

TRIPS FOR KIDS

DENVER/BOULDER

November 30, 2011

Dear Friends and Family,



Well this last year has been an epic year for Trips for Kids Denver/Boulder to say the least. We have had many outrageous adventures, achieved amazing accomplishments in our programs and have overcome some significant challenges along the way.

During our 2010 ride season, we committed to bringing more than 1,000 youth on mountain biking adventures and achieved that goal. Well this year, I am proud to say we have done it again and found new and creative ways to challenge ourselves to serve youth better. This year, we served 1,002 youth during our 2011 ride season. In addition, we dedicated the 2011 ride season to be the year of the volunteer. This year, not only did we serve more than 1,000 youth, we also brought out more volunteer support than ever before, to make each and every ride a safer experience. The 2011 ride season was supported by nearly two ride volunteers on every single ride, a 100% increase from 2010. Thanks to the help of Andy Brannon, our tireless mountain bike warrior, we hosted 126 rides this ride season, with eighteen groups returning groups from years, and six groups having their first ride us. 80% of our youth were novice riders, and this was their first time mountain biking. We have continued our priorities of serving underserved youth, with 60% youth being persons of color, and 40% youth from residential homes. Andy

hosted rides beginning in March and riding all they way through November. He is one tough cookie!

Our entire year has not been all achievements, however. During the peak of the ride program season, as many of you know, I was involved in a serious bike accident in late July that resulted in a traumatic brain injury. My road to recovery, following my accident, has been nothing short of a miracle. So much of my thanks goes out to you all, the family of supporters of Trips for Kids Denver/Boulder. You have supported me and the mission of Trips for Kids Denver Boulder and for that I cannot express my gratitude enough, thank you! Despite this challenge, we did not skip a beat. Our staff and board, stepped into new roles of leadership that allowed TFKD/B to continue to thrive, making sure that our programming continued every day. I am proud of all that we have accomplished during this past year and for the support we have received all in the spirit of letting kids be kids for a day!

Our year of successes could not have been done without you and we hope you will consider supporting us again in the future. Trips for Kids Denver is a partnering agency in Colorado Gives Day, hosted on 12/6/11. On this day, Giving First will provide a proportionate match to any donations made to a participating charitable organization. This is a tremendous opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of children, while leveraging your donation with a matching grant opportunity. We hope you will consider making a gift that will continue helping young people foster their self-esteem, increase their environmental awareness and "just be a kid for a day." Your personal contribution can help expose them to the natural wonders of Colorado from the seat of a mountain bike, something most of them would never be able to experience, without your help. Whether it be on December 6th, Colorado Gives Day or another day, we hope you will consider supporting Trips for Kids Denver/Boulder this year!



Thank you for your consideration and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Andrew Goodwillie
President

To make a Colorado Gives Day donation, visit our website www.tripsforkidsdenver.org and click on the Donate Now button on the left hand side of the screen and be sure to check the box for Colorado Gives Day.