlynn Graff**, 9, Lakewood Girls Softball, who wants “to play softball because it is a dream of mine.... I think it would be a great experience.”



- **Jordyn Moralez**, 14, Colorado Diamond Team.

- Parker Youth Sports, which used the donation to purchase buckets of balls for 60 teams.

Many coaches sent thanks to the DAF, including Brad Wright, who said: “Once again you have helped the Parker Hawks in a very meaningful way and we cannot express how grateful we are to have your support. I think I speak for all of the coaches and parents when I say thank you.”

Brett Sowers of the Hawks 8UAA team said: “I just want to thank you so much for that donation. You are impacting kids in the game in a big way. Baseball teaches kids tremendous life lessons and you providing baseballs makes that happen.”

- Gameday Baseball donation to help operate the Double Angel Ballpark.

Also receiving a scholarship, but in 2020 after last year’s newsletter was published, was **Derek Gordon**, 14, Colorado Stealth

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An Update From *Gameday*

by Justin Favaro

As we wrap up 2021 and another great season at Gameday baseball, we are grateful for the Double Angel Foundation and all we have accomplished in the community. In 2021, we achieved some notable milestones:

- ◆ Managed 16 youth baseball teams (age 9-14), all playing under the Gameday name.
- ◆ Managed 12 high school club teams.
- ◆ Hosted the Colorado Rockies AAA expansion team at our indoor bubble and Double Angel fields.
- ◆ Hosted and operated 16 youth "Big League Experience" baseball tournaments that attracted thousands of players, coaches, parents and fans to the DAF fields.
- ◆ Hosted and operated 10 summer high school "Big League Experience" baseball tournaments.
- ◆ Launched a youth and adult speed, strength and performance program.



- ◆ Managed eight high school fall club teams.
- ◆ Hosted and operated eight fall high school "Big League Experience" baseball tournaments.
- ◆ Managed a summer college team that played a schedule of local and national events.
- ◆ Managed several youth and high school baseball camps and clinics.
- ◆ Our youth teams supported multiple local charities and non-profits as service projects.
- ◆ Employed more than 250 contract services employees (many high school and college students) to work at the ball park and at baseball tournaments.

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

Thank YOU For Your Support!

A heartfelt thank you to all who support the Double Angel Foundation and its efforts to fund sports scholarships and increase public awareness of carbon monoxide poisoning. While we are grateful to all our supporters, we'd like to highlight some special donors, including:

- **Thomas W Bean Foundation** for its \$4,000 grant.
- **IREA** for its \$2,500 grant.
- **Tom & Susi Morrison, George & Joyce Hier, Keith & Karen Evans, Larry & Kim Ruane, Major General & Mrs. Scott Scholfield, Tannie & Jennifer Fierson Jr.,**

Steve & Sharon Henriksen, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sneed.

- All those who donated on our website by PayPal and through AmazonSmile.
- **George Heinrich** for helping with the bulk mailing and mailing labels for our annual newsletter.
- The volunteers who helped prepare last year's newsletter mailing: **Judy Witt, Jim Brandt, Mike & Chris Nicola, Kathy Lembke, Kathi Irwin, Paul & Kathy Schulte, and Mike Dunkel.**
- **Susan Cormier** for writing and designing the newsletter.

Here's How You Can Help ...

1. Sign 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 Amazon purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
2. Make a contribution 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.)

Your Donations

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Baseball. Derek used his scholarship to replace his catcher's mask and pay for fees in the 2021 season.

DAF annually awards scholarships to ballplayers who need financial assistance to play the game that Dillon and Logan Dixey loved so much. Scholarships can be used for high school baseball, special needs and community baseball programs, and girls' softball.

Interested youth between the ages of 5 and 18 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.

AWARENESS ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE

Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Boating Safety Unit continues to join the Double Angel Foundation in its efforts to spread warnings of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Information about the dangers of carbon monoxide is included again on the back cover of the 2022 Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations brochure (as shown below).



What you can't see can harm you.

- Carbon monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced any time a carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal or oil, burns. Sources on your boat include gasoline engines, generators, cooking ranges and space and water heaters. Cold or poorly tuned engines produce more carbon monoxide than warm, properly tuned engines.
- Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless and mixes evenly with the air. It enters your bloodstream through the lungs and displaces the oxygen your body needs.
- Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning - headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness - are often confused with sea-sickness or intoxication. Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or very short exposure to high concentrations can lead to death.
- Each year, boaters are injured or killed by carbon monoxide. The illustrations below show how carbon monoxide could be affecting you.



WANT MORE INFO?

If you'd like more information about the Double Angel Foundation or if you want to share stories about scholarship recipients, you can visit the DAF Facebook Page at facebook.com/Double-Angel-Foundation-381613959285674. More information is also available on the DAF website at <https://doubleangel.org>.

Also, an article featuring the organization appeared in the July 2021 Castle Pines Connection (www.castlepinesconnection.com/double-angel-foundation).