



# Special Kids Special Families

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**Individuals with Disabilities,  
their Families and Caregivers**

## *Help Make The Holiday Special!*

As 2023 winds down and we start thinking ahead to goals and ambitions in the New Year, it's always beneficial to pause and make time for reflection. We should be grateful for all things that have happened, the good and the bad, as there are lessons to be learned from just about everything we experience.

It's hard to believe that my personal journey with Special Kids Special Families started about a year ago. I am so thankful to have been chosen to be a part of this community and to work with such a dedicated group of board members, staff and volunteers.

I'm very proud of our team. Working together with renewed focus and vigor, they have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to our mission and the disabilities community, providing more services and touching more lives than ever before. Of course, we couldn't have done nearly as much, nor had nearly the impact, without the generosity and goodwill of our individual and corporate donors and the amazing foundations who support us every year.

Our work, however, is not done. There are still many individuals and families who without year-end giving will go unserved or underserved and miss out on life-changing care. We still need your support, and we thank you for anything you are able to give in the days and weeks ahead to help us make an even bigger difference in the Pikes Peak region this year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff, and the incredible families and individuals we are blessed to serve, I want to extend our gratitude and our warmest wishes to you and your family for a **special** holiday season. May your home be filled with moments of love and laughter, and may the year ahead be filled with joy and happiness!

**Kevin Porter**

Special Kids Special Families Executive Director





# *Year In Review*

**110+**

clients served  
at Adult  
Services

**7,000+**

rides  
to and from  
programs

**20,000+**

hours of care at  
Zach's Place  
Center

**45,000+**

hours served  
at Adult  
Services

**170+**

children served  
in Foster Care

**600+**

total clients  
served

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*"I'm a single parent with a special needs child and the services SKSF offers allows me to work. My daughter also attends Zach's Place and tells me all the time that everyone is so nice to her. I appreciate knowing that my children are in a safe and caring environment."*

Kim Craig, Mother of Desiree & Cody



# A Look Ahead...

Are you ready for the New Year? Have you made your New Year's resolutions? What a perfect time to set new goals, dream up new ideas and launch them into motion! Special Kids Special Families would love to be a part of your New Year's Resolution list. Perhaps you're looking to get more involved or you're wondering how you can do more to help in 2024. Connect with us and stay tuned.

## What's new in 2024:

- **A Refurbished Website:** We will be launching a beautifully designed and easy to navigate website that will make engaging with us better than ever!
- **Planned Giving Program:** We will be launching new ways to give in the new year. Don't let your support end with you. Ensure your cherished values live on.
- **25th Anniversary Celebration:** In this milestone 25th year celebration, we call on our community of stakeholders to rise to the challenge of 25 MORE - and beyond! Throughout the entire year, we are encouraging everyone to set a goal towards this end. Be on the lookout for exciting details and opportunities to come!

*"Joey's Place staff treat each person individually, in the moment, and with love and respect. Because of the individual care that Shelbie receives, her social skills have increased tremendously! She's made new friends and enjoys going to program."*

Julie Norwood



## Special thanks to our 2023 Corporate Sponsors, Grantors & Foundations...

We would like to extend our appreciation for the generous support of our 2023 sponsors, grantors and foundations. Their commitment to our mission has made a significant impact and we are grateful for their partnership which helps strengthen our ability to serve those in need.

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# Ways to Give

## DONATE OR SPONSOR

Donations can be monetary in any amount OR goods or services. We also have various levels of business sponsorships with great marketing benefits. We accept checks and all debit/credit cards plus other forms of online payment (Paypal, Venmo, E-check.)

## VOLUNTEER

We always need volunteers to help assist with various program projects, facility maintenance, upcoming fundraising events or administrative duties.

## BECOME AN SKSF HERO



**Monthly Contributor:** You can be a HERO by supporting SKSF with a scheduled monthly contribution of \$25 or more. SKSF HEROES embrace our mission and vision ensuring that people in need get the resources, compassion and freedom to achieve the life that everyone deserves.

**\$100:** Two days of respite care **OR** adult day services **OR** community services;

**\$500:** One week of homecare **OR** placement of a child or adult **OR** 17 rides to and from care.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

We invite you to include Special Kids Special Families in your estate planning provisions so your cherished values live on. Legacy gifts include a bequest in a will or living trust, beneficiary designations for retirement plans or life insurance policies, and/or an outright gift of life insurance cash value.

## DONATE ITEMS FROM OUR WISH LISTS

If you can't make a monetary donation, check out the items on our program Wish Lists. Items are purchased directly from Amazon.com and range from just a few dollars to a few hundred dollars.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

LIKE, COMMENT, SHARE or FOLLOW US to help us increase awareness, stay informed of upcoming events, program happenings, related articles and updated resources and communications. Visit [#SKSFspecialholiday](https://www.facebook.com/SKSFcolorado) for special holiday messages and photos.



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Special Families  
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**PLEASE CONSIDER A  
DONATION IN ANY  
AMOUNT TODAY!**

# Thank You!

## **DONATE & get a tax break in April!**

Both corporate and individual donors may benefit. Any taxpayer that makes a cash contribution to Special Kids Special Families designated to Zach's Place may claim an income tax credit of 50% of the total contribution.

Details of the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit can be found at [SKSFcolorado.org](https://www.sksfcolorado.org).

Donate items  
from our  
**amazon**wishlist

## **REMEMBER**

**Special Kids Special Families  
during these SPECIAL DAYS  
of online giving...**

**Black Friday. Cyber Monday.**

# GIVING TUESDAY

**NOVEMBER 28th, 2023**

In Colorado, we celebrate Giving Tuesday  
by scheduling a donation through  
[ColoradoGives.org/SKSF](https://ColoradoGives.org/SKSF).

December 5



[ColoradoGivesDay.org](https://ColoradoGivesDay.org)

### **EARLY GIVING OPENS NOVEMBER 1ST!**

Help make the holidays more *special*  
when you schedule your donation on  
December 5th through

[ColoradoGivesDay.org/SKSF](https://ColoradoGivesDay.org/SKSF)

When you donate on this special day,  
SKSF will qualify to receive a portion of  
the million dollar incentive fund!

For more details visit our website at  
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