

Fighting Fanconi Anemia • Giving Hope • Enhancing Lives

## **Special Projects Funded by KATA**

## KATA has funded over \$400,000 of Special Projects

- Two handicap equipped cabins at Camp Barnabas
- Scholarships for handicapped children to participate in sports programs through the Children's Hospital Handicapped Sports Program
- Funding of books for the **Denver Champa House**
- Scholarships for special needs high school students to attend Camp Barnabas
- Childcare provided so that young single mothers can attend job training and college classes
- Scholarships for handicapped children to participate in sports programs through the **National Sports Center** for the **Disabled in Winter Park**
- Scholarships to cover the costs for Fanconi anemia families to attend **Camp Sunshine** for education, networking and respite
- Scholarships for urban youth to attend **Kids Across America** summer camp
- Funding provided for a 14 passenger van to be used to transport the children who reside at the Ugandan orphanage operated by **BOLAM**
- Funding for scholarships for children and young adults with special needs to participate in a horseback riding therapy program through **SaddleUp!** To meet the needs of the participants, therapists in the SaddleUp! program use advanced techniques for physical, occupational and speech therapy.
- Funding provided for Campus Connections, a program of the **Marion Downs Hearing Center**, which is located on the campus of the University of Colorado Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. The Campus Connections program provides deaf and hard of hearing college-bound students with the information and resources needed to increase their chances of successfully graduating from college.
- Funding for the Backyard Remodel Project at the **Denver Champa House**, a long-term transitional rehabilitation program for single mothers with children. The Backyard Remodel Project turned the existing unsafe, weedy yard at the Champa House into a new backyard that incorporates creativity, safety, rest and play. The new yard includes a sandbox, interactive play walls, garden beds for families to plant flowers or vegetables and a larger area to run and play.
- **Kenneth R. Atkinson M.D. Endowed Memorial Scholarship** Distribution toward an endowed need-based scholarship to be awarded annually to a student enrolled in the School of Medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus who is pursuing a career in Primary Care with the expressed interest in providing medical care to historically underserved or marginalized communities.
- Funding for 16 low-income youth to participate in the **YouthRoots leadership and philanthropy program**. Using philanthropy as a vehicle, YouthRoots engages high school students in personal development, community partnerships and innovative ventures to foster leadership, integrity and social action, therefore cultivating a network of thriving adults who envision a better future and realize their full human potential.
- Funding provided to **LuBird's Light** for the construction of an all-inclusive playground at the Stanley Marketplace development in Denver, Colorado. Funds will go toward building a magical, inclusive playground for use by ALL children regardless of their disability.