

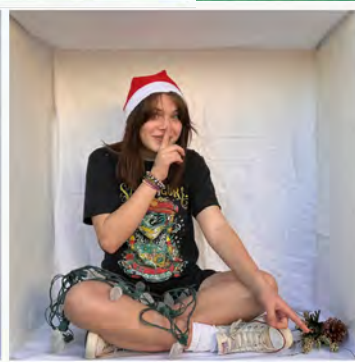


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CHILDREN'S HOME

Serving Children & Families Since 1960

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*



*Check out page 7 for a behind the scenes
look at the making of our cover.*

From the Executive Director



Nick Mears
Executive Director

As we come to the end of 2024, we have much to be grateful for.

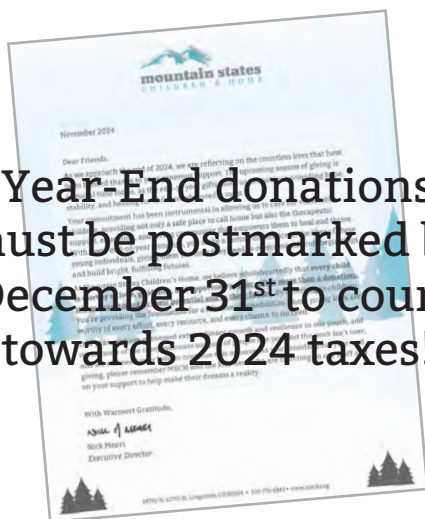
We continue to make lasting impressions on children and families with the hope of those changes going on to make a generational impact. We have brought on new staff that have the desire and ability to have a healthy and positive influence on kids. We have made much needed capital improvements to the facilities including adding air conditioning and new roofs and gutters to three of our original houses.

We have increased the number of young adults that we are supporting through our Transitional Living Program. And we continue to grow our Thrift Store in Longmont to further our presence in the community and support the Home's operational expenses.

In an economy where so many of us are concerned about inflation, cost of living, employment, and uncertainty, MSCH has been able to focus on what we do best; provide exceptional care for youth and families. It is because of the ongoing support from our generous donors that we are able to pour into young lives and make this generational change.

Much like the retail industry, a large portion of our income is brought in at the year end and with the ever-increasing cost of living we continue to need your help. If you would like to be a part of the incredible work that is happening at MSCH or if you would like to continue making a meaningful impact on young lives, we look forward to partnering with you soon!

Nick Mears



Year-End donations must be postmarked by December 31st to count towards 2024 taxes!

DRIVING HOPE...

We are so excited to have a **new** event on the calendar for 2025! We have been asked to bring back the golf tournament, however we wanted to host an event that would include a few more people – fun for the whole family! Registration will open after the first of the year and sponsorships start at \$500.



DRIVING HOPE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

You can donate to



by shopping at



1. Create a digital account
2. Link your card to MSCH
 - a. Sign in to your account
 - b. Search for us by name (Mountain States Children's Home)
3. MSCH earns!



Check out *Community Rewards* at your local Kroger brand grocery store to see if supporting MSCH is an option.

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Gala Dinner

& AUCTION

October 12th

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A Family That Plays Together...

Each year, our Gala Dinner and Auction allows us the privilege to spend an evening with many of you. On October 12, we gathered at the Embassy Suites in Loveland where we celebrated the ministry of Mountain States Children's Home and the contributions you make to support children and families.

The mission of MSCH is to bring families together, and our presenting sponsor, CHP, helped us reminisce about board games like Monopoly, Sorry, and Uno that many of us remember playing with our families. The evening included a professional photo booth, a game of Trivial Pursuit, a Clue mystery scavenger hunt, and our favorite game for the third year, The Dessert Dash, which brought in over \$31,000!

Thank you to everyone who participated, whether you were at the event or bidding online from across the country. Save the date for next year's gala, Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. Join us in person or through our online auction.

Be sure to check out page 7 for more pictures from the event, including some of our amazing centerpieces and exquisite desserts!

Diane Mester
Events Coordinator



Top Left: Cottage 5 girls with housemom, Haylee.
Bottom Left: Cottage 6 girls with housemom, Adriana.
Bottom Right: Cottage 2 boys with houseparents Kirsten & Josiah.



Watch Our Success Stories Video!



Forming
Foundations
For our Youth!



A few of our previous residents shared their stories of the foundations they received from MSCH. They were even able to join us at the event! You can watch their success stories at www.msch.org/msch-videos (or use the QR code). We exceeded our goal of raising much-needed funds for a special project to repair and reinforce the foundation of Cottage 2!



Left: James Wilson, PharmD with his beautiful wife, Lindsey, DPT. Right: Army Career Counselor, Monty Veliz with his amazing wife and stay-at-home mom, Monica.

New Kids!

Snow Day



We haven't had a lot of snow so far this season but that didn't stop the boy's cottage from getting out and playing in it. Houseparents, Josiah & Kirsten, took advantage of the snow and built snowmen and an impressive fort with the boys in their cottage.



We have 4 new people to introduce you to.

From top left to bottom right:

Dae (16), Trent (16), Noah (16), & Aiden (16).



Another Successful Sojourn!

We had 20 amazing, hardworking Sojourners come to campus this past September. Projects included making auction baskets, painting the office, renovating the Transitional Living apartments, and pouring concrete – what a blessing this group is to our staff and kids every year!





ColoRODars

The ColoRODars took over campus again and the event keeps growing each year! We had 228 cars on display with 100s of people enjoying the beautiful day and beautiful hot rods! They came back and presented us with a check that was over \$4,500 more than they raised last year!! This group is such a blessing to our ministry and the car guys love having the show on our beautiful campus.



Christian Motorcycle Association



The CMA had a huge turnout this past September. They brought the classic game of egg toss, then moved on to the games on motorcycles, and ended with a prayer for our kids and staff. They are excited to come back in December for their annual Christmas Party with the kids!



6 Memorial and Honor Gifts

July 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024

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Dustin Hanna

Scott & Rachel Williams

WEDDING

Mitchell & Allyson DePasse

Dennis & Zella DePasse

Recently, individuals have reached out to us with some creative ways to raise money for our mission.



An engaged couple asked their guests to donate to the Home in lieu of gifts.



Others have designated us as their non-profit choice for birthday donations.



If you have a special occasion coming up, please consider directing gifts to the Home in your honor.

Contact us ahead of time for your customized donation form and sharable link.

More Gala Pics...

Thank You Gerald & Tom!



It was definitely a group effort to make 17 different board game-themed centerpieces - using actual board games collected over the past year from thrift stores. It was a fun element to the evening for sure. And our bakeries came through with incredible desserts again this year!



We honored two long-time volunteers this year at our gala. These two gentlemen have been coordinating, picking up, and delivering groceries from the Denver area to MSCH for a combined total of over 40 years! They do all of this in their own vehicles and the only payment they accept is chicken sandwiches upon delivery :) The office looks forward to sharing lunch with them every other month and the campus is blessed with groceries from amazing supporters across the Denver-metro area. Thank you for your dedication to the MSCH ministry!



Behind the Scenes...

Yes, they really are in a box! There was a bit of doubt when we said we wanted to do a "box photography" photo shoot with the kids, but everyone pitched in and helped pull off a very fun holiday cover! When the 2'x2' cardboard box we constructed was not up to the task, our facilities manager, Dave was enlisted to help. A much sturdier, 3'x3' box was delivered the next day! It was so much fun, and the kids really enjoyed coming up with poses and carrying out our vision as well.



Pictured above are our smallest and our tallest models: The Dietrich's youngest, Everlee (9 months), and one of our new boys, Trent (16). Not pictured is Diane standing behind Miss Everlee for extra support and her dad standing just to the right. No children were harmed in the making of our Newsletter.



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2025
Events



TOPGOLF
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DRIVING HOPE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

2ND
ANNUAL

Volunteer Work Day

May 3, 2025



9th Annual Sporting
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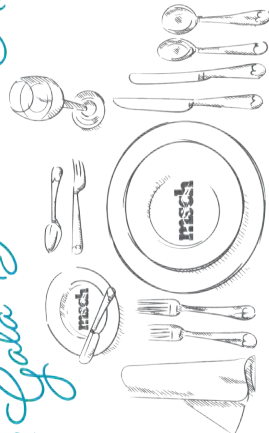
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BUILDING PARTNERS

July 19, 2025



2nd Gala Dinner & Auction



October 11, 2025

As you can see, we have a lot of exciting events coming up in 2025 which means there are A LOT of opportunities to get involved. There are sponsorship and underwriting opportunities starting at just \$50 and they all come with advertising for your business. If you are interested, contact our Events Coordinator, Diane Mester (dmester@msch.org | 303-776-6841).

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