COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2021
MISSION STATEMENT

The Denver Broncos are committed to improving lives in our community by focusing on Youth Development, Quality of Life, Health & Wellness, Youth Football and Civic Engagement. Alongside key community partners, we are able to make a difference through strategic programming, unique events, and dedicated advocacy.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Preparing youth to achieve their full potential through activities and experiences to develop physical, developmental, and social competencies.

QUALITY OF LIFE
Meeting the basic needs through resources, programs, and education as a part of an ongoing commitment to the overall quality of life.

HEALTH & WELLNESS
Supporting research, awareness, and treatment with the ultimate goal of optimal mental, physical, and social well-being.

YOUTH FOOTBALL
Improving youth and high school football through programs, clinics and camps that focus on character, player safety, team development and the benefits of football.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Working to make a difference in the lives in our community through volunteerism, military/first-responder appreciation and social justice initiatives.

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Dear Broncos Country,

On behalf of our entire organization, I am very excited to share the Denver Broncos’ 2021 Community Impact Report. This booklet highlights the many ways the Broncos organization—players, staff and families—support our local community through strategic programming, unique events and dedicated advocacy.

This past year, we remained focused on improving lives in our community in five focus areas: Youth Development, Quality of Life, Health & Wellness, Youth Football and Civic Engagement. In addition to expanded partner organization programming, we distributed an additional $56,500 to nonprofits through the Denver Broncos Community Grant Program’s third cycle of funding.

What makes us extremely proud is the more than 745 total impact points players were able to make in 2021. This includes more than $500,000 in direct financial and in-kind support.

From youth and high school football growth, Boys & Girls Clubs outreach and local food distributions to expanding Broncos Inspire Change and working with the players on social justice initiatives, we were able to impact so many different people. And there is so much more we encourage you to read about in this report.

The work our organization does would not be possible without the incredible dedication from so many in our community and our corporate partners. Simply put, we are thankful for your friendship as we work together to truly make a difference throughout our city and the Rocky Mountain Region.

As we look forward to the 2022 season, we can assure you that our commitment to making a positive impact in our community is stronger than ever.

Thank you for your continued support. Go Broncos!

Sincerely,

Joe Ellis
President and CEO
Denver Broncos Football Club

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While his accolades on the field are impressive, his off field endeavors will be equally remembered.

Thomas was most happy when he could make children smile. Running footraces with kids and pulling up near the end to make it close—or maybe just to showboat a little. Dressing up as Santa Claus to surprise Boys & Girls Club kids. Piling four-square, jumping rope with ropes that were about 10 sizes too small. Giving a helmet to a Children’s Hospital Colorado patient spur-of-the-moment. It didn’t matter how grand or small the interaction, he always had time to spread laughter and love.

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In memory of former Broncos wide receiver Demaryius Thomas, Denver Broncos Artistic Director Armando Silva produced this portrait live outside Empower Field at Mile High of the team against the Detroit Lions on Dec. 12, 2021. The portrait was gifted to the Broncos’ hometown team prior to the game.

REMEMBERING D.T.
Through Broncos Inspire Change, the Denver Broncos are committed to meaningful change — both in the community and within the organization — focusing on programming in four key areas: Education, Awareness & Funding, Diversity & Inclusion, and Activism.
On April 15, 2021, the Denver Broncos launched the inaugural DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) Career Huddle. Hosted virtually, the Career Huddle welcomed more than 450 individuals representing 120 colleges and universities, 38 states in the United States, eight countries and international schools. Over the course of this three-hour event, various Broncos staff members – including Hall of Fame safety Steve Atwater, Sr. Vice President of Strategic Initiatives Brittany Bowlen, Vice President of Football Administration Rich Hurtado and many of their colleagues – shared invaluable perspectives on working in sports and the challenges they face, as well as advice for breaking into the industry.

“It’s about ensuring fairness, building equal access for all people to opportunities in all areas of an organization, from the company’s hiring processes, to compensation, to its fairness in promotions and professional growth,” Atwater said.

Panels included Behind the X’s and O’s, Breaking Barriers: Women of the Broncos, and Inside the Front Office. Each panel focused on its own individual topic: football operations, women’s empowerment, and the front office of a professional sports team.

As part of the 2021 Denver Broncos’ Inspire Change program, the Broncos announced a $200,000-plus donation to minority player-designated social justice programs throughout Colorado. More than 20 players participated in the review, voting and selection of the Colorado programs and organizations for each receive $35,000 through the team’s Social Justice Fund: Black Resilience in Colorado Fund, Center for Work Education & Employment, Colorado Freedom Fund, Everyday Fan Safety Support Fund, RAWtools, and Sun Valley Community Center. Those designated initiatives are in the focus areas of criminal justice reform, economic development, equity, gun violence awareness and prevention, and police and community relations.

The grant funding is part of the Awareness & Funding component of Broncos Inspire Change. In addition to the funding, more than $65,000 was donated by the team and Broncos players throughout the 2021 season, to total $275,000-plus for Inspire Change programs and initiatives.

Since 2018, the Broncos have directed more than $1 million to causes and organizations selected by the players to make a difference in the fight for social justice.
Standing between Naja’Ray West and NaShara Ellerbee in front of a half-dozen media members, Justin Simmons appeared to be at the center of the March for Peace that took place at the Denver Broncos Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, June 12.

But he made sure to emphasize nothing could be further from the truth.

While Simmons had served as a valuable resource over the previous year in visits to the club and in the social justice-focused video meetings hosted by the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE), Simmons made sure that the march formulated by the two 15-year-old Montbello natives stayed in their hands.

“I don’t know what you guys were doing at 15, but I definitely wasn’t leading marches for peace in my neighborhood and thinking about what I could do for the betterment of my community,” Simmons said. “The kid-then multiple times — NaShara and ‘Ray-Ray’ — they inspire me to want to be better.”

With dozens of club members, relatives, friends, Broncos players, executives and staff in attendance, it’s clear Simmons wasn’t the only one West and Ellerbee inspired.

The event they created featured a 5K run and walk, a memorial garden remembering loved ones lost to violence, free meals, free shoes, a fitness carnival and the opportunity for children to receive a free eye exam and glasses from Von Miller’s Foundation. Von’s Vision.

The two club members began planning in fall of 2020 in hopes of expressing themselves and their love for their community.

“It’s so important because we’re the next generation, so we need to be the ones speaking out — and it starts here,” Ellerbee said. “It starts in our own community, within our own homes.”

In addition to voicing their mind on issues regarding violence, the two also made clear that they want to combat harmful stereotypes they see proliferated about their neighborhood and community. “Just being heard is what we want,” West said. “We only hear the bad things, so we’re unable to hear the good things. We want to hear the good things also. Especially us being in the neighborhood we’re in, we need to hear good things from this neighborhood.”

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BRONCOS INSPIRE CHANGE

MARNIN W. FOOTE YOUTH SERVICES CENTER | TIM PATRICK

Throughout the 2021 season, wide receiver Tim Patrick provided guidance and mentorship for children at the Marvin W. Foote Youth Services Center. What started as a one-time community outreach event coordinated by the Denver Broncos became an ongoing endeavor for Patrick, who held more than 30 video-chat sessions with the youth and provided nearly $4,300 in-kind support over 13 months. Patrick hopes to lead the kids towards the right path and to bring positivity to their day-to-day lives. As part of his relationship with the center, Patrick developed an incentive-based rewards program for grades and behavior where youth can earn sneakers or a meal from their favorite restaurant.

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS’ A TO Z FUND | BRADLEY CHUBB

Denver Broncos outside linebacker Bradley Chubb, the team and the NFL Foundation committed $30,000 to Denver Public Schools’ A to Z Fund to support education equity. The A to Z Fund provides grants to schools for programs and activities that go beyond the limits of schools’ budgets. Through this program, grants are awarded to schools for educational materials, athletic equipment, enrichment classes, competition fees, field trip expenses and more. The donation enhances classroom learning and assists in providing equal opportunities for students district-wide to participate in enrichment opportunities.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION COURT | GARETT BOLLES

Offensive tackle Garett Bolles mentored kids in Arapahoe County’s Juvenile Probation Court throughout the 2021 season. Through in-person and virtual visits, Bolles supports the kids going through pre-trial and probational court proceedings. Bolles expanded his outreach by spending time with pre-trial and probation court staff to become more educated on the juvenile justice system and how he can help kids stay motivated to make positive decisions and stay on the right path.

Working with the kids in the detention center, that’s what I see myself doing in life after football. I feel like I’ve been through a lot of stuff in my lifetime — I feel like I can guide a lot of kids to get onto the right path and not take the same path I took.

TIM PATRICK, WIDE RECEIVER
Outside linebacker Bradley Chubb (left), Tackle Garett Bolles (center) and cornerback Nate Hairston (right) visit the Arapahoe County Juvenile Probation Court to mentor and support kids going through the probation process and learn from judicial and court staff.

Former Broncos safety Nick Ferguson participates in the We Stand For video series to discuss his passion for The Innocence Project’s work to exonerate innocent people through DNA testing and to reform the criminal justice system to prevent injustice.

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, Broncos running backs coach Curtis Modkins read “The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.” by Christine Platt.

Inside linebacker Jonas Griffith warms up ahead of the team’s designated Inspire Change game on Sunday, Jan 8. Through Broncos Inspire Change, the Broncos are committed to meaningful change — both in the community and within the organization — by adding and expanding programming in four key areas: Education, Awareness & Funding, Diversity & Inclusion, and Activism.

Safety Justin Simmons poses with the Black History Month Mural painted by members of the Broncos Boys & Girls Club. The mural is part of the club’s curated Black History Museum and highlights their multi-week celebration.

Defensive lineman McTelvin Agim participates in a Youth Celebrate Diversity Colorado Student Board meeting to speak with teens working to inspire change in their schools and communities.
If it wasn’t for select individuals in my life as I was growing up, I wouldn’t be where I am today. I know how important it is to invest into our youth.

JUSTIN SIMMONS, SAFETY

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
To kick off the school year, the Denver Broncos partnered with many organizations to make going back to school a bit easier on families in Denver and surrounding communities.

With the changing landscape of learning in 2021 due to the pandemic, it was even more important to help students with varying scholastic needs be prepared for school this year.

In August, the Broncos teamed up with King Soopers to provide a back-to-school shopping spree with members from the Broncos Boys & Girls Club. Club members were able to pick out a backpack and fill their school supply shopping list with the help from cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot.

On Aug. 31, players assembled 300 backpacks for kids in the community to prepare them for the school year. Players filled backpacks with essential school supplies donated by King Soopers, including folders, notebooks, markers, pencils, hand sanitizer and more!

The backpacks were distributed to youth and family serving community organizations throughout the Denver Metro Area, including Aurora Public Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, Denver Broncos Museum, Florence Crittenton Services, Focus Points Family Resource Center, Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, and Warren Village.

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JONATHON COOPER, OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

BUILDING ON A LEGACY

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During October, the Denver Broncos launched a new PLAY 60 initiative, Miles for Miles. With the goal of encouraging youth to be active through walking and accessible exercise, the inaugural walk week began on Monday, Oct. 11, with more than 400 children from 20 Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver clubs participating throughout the week.

In celebration of the new initiative, Miles the Mascot kicked off the program at Johnson Elementary Boys & Girls Club with help from Denver Broncos players McTelvin Agim and Baron Browning and cheerleaders Miranda and Sophie. Throughout the week, players, cheerleaders, Dairy MAX Fuel Up to Play 60, Playworks Colorado and Miles attended walks to bring an added excitement to each individual event.

All participants were treated to a post-walk fuel snack. Denver Broncos custom pedometers, walk certificates and walk bibs. Clubs were provided with Miles for Miles signage, a specially curated pump-up music playlist and a warm-up video from Denver Broncos Cheerleaders to get in the spirit of the walk.

Members of Broncos Country were also encouraged to get out and walk a Mile with Miles via social media and an additional module on the Denver Broncos PLAY 60 website featuring downloadable walk kits, certificates and warm-up videos.

Miles the Mascot runs with members of the Johnson Elementary Boys & Girls Club as they participate in the inaugural Miles for Miles Walk week.

Miles the Mascot and Denver Broncos Cheerleaders added extra excitement to each club’s walk.

Each club was given signage and special walk bibs to enhance their walk experience.
The Empowerment Summit Digital Learning Series provides opportunities for high school student athletes who identify as female in Colorado and beyond to access virtual resources for personal and professional development. Virtual sessions hosted in 2021 included an introduction to financial literacy hosted by U.S. Bank, a four-part mental health series in partnership with Second Wind Fund, and a self-defense workshop hosted by Girls Fight Back.

In partnership with Women’s History Month (March), the team announced a donation of $20,000 to four nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving girls and women in the Denver area. The four groups — Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, Ladino Print Foundation, Women’s Bean Project, and the Women’s Foundation of Colorado — all had a female leader from their respective organizations featured as part of the Empowerment Summit’s (EM)POWER HOUR series.

The (EM)POWER HOUR series highlights female leaders in our communities, who provide insight on their career paths and lessons learned along the way. The series saw a variety of women highlighted in the program throughout 2021, including but not limited to: Broncos Executive Director of Football Operations/Co-Offensive Coordinator, the retired Sunny White, former Denver Broncos Cheerleader and current sports broadcaster Lauren Gardner, and a Pride Month panel featuring LGBTQ+ leaders and hosted by Broncos Vice President of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion China Jude.

Team reporter and producer Sydney Jones hosts a webinar with U.S. Bank Financial Advisor Brooke L. Martinez, who shares insight on her journey and basic financial literacy concepts.

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Team President of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion China Jude hosts a discussion during PRIDE Month with leaders in the Denver community who identify as LGBTQ+ and/or work for organizations serving the LGBTQ+ community.

Dress for Success Denver Executive Director Amara Martin helps a Boys & Girls Club member pick out professional attire.

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More than 200 children from 19 different Boys & Girls Clubs descended on Mane Street at Empower Field at Mile High in September for PLAY 60 Express – a rotational, physical activity clinic hosted by players, cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot.

In September, Broncos Cleat designer Bre Berry mentored Broncos Boys & Girls Club teen member Eunique, an emerging artist. After hosting a My Cause My Cleats design contest, safety Justin Simmons enlisted Eunique’s help to paint his Justin Simmons Foundation cleats.

The Broncos host a PLAY 60 All-Abilities Clinic with youth served by the National Sports Center for the Disabled at Empower Field at Mile High.

The 2021 Fall Cohort of the Broncos Touchdowns for Teachers program presented by Delta Dental of Colorado attended the Broncos home game against the Cincinnati Bengals as part of their recognition for the game-changing work they do in their communities.
It’s important to get out here and help people. That’s the biggest thing — help the community, be a part of the community, and do good things.

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The Denver Broncos work to meet basic needs through resources, programs, and education as part of an ongoing commitment to the overall quality of life.
SUITS TO WORK BOOTS: CEO BUILD

For the past eight years, the Denver Broncos have co-hosted Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver’s CEO Build.

On Oct. 5, Denver Broncos President and CEO Joe Ellis and Habitat Denver’s CEO Heather Lafferty welcomed 50 of metro Denver’s C-level executives for an exclusive community building event. The day provided business leaders with a unique opportunity to work outside the office and help give back to the Denver community.

Throughout the volunteer day, executives from diverse industries, including health care, finance and oil and gas, swapped their suits for sturdy boots and got hands-on building affordable homes for local families.

The build site took place at Aria Homes by Habitat in Denver where the group worked on 28 new energy-efficient homes being built. The community serves a multi-generational, mixed-income community just north of downtown Denver. The two-, three- and four-bedroom homes are being built in partnership with local individuals and families who will purchase them with affordable mortgages. The homes are currently in various phases of construction, and the first homebuyers were scheduled to move in at the end of 2021.

The Denver Broncos have partnered with Habitat/Denver since 2012. In addition to the CEO build, Denver Broncos players, families, staff and Denver Broncos Cheerleaders participate in builds and other initiatives to help low-income families in the Denver metro area.

Heather Lafferty, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver CEO

SUITS TO WORK BOOTS: CEO BUILD

We have 50 CEO’s out with us building today. tricky.com is one of the companies representing the philanthropic support and volunteer labor that help Habitat make this all possible.

Since 2012, the Denver Broncos community can be found lending helping hands at construction sites. Players, wives, staff and cheerleaders can be seen right up to the Habitat partner families building affordable homes for low-income families.
A TIME TO GIVE THANKS AND GIVE BACK

In the spirit of giving back, Denver Broncos players and staff volunteered countless hours in the community during the holiday season. Alongside community outreach partners, including Food Bank of the Rockies and Denver Rescue Mission, the Denver Broncos hosted four community events focused on distributing and preparing Thanksgiving food for families in need. More than half of the Denver Broncos roster was involved in one or more of the Thanksgiving community events, along with Denver Broncos coaches and staff.

The Denver Broncos partnered with Denver Rescue Mission (DRM) on several events, including a turkey collection at UCHealth Training Center where more than 35 Denver Broncos players, coaches, and staff donated 1,145 turkeys ahead of the event, and DRM collected an additional 694 turkeys on-site. In total, 1,839 turkeys were donated to families in need with the goal of putting a turkey on every table for Thanksgiving.

The Denver Broncos also partnered with DRM to distribute 3,000 turkeys and Thanksgiving food boxes to pre-registered families in a drive-thru model at Empower Field at Mile High the Sunday ahead of Thanksgiving. Food boxes included mashed potatoes, stuffing, and additional thanksgiving items. That afternoon, the offensive line volunteered to help prepare Thanksgiving meals at Denver Rescue Mission’s Lawrence Street Shelter.

In addition, safety Kareem Jackson and the Kareem Jackson Foundation partnered with Food Bank of the Rockies to donate turkeys and other Thanksgiving food items to families in need. Jackson attended the mobile pantry to help distribute food and wish the families a happy holiday.

In honor of Veterans Day, the Denver Broncos hosted a special Thanksgiving dinner event at Volunteers of America Colorado’s Clermont Commons, which provides housing and support to women veterans experiencing homelessness. Miles the Mascot and Denver Broncos Cheerleaders were on-site to serve dinner and make hand turkey crafts with the kids.

“Having the Broncos host a Thanksgiving/Veterans Day Celebration for our Female Veterans and their children was incredible,” said Bradley Craddock, Director of Volunteer Services at Volunteers of America Colorado. “It was a great event for the families to come together and celebrate Thanksgiving. Volunteers of America Colorado appreciates the Broncos thanking our service women who served in this wonderful way.”

On Dec. 7, the Denver Broncos hosted the 22nd annual holiday party with Denver Rescue Mission families, Denver Broncos players, cheerleaders, and Miles the Mascot helped serve food and decorated holiday cookies with the families and kids in attendance.

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In the spirit of giving back, Denver Broncos players and staff volunteered countless hours in the community during the holiday season. Alongside community outreach partners, including Food Bank of the Rockies and Denver Rescue Mission, the Denver Broncos hosted four community events focused on distributing and preparing Thanksgiving food for families in need. More than half of the Denver Broncos roster was involved in one or more of the Thanksgiving community events, along with Denver Broncos coaches and staff.

The Denver Broncos partnered with Denver Rescue Mission (DRM) on several events, including a turkey collection at UCHealth Training Center where more than 35 Denver Broncos players, coaches, and staff donated 1,145 turkeys ahead of the event, and DRM collected an additional 694 turkeys on-site. In total, 1,839 turkeys were donated to families in need with the goal of putting a turkey on every table for Thanksgiving.

The Denver Broncos also partnered with DRM to distribute 3,000 turkeys and Thanksgiving food boxes to pre-registered families in a drive-thru model at Empower Field at Mile High the Sunday ahead of Thanksgiving. Food boxes included mashed potatoes, stuffing, and additional thanksgiving items. That afternoon, the offensive line volunteered to help prepare Thanksgiving meals at Denver Rescue Mission’s Lawrence Street Shelter.

In addition, safety Kareem Jackson and the Kareem Jackson Foundation partnered with Food Bank of the Rockies to donate turkeys and other Thanksgiving food items to families in need. Jackson attended the mobile pantry to help distribute food and wish the families a happy holiday.

In honor of Veterans Day, the Denver Broncos hosted a special Thanksgiving dinner event at Volunteers of America Colorado’s Clermont Commons, which provides housing and support to women veterans experiencing homelessness. Miles the Mascot and Denver Broncos Cheerleaders were on-site to serve dinner and make hand turkey crafts with the kids.

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Broncos offensive linemen join Denver Rescue Mission’s Lawrence Street Community Center team to help prepare for their annual Thanksgiving banquet for those in the community experiencing homelessness.

Outside linebacker Malik Reed takes a break from decorating sugar cookies with a child at Denver Rescue Mission’s Holiday party.

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Broncos players stuff 300 backpacks with school supplies for students in the Denver community as part of the Broncos “Back to Learning” initiative.

In an effort to promote comfort care self-care during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, defensive lineman Mike Purcell assembles a self-care package. More than 200 packages were sent to local nonprofit organizations working with domestic violence survivors in the Denver Metro area.

Running Back Javonte Williams loads Thanksgiving fixings into the trunk of a car during Denver Rescue Mission’s “Thanksgiving Blessing in a Box” distribution at Empower Field at Mile High.

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The Denver Broncos work to support research, awareness, and treatment with the ultimate goal of optimal mental, physical, and social wellbeing for our community.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

It’s amazing to be around an organization and fan base where there are so many people that understand and support the [Alzheimer’s Association and] are willing to help out.

KENDALL HINTON, WIDE RECEIVER
CONTINUING THE FIGHT
FIGHT LIKE A BRONCO

Since the passing of Denver Broncos Assistant Turf Manager Luke Kellerman, who was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2015, the Denver Broncos have carried on his legacy through the Fight Like A Bronco campaign. Fight Like A Bronco is an all-inclusive initiative recognizing those affected by cancer. The painting campaign focuses on prevention and screenings, support for those currently battling cancer, celebrating survivors and remembering those we’ve lost. This past year, the program expanded to include support for those on the frontlines supporting patients and families impacted by cancer.

CELEBRATING SURVIVORS

Each October, the Denver Broncos honor cancer survivors – men, women, and children – during the team’s designated Fight Like A Bronco game. In 2021, the Tailgate in a Box experience continued to honor survivors in a safe-at-home model. The boxes, courtesy of the Broncos and the American Cancer Society, included custom Fight Like A Bronco t-shirts and were shipped directly to the nominated and recognized survivors ahead of the Baltimore Ravens vs. Denver Broncos game on Sunday, Oct. 3.

HONORING THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES

On Sunday, Oct. 3, at the game against the Baltimore Ravens, the Broncos recognized 50 oncology healthcare professionals for all they’ve done for those affected by cancer during the pandemic. Oncologists were treated to a pre-game brunch where they were welcomed by Broncos President & CEO Joe Ellis as well as Denver Broncos Cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot. At halftime, the oncologists were honored during a halftime ceremony, during which the fans were encouraged to show support for those on the frontlines supporting patients and families impacted by cancer. The team’s designated Fight Like A Bronco t-shirts were worn by players and coaches during the game, and Denver Broncos Cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot were in attendance to show their support.

ADVOCATING FOR A CURE

Since Fight Like A Bronco began, Denver Broncos players have added their voices to the cause, sharing their stories and urging screenings or other precautionary measures. Many of them, too, have witnessed the personal battles that loved ones have gone through. Throughout the month of October and for the Fight Like A Bronco game, Denver Broncos players and football staff wore the team’s limited-edition Fight Like A Bronco t-shirts. The t-shirts are sold online to support American Cancer Society’s efforts of providing access to screenings in Colorado.

CELEBRATING SURVIVORS

It really just taught me how to appreciate life and the simple things in life. It taught me to always smile because she was going through all of that, and she was always smiling and going on! That positive energy I watched her go through something! I’ve been through something. We all have a story. It’s all about how we can spin that story if it’s negative and make it a positive. My mom did just that.

TEDDY BRIDGEWATER, QUARTERBACK, ON HIS MOTHER’S BATTLE WITH CANCER

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, the Denver Broncos hosted a healthcare worker appreciation event at Children’s Hospital Colorado to thank hospital employees for their tireless dedication to the health and safety of our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Denver Broncos players, cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot were in attendance to show their gratitude and appreciation to the hospital workers.

Hospital workers were able to partake in meet-and-greet opportunities, receive giveaways items and mental health tools, and had the opportunity to take a photo with Denver Broncos players and the Children’s Hospital Colorado medical dogs at the event.

Throughout specialized child life programs, Children’s Hospital Colorado eases the stress and anxiety of medical experiences using play, creativity, technology and even man’s best friend. As highly trained service dogs, medical dogs help motivate patients to meet their goals, make the clinical environment feel more like home and give kids a reason to play and smile, even when they’re sick. Through the fall, players and cheerleaders teamed up with the Children’s Hospital Colorado medical and therapy dog team, hosting visits with the dogs, handing out treats, and giving off all that positive energy.

The Denver Broncos want to thank healthcare heroes for all they do and continue to do to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

HEALTHCARE HERO APPRECIATION
GOING PURPLE

ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS DAY AT TRAINING CAMP

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, the Denver Broncos hosted the third annual Alzheimer’s Awareness Day at Broncos Training Camp powered by Ford. The Denver Broncos, Denver Broncos Cheerleaders, members of the Bowlen family, and representatives from the Alzheimer’s Association Colorado Chapter distributed purple Rally towels, beads and foam fingers to fans and enouraged Broncos purple apparel over their football orange. Staff and front office staff, wearing purple shirts for the day, wore the Rally towels to the field, where members of the football and front office staff were/are able to participate.

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Finding a way to bring awareness, share my story with people who don’t know the disease, I think that’s important. That’s how we will raise funds and end this disease.

ANNABEL BOWLEN

My dad always said that the Broncos are a platform. They have a strong legacy in this community, and there’s a responsibility to do that the right way and to be number one in whatever we’re doing. So, we’ve made this intentional decision to support Alzheimer’s and bring awareness and fundraise for it. That’s an immense level of respect for the platform allowing us to do that.

BRITTANY BOWLEN, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGY
Members of the Bowlen family, Broncos staff and cheerleaders join together to raise funds for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The Broncos and UCHealth host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for players, coaches, staff and families in the UCHealth Training Center’s Pat Bowlen Fieldhouse.

Denver Broncos Cheerleaders spend an afternoon with patients and therapy dogs at Children’s Hospital Colorado’s Halloween extravaganza. Center Lloyd Cushenberry III poses for a photo to help raise awareness for Alzheimer’s Awareness Day at training camp.

The NFL’s annual Crucial Catch game presents a special opportunity to honor those impacted by cancer across NFL communities.

For the second year in a row, Denver Broncos Cheerleaders and Katie Kellerman — whose late husband founded the Fight Like a Bronco campaign — package boxes to be sent out to cancer survivors ahead of the team’s annual Fight Like A Bronco game.
The Denver Broncos provide programs, clinics, and camps that focus on character, player safety, team development and the benefits of football.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Eaton, Colo. for the Broncos High School Game of the Week between Eaton and Faith Christian. Along with Broncos cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot, we had a wonderful time meeting the parents, students, players and staff from both schools. The town of Eaton provided a tremendous football environment and I was honored to be a part of it.

STEVE ATWATER
BRONCOS ALUMNI - PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
The third annual Denver Broncos High School Media Day hosted by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) and the team was held on Monday, Aug. 16, at Empower Field at Mile High. Dozens of student-athletes from across Colorado gathered in advance of the 2021 fall season.

The event was an opportunity for select fall sports student-athletes and coaches to interact with the media. It included a tour of the stadium, an introductory media relations course, a photo shoot, and a press conference with two dozen media members from various areas of Colorado.

“The partnership between the Colorado High School Activities Association and the Denver Broncos is arguably one of the best in the country and we are grateful for it,” said Adam Bright, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner. “Their partnership throughout the year highlights our vision of seeking excellence in academics, activities and athletics. The outstanding Fall Sports Media Day highlights all of our fall student-athletes and provides invaluable opportunity for our member schools, both large and small, rural and metro. The valuable knowledge these student-athletes gain from the Broncos PR staff along with the experience these players receive will apply both in their high school careers and beyond.”

Among the attendees were coaches and players from 16 football programs, all of which competed in the 2020-21 post season. Non-football fall sports representing both genders were also in attendance, including softball, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, tennis, golf, cross country, unified bowling, cheer dance and gymnastics.

As part of the annual High School Coach of the Week program, the Denver Broncos recognized 10 high school football coaches during the 2021 football season. Coaches were selected in partnership with the Colorado High School Activities Association and the Denver Broncos. Honored coaches received a $1,000 equipment grant for their program, were featured on DenverBroncos.com and were recognized at a Broncos home game.

**HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA DAY**

The 2A Lutheran Lions out of Parker, Colo. answer questions and spend time with local high school local media members.

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**JARED YANNACITO, GOLDEN**

**WEEK 4**

**LUIE CORONA, SIERRA GRANDE**

**WEEK 5**

**JAMES WAGNER, SUMMIT**

**WEEK 6**

**CHRIS KELLY, AURORA CENTRAL**

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**CURTIS HINTZ, NORTH FORK**

**WEEK 9**

**MATT VAN PRAAG, EVERGREEN**

**WEEK 10**

**JEFF FULTON, FOSSIL RIDGE**

COACH OF THE YEAR

**TY DAVIS, FORT MORGAN**

“Coaching from a place of trust and love guides my daily decisions on the field as I look to impact the lives of my student-athletes. I hope we can impact positive change in our community.”

**MATT VAN PRAAG, EVERGREEN HEAD COACH**
The Denver Broncos High School Game of the Week program highlighted football games in Wiggins, Limon, Eaton, Merino and Fleming this fall. The program focused on Colorado schools playing 6-man to Class 2A football throughout the 2021 season.

At each game location, fans attending had the opportunity to meet with Denver Broncos alumni, cheerleaders, Miles the Mascot, and had an opportunity to take photos with the Super Bowl trophies.

All participating schools received a $1,000 equipment grant and a video message from a Broncos player wishing the team best of luck.

Wiggins, Colo. native and Broncos guard Dalton Risner joins the pregame huddle as Wiggins prepares to take the field against Valley.

Former Broncos Ring of Fame safety Billy Thompson participates in the coin toss at the High School Game of the Week in Wiggins, Colo.

“Wiggins is a small city where the Denver Broncos are not a part of the community, so we are honored to come into their home and give them a thank you from the Broncos organization,” said Billy Thompson.

The High School Game of the Week program has been one of my favorite community events that I have been a part of. Spotlighting Colorado high schools, communities, and showcasing their football programs does more for those communities than we all know. I’ve seen the smiles and impacts made firsthand, whether it was from the Denver Broncos Cheerleaders showing up, to Miles the Mascot, to former Broncos legends in attendance, or just the support from the Broncos logo that we all love so much.”

DALTON RISNER, OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

WIGGINS VS. VALLEY
SEPT. 2, WIGGINS, CO

LIMON VS. STRASBURG
SEPT. 10, LIMON, CO

EATON VS. FAITH CHRISTIAN
SEPT. 24, EATON, CO

MERINO VS. AKRON
OCT. 8, MERINO, CO

FLEMING VS. PRAIRIE
OCT. 15, FLEMING, CO
The Denver Broncos and RCX Sports, the official operating partner of NFL FLAG, hosted an NFL FLAG Regional Tournament at the Aurora Sports Park on Nov. 6.

The tournament’s appearance marked the first time Colorado has served as a host site for a regional tournament. “We were thrilled to host our first ever NFL FLAG Regional Tournament in the state of Colorado alongside the Denver Broncos this past November,” said Matt Reimel, RCX Sports NFL FLAG National Tournament Director. “It was a wonderful and exciting day of NFL FLAG with more than 60 teams in attendance. The Broncos were excellent partners and together, we were able to provide a memorable experience for the players, coaches and families who were on site. Giving these youth teams from Colorado a chance to earn a bid to the National Championships at Pro Bowl was a fun opportunity for our staff as well.”

The pool included 63 total teams, with 59 representing the state of Colorado. The tournament featured boys’ and girls’ divisions broken into 8U through 17U age groups.

Winners from each division earned an automatic bid to play in the NFL FLAG National Championship, hosted in Las Vegas during the 2022 Pro Bowl. Throughout the day, Denver Broncos alumni, cheerleaders, and Stampede were on site as part of the festivities to greet fans and support the athletes.

NFL FLAG is a great way for kids to learn and play the game of football. The Broncos are excited to be a first-time host with RCX Sports for this regional tournament and for the opportunity to grow the sport locally.

BOBBY MESTAS, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
President and CEO Joe Ellis and the Broncos are honored by the Positive Coaching Alliance with the Colorado Leadership Award.

The Denver Broncos host the 11U ThunderHawks youth football team out to Training Camp on Aug. 4, 2021.

Broncos host a Youth Football Festival featuring teams from the Arapahoe Youth League, Broncos Alumni, Denver Broncos Cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot.

Guard Dalton Risner hosts a free youth football camp in his hometown of Wiggins Colorado through his Risner Up Foundation.

Running back Melvin Gordon III hosts his first youth football camp for kids in the Denver Metro Area.

Broncos wide receiver Jerry Jeudy spends time with members of the Brighton High School football team after their 7-on-7 competition.
The Denver Broncos work to positively impact lives in our community through volunteerism, military/first-responder appreciation and social justice initiatives.

At the Broncos we believe in being involved in the community. We want to support the community as much as they support us. When it comes to civic engagement we want to make sure the city knows we are behind them. From supporting a Youth for Change meeting or walking a mile in the boots of members of the Denver Fire Academy we pride ourselves on being supportive in any way we can.

MCTELVIN AGIM, DEFENSIVE END
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To kick off Salute to Service month, Denver Broncos players and cheerleaders had the opportunity to visit Denver Fire Academy for First Responders Appreciation Day. The group was able to train and interact with a current group of Denver Fire Academy recruits. Denver Broncos players and cheerleaders took part in training drills and exercises, paired up with service men and women to learn about their day-to-day lives as recruits and thanked them for their service to the Denver community.

“Ever since I was a child, growing up in Denver, Colorado has largely influenced my love for the Denver Broncos,” said Curtis Brever, Denver Fire Department Probationary Firefighter. “It was inspiring to have some of the players come and visit the Denver Fire Academy class 21-01. The players were humble, friendly and very down to earth. In some ways, I felt that the Broncos were looking up to us the same way we look up to them. This experience was one of the best parts of the academy and is something I will never forget.”

Denver Broncos players pose with Denver Fire and Rescue recruits after an afternoon of drills and exercises.
Cornerback Kary Vincent Jr. meets Wounded Warrior Barry Pettit ahead of the team’s away game in Cleveland. Pettit was the individual who announced Vincent’s name during the 2021 NFL Draft.

Miles the Mascot tags along with Broncos players during a visit to Buckley Space Force Base as part of the USAA Salute to Service Caravan.

Members of the Denver Police Department walk alongside participants at the March for Peace, organized by Denver Broncos Boys & Girls Club members.

Tight end Andrew Beck visits Denver Broncos at Buckley Space Force Base ahead of him before learning how to be a Denver Broncos ambassador for the NFL’s Salute to Service initiatives.

General Manager George Paton stops by South Metro Fire and Rescue Station 42 to deliver breakfast and thank first responders for their service as part of the team’s Random Acts of Kindness Week outreach.

Denver Broncos Cheerleaders McKenna and Sha’uri sit inside a simulator before a demonstration at Buckley Space Force Base.
It's always good to give back, and when you make somebody else smile it's even better,

JAVONTE WILLIAMS, RUNNING BACK

Through personal and team-driven initiatives, Denver Broncos players play an inspirational and crucial role in community outreach every year.
MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

Through challenges, adjustments and programming transitions, Broncos players continued to make an incredible impact on our community during 2021, both virtually and in-person.

Through socially distanced in-person events, care package initiatives, virtual visits and more, Denver Broncos players strived to make a measurable impact and memorable moments through the Denver metro area and beyond.

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ROOKIES PAY IT FORWARD

Rookie Community Day is a team tradition to help integrate rookie players into their new community. As part of the 2021 rookie class’s introduction to the Denver Broncos, they participated in an empowerment workshop hosted by Athletes for Hope and assembled care packages for several Colorado organizations. In addition to helping players learn about various causes and nonprofits, the event also provided an initial opportunity for them to understand the emphasis that the Denver Broncos put on volunteerism in our community.

Throughout the week, the rookie class had an opportunity to bond together in service and realize the platform and potential they have as individuals and as a collective group. More than 500 individuals and families were impacted through the 2021 Rookie Community Day outreach.

Players were divided into four teams to pack the following kits for organizations that received financial support from the team’s Community Grant Program:

- Back-to-learning packs for Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club members
- WomynCareKit® starter kits to provide basic hygiene and mental health support for women and transgender individuals served by Latina Safehouse and The Gathering Place
- Dental kits for refugees served by Project Worthmore’s dental clinic
- Salute to Service kits to show appreciation and provide mental health tools for veterans served by Project Sanctuary

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PAT SURTAIN II, CORNERBACK

Kicker Brandon McManus spends a Tuesday evening hosting a shopping spree for kids through his 25 Days of Giving program.

The Denver Broncos launch their inaugural 25 Days of Giving initiative in an effort to help the local community. The foundation, Project McManus, donated more than $50,000 in resources and helped select groups across the community. Each day throughout December represented a different cause for the foundation. 25 Days of Giving recognized and helped multiple charitable organizations and people in need including but not limited to: Animal Rescue of the Rockies, Denver Rescue Mission, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, Fandango, Hands of the Carpenter, Project Angel Heart and Special Olympics Colorado.

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My foundation and I pride ourselves on making an impact for those in need, especially during the holiday season. Our mission remains simple — leave our communities in a better place than they were when we left.

BRANDON McMANNUS, KICKER

25 DAYS OF GIVING

PROJECT MCMANUS

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More than 65 Denver Broncos players participated in the sixth annual My Cause My Cleats campaign, showcasing causes and nonprofits important to them. Participating players had the opportunity to wear custom cleats in support of their chosen causes during the three home games against the Kansas City Chiefs. More than 10 pairs of custom, game-worn and autographed cleats were auctioned off by the team, raising more than $7,000, with 100 percent of the proceeds from each item benefiting that player’s designated cause.

The season was the dedication of players to adapt and continue to serve the community. In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, Broncos players joined the team’s partnership with the OneClear Foundation and the Denver Police Department to put together 250 dignity kits that were distributed by Denver Rescue Mission and Open Door Mission centers in Aurora, Denver, and Fort Collins.

In conjunction with Salute to Service outreach in November, players took home packaged supplies to assemble in the safety of their own homes. Ahead of the Week 13 game against the Kansas City Chiefs, more than 10 pairs of custom, game-worn, and autographed cleats were auctioned off by the team, raising more than $7,000, with 100 percent of the proceeds from each item benefiting that player’s designated cause.

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The National Suicide-Prevention Lifeline

Bourne, Escargot
Domestic violence awareness

Burch, Andrew
Freedom Service Dogs

Byers, Shaeffer
The National Suicide-Prevention Lifeline

Buckingham, Jacob
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

Boates, Max
American Cancer Society

Bridgewater, Teddy
Little Bear Teddy

Brownrigg, Barron
Spinal-Medical Association

Chavis, Bradly
The Chicks Foundation

Clayborne, Tyre
Everyday

Cooper, Jonathon
American Heart Association

Crockett, Samirah
Adlerman’s Association

Dawson Jr., Duke
International Children’s Hospital of Denver

Fleet, Nino
American Cancer Society

Ford, Mike
The Boys & Girls Club of Central Iowa

Gordon III, Melvin
Beyond the Flashes Foundation

Griffith, Javon
National Kidney Foundation

Hamilton, Nate
American Cancer Society

Hassan, K.J.
Guys & Girls Clubs of America

Harrison, Idaho
The Pat Raiser Foundation

Hinson, Kendal
Adlerman’s Association

Jackson, Keean
Kearney Jackson Foundation

Jeudy, Jerry
Tremory 10 Foundation

Jewell, Jerry
Logan’s Hope

Johnson, Alexander
Alzheimer’s Association

Jones, Britt
Canadian Cancer Society

Jones, Devante
The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and American Cancer Society

Lock, Drew
Boston Cancer Research Foundation

London, P.J.
The Stephen Weatherly Foundation

Monte, Sans
Peace & Goal

Mason, Bobly
Lincoln Hills Care

Mekina, Deuce
Hugs 4 Alaina and Staliffer Foundation

Monte, Andy
Vanderbilt Dancing Dogs Program

Quarterly, Michael
CosmoHouse Michigan

Roundtree, Albert
UNCF Nigeria

Patrick, Aaron
Air Force Assistance Fund

Patrick, Pat
Severe Foundation of America

Purcell BL, Dr. Murray
The Kipling Foundation

Purcell, Mike
Wounded Warrior Project

Redd, Malik
Demetra Society Inc. and JDI Foundation

Renee, Dalton
Renee Dalton Foundation and Camp Moyer

Robinson, Curtiss
The Defense Line Foundation

Rogers, Brett
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Saunders, Erik
Dogs for Better Lives

Schlichtmaier, Austin
Adam’s Angles Ministry and Special Olympics Texas – Brokhurst

Simmel, Jadi
Fuel Up to Play 60 and Justin Simmons Foundation

Sponser, Darrel
United Way of Southwest Louisiana: Hurricane Ida Relief Fund

Sponser, Margarita
American Cancer Society

Stephens, Shaefer
Boys & Girls Club of America

Steven, Caden
Circle of Cancer Care and Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Stroud, Jordan
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Surtain II, Pat
Alzheimer’s Association

Weatherby, Stephen
The Stephen Weatherly Foundation

Williams, Dillon
Littleton Community Center

Williams, Javon
American Cancer Society

Young, Keesey
Tasty Young Foundation

MY CAUSE
MY CLEATS
QUINN MEINERZ

Hugs 4 Alaina: Hugs 4 Alaina is a fundraiser supporting a 14-year old girl, Alaina Shelsta. She has a rare form of GLUT 1 and needs help finding a life-saving treatment.

GLUT1 DEFICIENCY FOUNDATION: The Glut1 Deficiency Foundation is a non-profit family organization dedicated to improving the lives of those in the Glut1 Deficiency community through its mission of increased awareness, improved education, advocacy for patients and families and support and funding for research.

I decided to represent Alaina Shelsta and the GLUT1 Deficiency Foundation. Alaina is someone that is special to me and I am honored to represent her and her family.

QUINN MEINERZ, GUARD/CENTER

KAREEM JACKSON

KAREEM JACKSON FOUNDATION: The Kareem Jackson Foundation provides families with seriously and chronically ill children daily encouragement and life changing opportunities. It aims to honor and support women who are battling and those who have achieved victory over breast cancer.

I'm proud and honored to have my mom and sister on my My Cause My Cleats this year. They are both strong survivors of cancer. Let's continue to help support those fighting cancer!

KAREEM JACKSON, SAFETY

NATE HAIRSTON

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU): The ACLU works tirelessly in courts, legislatures, and communities to defend and preserve the Constitution’s promise of liberty for everyone in our country.

I selected the ACLU for My Cause My Cleats because I want to see police reform occur in our communities so that racial inequalities are less common.

NATE HAIRSTON, CORNERBACK

SHELBY HARRIS

THE FPIES FOUNDATION: The FPIES Foundation is a collaborative effort of several families affected by FPIES whose relentless journey has sparked the desire to help other families find their way. The FPIES Foundation is committed to providing a credible and interactive support resource for this rare, often-isolating diagnosis.

I am proud to represent and raise awareness for the FPIES Foundation for My Cause My Cleats this year in honor of my son, Shelby Jr., who was diagnosed with Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES).

SHELBY HARRIS, DEFENSIVE END

DALTON RISNER

RISNERUP FOUNDATION: The RisnerUp Foundation was created – quite simply – to positively impact others through love and kindness.

CAMP HOPE: Camp Hope is a camp for children who have or have had cancer.

Fight Like A Kid. I am proud to support Risner Up Foundation and Camp Hope for My Cause My Cleats. Our foundation held a contest for the kids to design my cleats. My foundation has worked with Camp Hope for many years, and we were inspired by the incredible children who continue to fight through cancer with a positive attitude day in, day out.

DALTON RISNER, GUARD

ANDREW BECK

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS: Freedom Service Dogs’ Operation Freedom program helps veterans and active-duty military find a new level of confidence and independence with the help of specially trained service dogs.

I chose to partner with Freedom Service Dogs because of all the incredible work they are doing for our veterans. To see firsthand the positive impact that service dogs make in a veteran’s life and I want to help as much as I can.

ANDREW BECK, FULLBACK/TIGHT END
Tight end Shaun Beyer (left), linebacker Baron Browning (middle), tight end/fullback Andrew Beck (right) and Miles the Mascot kick off a family night at the Buckley Space Force Base as part of the team’s Salute to Service outreach.

Quarterback Teddy Bridgewater visits the Broncos Boys & Girls Club to tour the facility and distribute copies of Little Bear Teddy: Big Dream Come True along with author Erika Cardona.

Wide receiver Tim Patrick spends an evening making care packages for military members in Colorado in recognition of the NFL’s Salute to Service month in November.

Broncos rookie class after participating in a civic engagement and philanthropy workshop hosted by Athletes for Hope, and assembling care packages for various nonprofits across Colorado.
Through personal and team-driven initiatives, Denver Bronco players are part of an inspirational and crucial role in community outreach every year.

Our players' involvement is terrific. That gets the most recognition, I think, because people like to see players do good things for the community and our players have been outstanding. Then the work of the staff to generate all these relationships and generate programs and platforms that give back to the community in a meaningful way. That's been terrific to see.

JOE ELLIS, PRESIDENT & CEO
For the second consecutive year, the Denver Broncos were named a finalist for the ESPN Sports Humanitarian Team of the Year Award, which honors a professional sports team (across all sports) for its continued devotion to making an impact in its community. The Broncos were recognized for long-term programs as well as specific 2020 outreach.

COVID-19 OUTREACH

Focusing on the impact of the Denver Broncos community outreach during 2020, the year started out like almost any other in this area, but once COVID-19 hit, the Denver Broncos’ community efforts went through a significant shift. In-person efforts were limited largely to events like donation of personal protective equipment, (PPE), mobile pantries, and virtual outreach.

Of the more than 850 hours volunteered through 744 opportunities more than 230 came over video or Zoom.

The team also helped support the Colorado COVID Relief Fund and other efforts, ultimately contributing more than $1 million.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Throughout the year, Denver Broncos players and the team focused much of their efforts on issues of social justice. Players, coaches and staff came together to take part in a March for racial justice in June of 2020 and months later, the team launched the Inspire Change program to help support social justice initiatives.

Inspire Change focuses on four areas: Education, Awareness & Funding, Diversity & Inclusion, and Activism.

The education aspect included weekly, player-led meeting time budgeted for “Power Hour” sessions, as well as youth education opportunities through partnerships with the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality and various local groups as part of the Empowerment Summit Digital Learning Series.

Through the awareness and funding focus, the Denver Broncos created a “We Stand For” campaign with several players to discuss issues close to them, and the team committed to making an annual donation of $250,000 to player-designated organizations.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Whether the organization is supporting the Denver Broncos Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Denver Rescue Mission, Food Bank of the Rockies, or several other charitable initiatives, it continues to do so at a high level.

In recognition of the Denver Broncos’ extensive community work, President and CEO Joe Ellis and the team received the 2021 Mizel Institute Community Enrichment Award.

“Joe Ellis has been a leader and an organization that has indelibly shaped our community,” said Larry A. Mizel, founder of the Mizel Institute. “Joe Ellis and the Denver Broncos demonstrate, time and again, that their family and team extend to the city and state. This past year, we have seen the most challenging of times, and Joe and the Broncos have helped lead the way in healing and unifying our community.”

Presented by Governor Jared Polis and the Mizel Institute, the Community Enrichment Award is one of the state’s most noteworthy philanthropic awards that recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community and worked to significantly enhance the lives of others.

At a special recognition ceremony hosted at Empower Field at Mile High on Sept. 1, a series of Colorado dignitaries along with John Elway and Peyton Manning spoke about the impact that Joe Ellis has had on the community.

“In the last nine years of calling Denver home, it is easy to see the profound impact the Broncos have had on this community, and that starts with a lot of special people,” said Peyton Manning, Hall of Fame Quarterback. “From Joe and the community relations department to the players, there’s always been an emphasis on the responsibility we had to do more than just winning football games. Joe has done a tremendous job leading the Broncos with integrity, poise and humility. Most importantly, though, Joe has maintained a constant focus on giving back, on listening to the needs of the community and the players, and on putting others first during his 26 seasons with the Broncos.”

Ellis is the third person with Denver Broncos ties to receive the distinction from the Mizel Institute, following late team owner Pat Bowlen (2013) and President of Football Operations John Elway (2017).
The Denver Broncos selected safety Justin Simmons as the team’s 2021 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year.

With this nomination Simmons becomes the second Bronco to be nominated three times and first to earn the nomination consecutively. The Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year presented by Nationwide recognizes a player for his outstanding leadership both on the field and in the community.

Selected by the Denver Broncos in the third round (98th overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft from Boston College, Simmons has consistently demonstrated a commitment to using his platform to impact the community during his six seasons as a Bronco. Simmons’ commitment to his community has not wavered throughout his time in Denver, continuously expanding the reach of his impact, varying from social justice efforts to mentoring local youth and creating his own foundation to expand beyond Colorado.

Simmons, a two-time winner of the team’s Community Ambassador Award (2017-18), was named to his first Pro Bowl in 2020. He is also the team’s first three-time winner of the Darrent Williams Good Guy Award (2017, ’19 and ’20 seasons) as voted upon by the team’s local media and was named the 2021 Pop Warner Little Scholars Inspiration to Youth Award by Pop Warner Little Scholars.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
In June of 2020, Simmons announced the establishment of the Justin Simmons Foundation, a nonprofit organization that focuses on youth development, hunger relief, educational initiatives, and other charitable causes. Through strategic programming and initial outreach, he is dedicated to mentoring young people, promoting the benefits of youth sports and supporting youth education. He was honored in 2021 with the Pop Warner Little Scholars Inspiration to Youth Award, in recognition of his love and dedication to football, his community, and his role as an inspiration to young people everywhere.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
Throughout the last year, Simmons and his teammates collaborated with local activists to push for decarceration of non-violent offenders and clemency reform. He was featured in ACLU Colorado’s Redemption Campaign, a statewide initiative to safely release thousands of people from prison who pose no public safety risk. Simmons continuously meets with Governor Jared Polis’ office to discuss adding clemency in new and transformational ways.

After working with Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE) through the Denver Broncos Inspire Change program in 2020, Simmons remained engaged with the program by speaking on its SBLV Leadership Panel. He continued to meet monthly with Denver Broncos Boys & Girls Club teens he had met during the Inspire Change 9-week leadership program last year.

So much of the focus is on you as a player and your product on the field. I just think it’s amazing that when we’re in a setting like [a congratulatory call with Commissioner Roger Goodell], they highlight it’s just as important, if not more important, the work that you do off the field.

JUSTIN SIMMONS, SAFETY
Denver Broncos fullback/tight end Andrew Beck was selected as the team’s nominee for the Salute to Service Award for the second consecutive year and honored by the NFL and award committee as the 2021 national award winner in recognition of his comprehensive support for the military community.

Beck has shown a commitment to supporting military service members and their families throughout his three seasons in Denver. He has partnered with America’s Gold Star Families, Buckley Air Force Base, Fort Carson Army Base, TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors), USO Colorado, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Volunteers of America: Colorado and Mounded Warrior Project. In total, he’s reached more than 425 military families through his strategic outreach.

In 2020, Beck was slated to be a featured player on the annual NFL USO Tour, before it was canceled due to COVID-19. However, Beck refused to let the pandemic impact his commitment to support the military. Last November, he assembled Salute to Service care packages for military bases across Colorado and helped host a virtual event with veterans served by Mounded Warrior Project.

Having grown up in a military family, Beck’s father, Chris, is a former colonel in the U.S. Army. Last spring, he took the initiative to partner with USO Colorado to host a military appreciation barbecue for military families at Fort Carson — the same base where his family once was stationed.

During the 2021 offseason, Beck participated in a virtual visit with Buckley Air Force Base and USO Colorado to celebrate Wingman Week, a program dedicated to strengthening connections, relaxation, and the rejuvenation of the fighting spirit.

During the 2021 season, Beck made two visits to Buckley Air Force Base to interact with families stationed there, as well as Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, where he was able to participate in an event celebrating the hard work the Second Battalion had done over the prior year.

Beck selected the Freedom Service Dogs’ Operation Freedom program for the 2021 My Cause My Cleats campaign. Operation Freedom helps veterans and active-duty military find a new level of confidence and independence with the help of specially trained service dogs. Throughout the season, Beck volunteered to help take care of and train puppies going into service through Freedom Service Dogs.

The Salute to Service Award is part of the NFL and USAA’s year-round commitment to recognize and honor the military community. Each year, the NFL and its 32 teams come together to honor service members and connect with veterans of the military as part of the NFL’s Salute to Service initiative. Beck was nominated alongside Baltimore Ravens Legend Jamal Johnson and Chicago Bears Tight End Jimmy Graham as finalists for the award.

As the winner, USAA will contribute $25,000 in Beck’s honor to the official aid societies representing each of the military branches. The NFL will match USAA’s donation of $25,000, which will be donated to Freedom Service Dogs and the USO—ahero neeby hand-selected by Beck. He will also receive a specially designed military challenge coin, which recognizes his commitment to the military.

Andrew Beck, Fullback/Tight End

To win this [Salute to Service] award means so much to me. Working with the military and giving back to them is something I’m passionate about. I grew up in a military family, so I know the things that they go through. My dad [who is in the military] is such a big role model to me. This will be a memory I cherish for the rest of my life.

ANDREW BECK, FULLBACK/TIGHT END

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BRADLEY CHUBB | COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD
In partnership with the Denver Broncos and NFL Foundation, Chubb committed $30,000 to Denver Public Schools Foundation’s A to Z fund to support education equity. The donation spearheaded by the Chubb Foundation will enhance classroom learning and assist in providing equal opportunities for students district-wide to participate in enrichment opportunities. This is Chubb’s third community recognition after being named a Community Ambassador in 2020 and Co-Rookie of the Year in 2018.

McTELVIN AGIM | COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR
Since joining the Denver Broncos in 2020, Agim has had a consistent presence at team community events and has expanded his outreach to support LGBTQ+ youth by sponsoring attendees and junior camp counselors at a Colorado LGBTQ+ summer camp. Recognized as the 2020 Community Rookie of the Year, he also served as a mentor for the Youth Celebrate Diversity Student Leadership Team, focusing on social justice issues and equality for all. Agim’s childhood experience of finding refuge at a Salvation Army shelter would be a formative one, shaping Agim’s outlook on life and his dedication to helping those in need.

BARON BROWNING | COMMUNITY ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Since joining the team as a third-round draft pick in 2021, Browning focused his community work in the area of youth health and wellness. He recorded the most volunteer hours amongst rookies, volunteering with Food Bank of the Rockies’ Community Kitchen and PLAY 60 clinics, while also packing backpacks and distributing bicycles for students. He also provided monetary and in-kind support to families in need during the holidays through turkey donations, and various adopt-a-family outreach opportunities.

GARETT BOLLES | COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR
In 2021, Bolles created a partnership with Vertical Skills Academy, focusing on students with learning disabilities and autism by visiting with the school virtually, in-person, and hosting a family night at Empower Field at Mile High. He is a part of a juvenile Probation Court Mentorship program, which pairs him with individuals in the Arapahoe Judicial Probation Court. He receives information on each child’s background—including what they are struggling with and how to overcome—and records individual messages and videos for each child to keep them motivated. His follow-up with a virtual visit and attends each child’s virtual probation court hearing. This is Bolles’ first community recognition.

TIM PATRICK | COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR
After participating in an introductory Zoom call with youth at the Marvin W. Foote Youth Services Center, “adopted” a pod of boys and has become a mentor to them through virtual visits, incentive programs for grades, behavior and more. A two-time Denver Broncos Community Ambassador, he has initiated and set up nearly 30 visits in under one calendar year, in addition to more than $4,300 in in-kind donations.

DALTON RISNER | COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR
Through his ‘RisnerUp’ Foundation, Risner has spent countless hours volunteering, serving on nonprofit boards, and has made ongoing financial contributions to various organizations. A Community Rookie of the Year (2019) and Community Impact Award recipient (2020), he recently established a new partnership with local nonprofit A Precious Child, and has expanded his outreach with Special Olympics in both Colorado and Kansas, and Denver Rescue Mission.

DIONTAE SPENCER | COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR
This season, Spencer worked diligently on all team-related social justice initiatives including issues of decarceration, clemency, and police and community relations. He played an active role on the Denver Police Athletic League, speaking out against gun violence, participating in national events and roundtable discussions, and advocating for reform as part of National Gun Violence Awareness Day (June 4). This is Spencer’s first community recognition.

EACH SEASON, THE DENVER BRONCOS PRESENT “CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY” AWARDS TO RECOGNIZE PLAYERS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND IN BOTH TEAM AND PERSONAL PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY
Denver Broncos Charities, the non-profit, philanthropic arm of the Denver Broncos, is committed to improving lives in the Denver community through focusing on Youth Development, Quality of Life, Health & Wellness, Youth Football and Civic Engagement.
Focus Points is a family resource non-profit that aims to help low-income families in the greater Northeast Denver area.

The Denver Broncos are committed to supporting highly effective nonprofit organizations that are working to positively impact Coloradans. This annual granting opportunity offers Colorado-based nonprofits and youth football leagues the ability to apply for funding (up to $10,000 per organization) for community projects and programs focusing on one or more of the team’s five focus areas and local and statewide initiatives that focus on issues and communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic including immediate and basic needs, communities of color, women, domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, too, minority and mental health.

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2021 GRANT RECIPIENTS

A Precious Child
Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club
Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado
Branson School District
Canon City Recreation and Park District
Center for Work Education and Employment
Colorado Cowboys Youth Organization
Colorado High School Coaches Association
Colorado High School Activities Association
Colorado Latino Leadership Advisory Research Org.
Colorado Youth for a Change
Denver’s Children Advocacy Center
Denver Scholarship Foundation
Focus Points Family Resources Center
Green Mountain Junior Football
Green Valley Ranch Youth League
Groundwork Denver
Hands of the Carpenter
Latina Safehouse
Maroon Pride
Project Sanctuary
Project Worthmore
Rise Against Suicide
Sun Valley Community Center
The Gathering Place
Therapy Aid Coalition
Vista PEAK Football
Volunteers of America Colorado Branch
We Don’t Waste
COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS

BOYS HOPE GIRLS HOPE | ACADEMY PROGRAM

Mission: To equip young people to overcome significant barriers and become well-educated, responsible, and compassionate citizens in healthy relationships, self-sustaining careers, and a practice of giving back to the community.

“Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado is proud to partner with the Denver Broncos and the Community Grant Program to meet its mission. The Denver Broncos’ engagement with the community is evident in its commitment to prepare youth for positive futures.” – Mary Frances Tharp, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado Executive Director

COLORADO LATINO LEADERSHIP

ADVOCACY & RESEARCH ORGANIZATION | FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mission: To empower Latinos through leadership development, advocacy, and policy research to strengthen Colorado.

“CLLARO is grateful to have received support in 2021 from the Denver Broncos Community Grant Program. Funding went towards creating the next generation of civic leaders through our CLLARO Capitol Fellowship. Seventeen Colorado students benefited from this support, and successfully completed their paid, five-month internship at the Colorado State Capitol.” – Alejandra Colmenero, CLLARO Leadership Program Manager

HANDS OF THE CARPENTER

Mission: Offering hope to single women with dependent children, while providing automobile services, partnering in their efforts to remain employed and to strive toward economic self-sufficiency.

“Champions! That is how Hands refers to all of the community partners that make it possible for single moms to have safe reliable cars. We are deeply grateful to the Denver Broncos Community Grant Program for their support, resulting in an increase of STEE (more women receiving automotive services).” – Daniel Mondragon, Hands of the Carpenter Resource Development Director

THE GATHERING PLACE

Mission: We are a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources transform lives. We provide women, transgender individuals, and their children who are experiencing poverty a safe place.

“The Denver Broncos Community Grant Program provided crucial funding for The Gathering Place (TGP) to keep our doors open and our programs responsive to the greatest needs of this community. By supporting TGP’s mission to work with our members’ most urgent needs, the Denver Broncos helped provide over 100,000 meals, serve 400 campers by providing formulas, meals, and supplies, and support over 3,500 adults in their path to recovery. With Denver’s cost of living rapidly rising and the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on women and BIPOC individuals, the Denver Broncos’ investment in this community is more important than ever.” – Kelly Tobin, The Gathering Place Business Relations Manager

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS
In Sept. 2021, the Broncos launched Denver Broncos Marketplace – a year-round, online fundraising platform benefiting Denver Broncos Charities, the non-profit, philanthropic arm of the team. The site features one-of-a-kind auction items and experiences, merchandise, Denver Broncos license plates and more. Each month, new items are featured on the site from past and present Denver Broncos, as well unique team experiences throughout the year.

Proceeds from Denver Broncos Marketplace benefit Denver Broncos Charities and are used to further the Denver Broncos’ work in its five focus areas.

DENVER BRONCOS MARKETPLACE

DENVER BRONCOS CHARITIES 50/50 RAFFLE

Launched during the 2021 season, Denver Broncos Charities hosted a 50/50 Raffle at each Denver Broncos home game.

Fifty percent of the net proceeds from each game went to one lucky winner, with the other fifty percent benefiting local nonprofits and their work in the community. Fans were able to purchase tickets online at BroncosRaffle.com, as well as in-person at Empower Field at Mile High during all home games.

In total, the raffle raised $190,165 for local nonprofits during the 2021 season.

2021 BENEFICIARIES

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DENVER BRONCOS CHARITIES 50/50 RAFFLE

Winners have a chance to win Denver Broncos 50/50 Raffle prize on the field after claiming their winnings!
LUNCH WITH A LEGEND
PRESENTED BY U.S. BANK AND ARROW ELECTRONICS

The Denver Broncos kicked off the 2021 season at a one-of-a-kind, in-person event celebrating Steve Atwater’s induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and providing a look ahead to the upcoming season, both on and off the field. Lunch with a Legend, presented by U.S. Bank and Arrow Electronics, was hosted by Dave Logan and featured a luncheon, online auction, and in-person QA with Hall of Famer Steve Atwater. Denver Broncos Cheerleaders, Miles the Mascot, and Thunder were on site to participate in the festivities. The event raised more than $100,000 for Denver Broncos Charities.

In addition to the in-person hospitality event, lunchbox sponsors had the opportunity to donate gourmet boxed lunches to community organizations including police and fire departments, nonprofits, schools, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and healthcare facilities.

Since 2012, the Denver Broncos’ fall luncheon has raised more than $1.3 million for Denver Broncos Charities, resulting in significant long-term programs and grants.

TASTE OF THE BRONCOS
PRESENTED BY KING SOOPERS

On Sept. 13, the Denver Broncos hosted the seventh annual Taste of the Broncos presented by King Soopers at Empower Field at Mile High with proceeds benefiting Denver Broncos Charities and Food Bank of the Rockies.

Located on the field at Empower Field at Mile High, the gourmet gala for a cause featured some of Metro Denver’s top restaurants and chefs. Attendees had the opportunity to meet and mingle with Denver Broncos Cheerleaders, alumni and Miles the Mascot.

Nestlé was the official sustainability partner for 2021 Taste of the Broncos, helping create a zero-waste footprint throughout the event that also aligns with presenting sponsor King Soopers’ ongoing Zero Hunger Zero Waste initiative.

Denver Broncos production/car host Alexis Perry served as the evening’s emcee, and the Motones, a four-person band whose repertoire includes Motown classics and current hits blended with Motown style.

Including proceeds from the 2021 event, Taste of the Broncos has raised more than $395,000 for Food Bank of the Rockies since 2015 — providing 1,583,388 meals to neighbors in need.

You show up because it’s the right thing to do, and it helps our community. I think this team is one of the better ones in the NFL at doing just that.

DAVE LOGAN, VOICE OF THE BRONCOS AND EVENT EMCEE
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