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E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation Hits “Hole in One” for More Grant Funding *2021 Golf Tournament Raises Record Proceeds for Transportation Safety Education*

AURORA, CO – E-470 serves as a fabric of the region by not only providing a reliable way for people to get around the east Denver-metro area, but also through its charitable arm, the Transportation Safety Foundation. Without utilizing E-470 toll revenue, the foundation raises its own funds through a biennial summer golf tournament, which in turn, provides grants to nonprofit organizations for transportation safety promotion and education. Today, E-470 is estimating the 2021 golf tournament has brought in the highest amount of proceeds ever raised – about \$70,000 - which will be utilized for grant distributions in 2022 and 2023!

Each year, up to eight \$2,500 grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and tax-exempt government entities along the E-470 corridor and throughout the state to help people get around safely. The funds raised for the foundation are designated for programs such as child safety seat inspections, seat belt safety, driver’s education classes and high school after prom support. [Learn more about the 2021 grant winners.](#)

How Previous Recipients Utilized Their \$2,500 Grant Check:

- **WeeCycle** purchased **42 car seats** for families in need, **which are estimated to have provided more than 81,000 safe car rides.**
- **The Children’s Hospital Colorado Foundation** was able to purchase **50 convertible car seats** to reduce the number of serious injury crashes involving children and the number of unrestrained child passengers.
- **Save Our Youth** provided **public transportation vouchers** for teens participating in their program.
- **Aurora Fire Rescue** purchased **10 car seats** that are being given away to families in need as well as certified additional staff for **car seat safety check events.**
- **Castle Rock Senior Activity Center** provided **100 rides** for seniors age 50+ in Douglas County.

Additionally, to provide a safe and fun activity for students to attend after prom night each year, the Transportation Safety Foundation also grants \$200 to selected high schools in the area. This year’s recipients are Centaurus High School, Douglas County High School, Chaparral High School, and Elizabeth High School.

Since the Transportation Safety Foundation was established in 2001, a total of \$354,000 in grants and after prom support have been awarded to the diverse communities E-470 serves. Thank you to all sponsors and participants for helping support transportation safety in Colorado!

About Transportation Safety and Community Support

Serving eight member jurisdictions, the E-470 Public Highway Authority is a proud community partner. The Authority demonstrates this commitment through its charitable arms - the employee-led E-470 Good Guys and the Transportation Safety Foundation (TSF). TSF was established in June of 2001 in celebration of E-470’s 10th anniversary and fundraises to provide donations and grants as a means of promoting transportation safety. While the E-470 Good Guys are a team of employees who charitably give back, fundraise, and volunteer time to serve our neighbors and support local nonprofit organizations. For more information, [please visit our website.](#)

About the E-470 Public Highway Authority: E-470 is the 75-mph toll road running along the eastern perimeter of the Denver metropolitan area. E-470 is a user-financed roadway, receiving no local, state, or federal funds for financing,

construction, operations, or maintenance. A political sub-division of the state, the tollway is governed by the E-470 Public Highway Authority Board composed of eight local governments including Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties, and the municipalities of Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Parker, and Thornton. Additionally, E-470 operates *ExpressToll*, the all-electronic toll collection system available on E-470, Northwest Parkway and CDOT's Express Lanes. For more information, please visit e-470.com.

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