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DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION EARNS 3RD PLACE AND \$40,000 IN VAIL SKI CHALLENGE

DENVER, April 17, 2014 – The Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation has earned 3rd place and a \$40,000 grant to support DPS students thanks to a podium finish in the [Vail Ski Challenge](#). Team Lynne – headed by DPS Foundation board member and past chair Donna Lynne of Kaiser Permanente – skied tirelessly throughout the 2013-14 ski season to bring home the generous grant to support the 88,000 students served by DPS. The team was rounded out by DPS Foundation President and CEO Kristin Heath Colon; DPS Foundation board member Dee Wisor; and Kaiser Permanente employees Luke Clark, Lawrence Montgomery and Justin Suddath.

"The Vail Ski Challenge is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference in the community," said Donna Lynne, DrPH, president of Kaiser Permanente Colorado. "I'm so proud of our team of DPS Foundation board members and staff and Kaiser Permanente employees who put in countless hours on the slopes all for the benefit of Denver Public Schools"

The Vail Ski Challenge is a season-long effort presented by Vail Resorts to raise awareness and resources for Colorado charities, and create greater connections among civic and business leaders in Colorado. In its third year, the 2013-2014 Vail Ski Challenge competed for a total \$250,000 purse for charities including the DPS Foundation.

"This podium finish is so exciting and was truly team-earned," said Colon. "The 88,000 DPS kids will benefit from the many hours our team members committed to help us take third place."

The students in DPS – and the community at large – will benefit from the efforts of the team for years to come.

"When you support DPS, the whole community benefits, so we are grateful to everyone that contributed to our success in earning such a generous grant," said Colon. "Special thanks of course to Vail Resorts for their generosity. And my own deepest gratitude to our captain, the ever-inspiring Donna Lynne, as well as Dee Wisor, Luke, Lawrence and Justin – each of whom gave so much of their own time, personal resources and energy to help DPS kids win!"



According to Colon, the team couldn't have done it without a supportive public who voted in the Facebook challenge and contributed to help the DPS Foundation reach the Vail Ski Challenge fundraising goal.

"The DPS Foundation is built and sustained by the community, and this challenge was further proof of that," said Colon.

See final results and read more about the Vail Ski Challenge at <http://vailskichallenge.com/>.

About the Denver Public Schools Foundation

The Denver Public Schools Foundation is Denver Public Schools' fundraising partner. We generate resources, build relationships and champion public education to help Every Child Succeed. We are built and sustained by the community; by supporting the DPS Foundation, businesses and individuals are creating positive, sustainable change in our schools and contributing to the success of our next generation. We are all DPS. For more information, visit www.dpsfoundation.org.

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