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Special Families

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Unified Title's Annual Charity Golf Tournament for SKSF



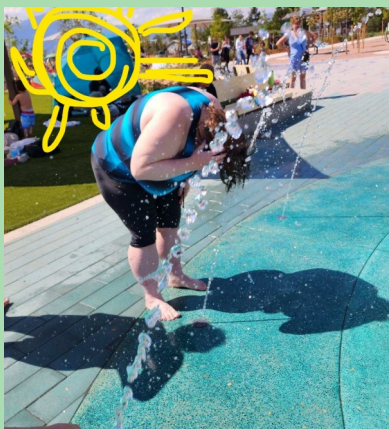
Unified
TITLE COMPANY

Unified Title Company held its 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Zach's Place, a program of Special Kids Special Families. Sarah Kelso, Director of Residential Services, Pia Wahlstrom, Host Home Supervisor, and Jon Karroll, Development & Communications Manager greeted sponsors and golfers for this Star Wars-themed event held at Perry Park Country Club in Larkspur. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time raising money to support families of children with special needs. Thanks [Unified Title Company](#), the sponsors, donors and participants for once again supporting our organization!



PROGRAM HAPPENINGS >>>

AHHH.... enjoying the last days of summer & sharing some great photos of activities from our month at Adult Services and Zach’s Place programs. ENJOY!



SKSF IN THE NEWS >>> DONATIONS RECEIVED



The Networking Diva Hour
Hosted by **Janiece Carlson**
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We love [Janiece Carlson](#) and her radio blog talk show [#TheNetworkingDivaHour!](#) We had the opportunity to join Janiece during her 9th Anniversary Celebration show with Jon Karroll, SKSF Development & Communications Manager. Thank you for promoting Special Kids Special Families over the years. We appreciate you and all you do for our organization and the community!



Zach's Place Director, Krista Ingram and Development & Communications Manager, Jon Karroll join the folks at [Mountain Country](#) radio for Tuesday's "Morning Routine" show. They promoted Zach's Place program and the upcoming 11th Annual Night of Comedy - Boots, Buckles & Chuckles fundraiser on October 8th at the Flying W Ranch. Thanks for your continued support of our organization!



ADD+STAFF^{INC}

A big SKSF thank you to Kelly Shaffer, President/CEO of [ADD STAFF, Inc.](#) Kelly paid for several TV spots promoting the 11th Annual Night of Comedy - Boots, Buckles & Chuckles fundraiser for Zach's Place. The spot was shot in front of the

Flying W Ranch sign with Shaffer and Jon Karroll who are ready to "Cowboy Up!" Watch for them airing soon on KOAA, KRDO & FOX21!



Special Kids Special Families would like to thank the Walmart Foundation for community grants that have been awarded to our organization. These grants will help support our Zach's Place program and assist lower income families with respite and childcare at the facility. We appreciate their support!



Walmart at South Academy Blvd - Manager, James Harmes awarded a \$1,000 grant.



Walmart Neighborhood Market at N Union Blvd - Manager, John Rose and his team awarded a \$500 grant.



Walmart SuperCenter at Highway 85/87 in Fountain - Manager, Daniel Jackson awarded a \$1,000 grant.

SKSF RECOGNITION & NOW HIRING >>>



Adult Services Employee of the Month - THERESA CLEMENTI -

Theresa displays great enthusiasm and her willingness to learn about the clients and programs is amazing! She definitely is a team player and is a joy to work with. Theresa is very positive, supportive to staff, is encouraging and shows respect to everyone. We are happy to have her on our team!



Adult Services Client of the Month - ASHLEY SHELTON -

Ashley has made such amazing progress at day program! She is a joy to be around and is always happy to greet her staff and peers! She has become a socialite! Everyone who works with Ashley knows how special and kind she is. When she walks in the room, everyone sings good morning to her and she loves to sing it back. She instantly puts a smile on everyone's face, we adore working with her and are so proud of the woman she has become!

We'd like to **WELCOME TO THE TEAM** the following new staff members! Congratulations & welcome!



Dwight Anderson
Host Home Supervisor

Pia Wahlstrom
Host Home Supervisor

Brianna Turner
Host Home Supervisor



Samantha Davis
Foster Care Home Supervisor

Brooke Paseka
Zach's Place Childcare Worker

Dawn Talltree
Adult Mentor / Direct Care Provider



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Tony Scully
Foster Care Home Supervisor

Welcome to the Board!



Special Kids Special Families would like to introduce our newest Board Member to our Board of Directors. Thank you for your time and volunteerism! Welcome aboard! Toni Major – Toni is a commercial lines Account Manager with [Leavitt Group of Colorado](#) and has been in various roles within the insurance industry for 20 years. She attended Pike Peak Community College where she earned a degree in Sociology. Since 1990, Toni has called Colorado home where she has raised two children and like many Coloradans, she enjoys the beautiful outdoors. Toni believes strongly in being the change you want to see.

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS



**Fall
CityServe**
Sign up today!
SAT, OCT 1ST

SKSF is teaming up with COSILOVEYOU during their City Serve Day on Saturday, October 1st from 9am-12pm. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information & how you can make a difference!!

OR SIGN UP TODAY FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES:

[ADULT SERVICES - PAINTING](#)

[ADMINISTRATION - WRITING THANK YOU NOTES](#)

[ZACH' S PLACE - LANDSCAPE/OUTDOOR WORK](#)

**WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS**



Our volunteers worked hard to get 2500+ Night of Comedy invitations out the door in time! Kathy Schmidt, Scott Pashby (L) with Sabrina May, Scott Pashby and Janette all helping stuff and stamp those envelopes! This is such an important task that frees up our staff to focus on other business. Thank you for giving your time & efforts!



The Colorado Jamrock Reggae Festival was a success and held at Sunshine Studios in Colorado Springs on Saturday 8/27. The promoter, Jamrock Events earmarked a portion of the proceeds to Special Kids Special Families and Zach's Place. SKSF Board Member, Katie Monson joined Jon Karroll, Development & Communications Manager, at the SKSF information table during the Family Fun Day preceding the music. [Visit the new Jamrock Cookshop for some great Jamaican Food!](#)



We are super excited about this year's Zach's Place promotional video! We have to thank [Ralph Giordano](#) of [ArchAngel Productions, LLC](#) and Nathaniel Shields of Shields Productions for producing this video! As award winning videographers, this is sure to be another! This video will debut at [SKSF 11th Annual Night of Comedy - Boots, Buckles & Chuckles](#) event on Sat. 10/8 at the Flying W Ranch. A huge thank you goes out to Erica Tafoya and grandson, Iyan for filming with us!

Thank you everyone for making this happen!

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Special Kids
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Saturday

OCTOBER 8TH 5:30-9pm



11th Annual

Night Of Comedy

BOOTS, BUCKLES & CHUCKLES

EARLY BIRD PRICE thru 9/15/22: \$85/person
9/16 & after \$95/person; special table price available

Includes:

- * Chuckwagon style dinner + drink ticket
- * Picnic table seating
- * Cash bar
- * Raise the Paddle auction
- * 50+ Silent Auction packages
- * 1 hour western stage & music show by the world famous **Flying W Wranglers!**

FLYING W @ RANCH
3330 Chuckwagon Rd
CO Springs, CO 80919



Event EMCEE:
FOX21 Anchor
Abbie Burke

Golf carts to venue will be available. Dress - country western

JOIN US for Special Kids Special Families signature fundraiser! All proceeds benefit ZACH'S PLACE program for children with disabilities and special needs.

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\$95/person includes Chuckwagon style dinner with reserved picnic style table seating, 1 drink ticket (good for cola, beer or wine) cash bar (\$5-\$10), Raise the Paddle auction, 50+ great Silent Auction packages, and a 1 hour original western stage & music show by the world famous Flying W Wranglers.

Golf carts will be available to the venue.
Dress is country western casual.

**MORE INFO
About Event**