



MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Resource Exchange to host adaptive car-building event for toddlers

Go Baby Go! mini-motorized cars are free to families and give children who can't walk the ability to move unassisted, accelerating developmental growth

The Resource Exchange (TRE) will hold a unique event Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the United States Air Force Academy Youth Center, with a team of engineers, therapists, family members and community volunteers, to build customized cars designed to give mobility to twelve toddlers with developmental delays, who are not able to walk unassisted. This unique program is part of a national initiative called Go Baby Go! which was conceived several years ago at the University of Delaware. TRE hosts the event locally.

The Go Baby Go! cars are free to TRE families and give children the opportunity to move on their own, often for the first time, which significantly increases their developmental growth and future learning opportunities.

Once a child has a Go Baby Go! vehicle, TRE therapists will incorporate the vehicle into the child's ongoing personalized development plan that assists the child in meeting developmental milestones.

The Resource Exchange hosts two of these events a year. The first TRE/Go Baby Go! Event was held in July 2017. Please check out this video link for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLiLDNBzAc>

WHO: The Resource Exchange

WHAT: Go Baby Go! "Build Day"

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 2019

11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Twelve toddlers and their families decorate the cars tailored especially for them earlier in the morning by a team of volunteers and engineers, and end the morning in a parade around a racetrack before taking the cars home. The best photo opportunities will be between 11:00-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: USAFA Youth Center, 5132 Cathedral Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80840. Please access the Academy from the North Entrance. Please see attached map to get to the Youth Center.

Go Baby Go is a project developed by the College of Health Sciences at the University of Delaware and it has gained nationwide accolades with over 40 locations across the USA. See more information about the founder, Dr. Cole Galloway and the project: <http://sites.udel.edu/gobabygo/ride-on-cars/>

The Resource Exchange (TRE) is a local non-profit that partners with people who seek support in accessing community resources, assisting them in making informed choices so they can live the lives they want to live. Our programs are designed for individuals throughout the course of their lives. TRE's Early

Childhood Services Team works with over 2,300 babies and children from birth through age eight who have a developmental delay or disability. TRE works with families in El Paso, Teller and Park counties.

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