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### **Kendrick Castillo Memorial Fund Exceeds Initial Goal**

*More than \$70,000 raised in two weeks*

**[Douglas County Colorado, Monday March 11, 2024]** Two weeks after establishing the Kendrick Castillo Memorial Fund, Douglas County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that more than \$70,000 has been received to help honor the selfless sacrifice of Kendrick Castillo, who was killed in the 2019 STEM School shooting in Highlands Ranch.

"The generosity of so many people to honor Kendrick and his sacrifice is truly inspiring," said Mike Waid, executive director of Douglas County Community Foundation. "DCCF is honored to partner with Douglas County, the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District and the Castillo family in bringing this lasting memory of Kendrick to our community."

Donations for the Kendrick Castillo Memorial Fund will be used to build a monument in Kendrick's honor at Civic Green Park in Highlands Ranch. Additional funds received above the estimated \$30,000 cost of the monument will be used to create an ongoing robotics scholarship in Kendrick's honor as well as a memorial street naming.

With the help of Kyle Clark from 9News and his Word of Thanks Campaign, which has raised approximately \$60,000 thus far, the fund has more than doubled its original goal. Donations can be made at any time to this permanent fund by visiting [dccf.org](http://dccf.org). All funds received will be dedicated to honoring the memory of Kendrick Castillo. Douglas County Community Foundation is providing and managing this fund without cost or fees.

#### **About Douglas County Community Foundation**

Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) is committed to responsibly managing philanthropic contributions, maintaining agile funds for emergencies, inspiring generosity, and providing support to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs within our community.

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