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E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation Awards 2018 Grants

Eight programs receive grants to support transportation safety

June 4, 2018— The E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation Board of Directors has awarded eight (8) \$2,500 transportation safety grants to Colorado programs and organizations inclusive of teen driver education and seat belt safety, senior and youth transportation safety, and car seat safety and training. Recipients include:

- **Castle Rock Senior Activity Center**, which provides programming and services that help adults age 50+ to live independent and fulfilled lives and to “age in place”. The grant will be used to provide transportation for seniors and disabled adults in Douglas County.
- **Children’s Hospital Colorado Foundation**, which will use the grant to support efforts aimed at reducing serious pediatric injuries in traffic crashes and the number of unrestrained child passengers. Through its Child Passenger Safety Program, the Foundation will purchase up to seventy-five (75) car seats and provide education on how to install and use the seats.
- **Littleton Public Schools**, where the grant will be used to update teaching tools and visual aids for the District’s Driver Education classes as well as provide scholarships for students in need.
- **Save Our Youth (SOY)**, a nonprofit working with at risk youth ages 10-17 in Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson Counties through one-on-one mentoring and supplementary educational programs. Grant money will be used to purchase transportation vouchers for youth participants.
- **Servicios de la Raza**, which provides and advocates for culturally responsive, essential human services and opportunities. The organization will use the grant to conduct two Child Passenger Safety Events, including bilingual education and training, and provide forty (40) car seats to participating families.
- **South Metro Safety Foundation**, which will provide scholarships for its Crash Avoidance driving class targeted to new teen drivers. The grant will also support its no-cost License to Survive seminars for parents and teens and The Seat Belts Save Lives Program.
- **St. Anthony North Health Foundation**, where funds will go to the Nursing Family Partnership Program which assists low-income mothers with newborn care. The grant will allow for the purchase of up to thirty-six (36) car seats and education on proper use.
- **WeeCycle**, which matches baby gear with low-income families in the Denver metro area. The nonprofit will use the grant money to purchase car seats, fulfilling requests from its forty-one (41) partner organizations.

As part of the E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation grant program, nine (9) area high schools also received \$200 each for after prom programs. High schools include Brighton, Chaparral, Cherry Creek, Douglas County, Frederick, Gateway, Grandview, Smoky Hill and Vista PEAK Preparatory.

The E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is separate from the E-470 Public Highway Authority and raises its own funds. The Foundation operates exclusively to promote charitable giving, public safety, transportation safety, driver education and other educational opportunities throughout Colorado. Over the past eight years, the Foundation has distributed \$135,000 in grants to nonprofit and government entities supporting local transportation safety programs and \$8,200 to high school after prom programs. For over ten years, the Foundation has also funded a monthly Alive at 25 program at E-470 for young adults.

The Foundation's Board of Directors consists of present and former E-470 Public Highway Authority chairpersons. The Board of Directors who led the distribution of 2018 grants is comprised of Randy Drennen (President), Paul Tauer (Vice President), Lynn Myers (Secretary/Treasurer), Jan Pawlowski (Director), Ed Tauer (Director), Dick Mclean (Director) and Josh Martin (Director).

More information on the E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation and the 2018 grant recipients can be found on [the Foundation's webpage](#).

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