

UPLIFT YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please remember Ryder's Fund on Colorado Gives Day, Tue, Dec 10 or as part of your year-end charitable giving.



**RYDER'S
FUND**
ONE BY ONE

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, here's how we have made an impact:



YOUTH SPORTS

Created a Matching Fund challenge with a \$15,000 grant to the YMCA of Northern Colorado for the first sports scholarships of 2025 at the Lafayette Y.



PRESCHOOL FAMILIES

Established a YMCA Head Start Assistance Fund with a grant of \$10,000. Head Start is a preschool for families with incomes meeting Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. This grant will help families meet critical needs not covered by Head Start including food, clothing, school supplies and medical support.



SUICIDE PREVENTION

Continued our partnership with Rise Against Suicide with a \$5,000 grant to provide extended sessions with licensed therapists to youth suffering from depression or suicidal ideation.



NICU SUPPORT

Assisted NICU families at a time when their lives are in turmoil with the Ryder's Love Program. Funds are available to families spending 4 consecutive weeks in NICU to provide therapies, special services or modalities after discharge.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Worked with Boulder Valley Christian Church to send 21 kids to Student Life REC Camp in Estes Park in June 2024. This camp creates an environment for young people to encounter spirituality and personal growth.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Continued grant funding to the Lyons Community Foundation, Gerald Boland Scholarship Fund, which provides teens in Lyons with scholarship money to take the next step from high school to college.



Your gift goes further on Colorado Gives Day!
Visit coloradogives.org/organization/ymcanoco or scan the code. Be sure to select "RYDER'S FUND" in the designation dropdown menu.





OUR STORY

On January 17, 2016, our 20 year-old son, Ryder, went missing. It was a parent's worst nightmare. In the following days, weeks and months, hundreds of people searched thousands of acres in the vast and rugged

Walker Ranch area west of Boulder. Mercifully, after 1½ years, on July 29, 2017, Ryder's remains were found and we were able to bring him home, say goodbye and have some sense of closure.

In this tragic shared experience, we witnessed the goodness in people and greatness in our community. Ryder was a warm, caring and empathetic person, so it seemed that Ryder's Fund was a fitting way to honor those qualities and begin to give back for a greater purpose. It is from this place that Ryder's Fund was created – to enhance the healthy development of young people in our community and assist them in meeting and overcoming the challenges of our modern world.

One by one, we are making an impact on our local community and its most precious resource, young people.

– Rick and Cindy Johnson

RYDER'S FUND IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING:

- Schools/Education
- Faith Community
- Specialized
- Youth Programs
- Law Enforcement
- Service Providers

SUPPORT RYDER'S FUND

Make a charitable contribution at **rydersfund.org** or send a check (payable to YMCA of Northern Colorado-Ryder's Fund) to:

YMCA of Northern Colorado: Ryder's Fund
2800 Dagny Way
Lafayette, CO 80026

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