

MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Resource Exchange to host adaptive car-building event for two children this Friday

Go Baby Go! mini-motorized cars are free to families and help toddlers make significant developmental strides

The Resource Exchange (TRE) will hold a unique event Friday, October 30, 2020 with a small team of therapists, technicians, and volunteers to build two small, motorized cars designed to give mobility to toddlers with developmental delays who are not able to walk unassisted.

WHO: The Resource Exchange
 WHAT: Go Baby Go! "Build Day"
 WHEN: Friday, October 30, 2020

 10:30 AM-11:30 AM: Parents will decorate the cars, and therapists will make final modifications to the small, motorized cars built that morning by a team of volunteers. The best photo opportunities will be between 10:45-11:30 AM.

 WHERE: The Resource Exchange, 6385 Corporate Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

 (event will take place in the indoor/outdoor garage area at the southeast corner of the building)

TRE hosts the event locally, usually with ten or more families, but due to Covid-19, we have evolved our event so we can still provide a car for two children, safely. Safety precautions will be in place including health screenings the morning of the event. A limited number of people are allowed to participate, masks are mandatory, and temperatures will be taken prior to the event.

Go Baby Go! cars are free to TRE families and give children the opportunity to direct their own movement, many for the first time. TRE therapists incorporate the vehicle into the child's ongoing personalized development plan that assists the child in meeting developmental milestones. Check out a previous TRE Go Baby Go! event held at the Air Force Academy in November 2019: <u>https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/adaptive-cars-for-kids-at-the-air-force-academy</u>

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: <u>http://sites.udel.edu/gobabygo/ride-on-cars/</u>

The Resource Exchange (TRE) is a local nonprofit that partners with people who have developmental delays or intellectual or developmental disabilities, to support them in achieving the life they want to live. TRE's Early Childhood Services Team works with over 2,200 babies and children from birth through age eight. TRE covers El Paso, Teller and Park counties.

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