



MEDIA ADVISORY

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TRE to host adaptive car-building event for children with the Colorado Springs Switchbacks

Two area toddlers will receive brand new customized wheels that help them make developmental strides

The Resource Exchange (TRE) will host a unique and fun event Friday, June 18, 2021 with two small teams of therapists, technicians, and volunteers from the Colorado Springs Switchbacks! Each build team will assemble and customize a miniature ride-on motorized car designed to give increased mobility to two area toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays who cannot walk unassisted.

WHAT: The Resource Exchange Go Baby Go! “Build Day”

WHEN: Friday, June 18, 2021

10:00 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 before the children take them for a spin. The best photo opportunities will be between 10:30-11:30 AM.

WHERE: The Resource Exchange, 6385 Corporate Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919
(event will take place in the indoor lower level lobby at the north entrance of the building)

OF NOTE:

- “Ziggy” the Switchbacks mascot is scheduled to make an appearance.
- One of the children receiving a vehicle is also celebrating a birthday.
- 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 to help the child meet developmental milestones and explore the world around them in new ways.
- For reference -- Go Baby Go! event held at TRE last November:
<https://www.fox21news.com/news/local/organization-builds-custom-mobility-car-for-colorado-springs-toddler/>

Go Baby Go! was developed by the College of Health Sciences at the University of Delaware founded by Dr. Cole Galloway receiving nationwide accolades with over 40 locations across the US:

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

Advocating for independence and inclusion, The Resource Exchange (TRE) partners with children and adults who have a variety of disabilities, delays, mental health or long-term care needs. We do this using a person-centered approach in coordinating care, promoting choices, and collaborating with community partners. 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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