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.