



Thank You Colorado Rockies Charity Fund

This month DCAC is the proud recipient of a \$15,000 grant through the Colorado Rockies Charity Fund, a fund of the McCormick Foundation, in partnership with Denver Active 20-30. As part of this award, the Colorado Rockies gave DCAC tickets to the July 7th game against the Philadelphia Phillies (which the Rockies won 11-2!). Many DCAC staff braved the heat with their families and friends to enjoy a beautiful summer evening out at Coors Field. We would like to thank everyone with Denver Active 20-30 and the Colorado Rockies for this generous gift!



Our 2015 Annual Report Is Published

We are excited to announce that our 2015 Annual Report is complete and has been published. The year 2015 was a big one for DCAC as we celebrated 20 years of growth in our programs, our outreach, our staff and our campus—further extending our services to Denver's most vulnerable children and families.

Last year, DCAC worked with 901 children who had been sexually abused and 332 who were traumatized by extreme violence. In addition, 63 children had witnessed homicide or lost parents or other family members to murder.

Please take some time to review all our accomplishments in the [2015 Annual Report](#).



2015 Annual Report



Colorado Christian University Volunteers at DCAC

Denver Children's Advocacy Center was pleased to host a group from Colorado Christian University earlier this month. They spent the day both inside and outside: weeding our gardens, trimming trees, cleaning our therapy rooms, organizing toys and games, changing light bulbs, and even power-washed our porches! We are so very

thankful that they were willing to spend their day working hard to keep our campus and houses beautiful.

From all of us at DCAC - Thank You!!



Staff Corner

In an effort to help you learn more about Denver Children's Advocacy Center and the work we do we will be featuring a staff position each month.



Meet our Bilingual Case Manager Lucero Herrera

Lucero joined DCAC's assessment and treatment team in 2013 after graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She has a long record of accomplishment as a dedicated volunteer with high-risk youth in the Denver area. In high school, she volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, and in college Lucero volunteered as a mentor at Excelsior Youth Center where she helped youth become self-sufficient and build social and emotional skills. At the same time, she interned at the Community Reentry Project as a re-entry clinician helping women released from jail. Lucero is often the first

person families meet when coming to DCAC, and she plays a key role in reassuring anxious parents and calming traumatized children.

Q: What is your role at DCAC?

A: Bilingual case manager for the assessment and treatment team. I help connect families with resources when needed. I am also one of the prevention specialists with the Denver Safe from the Start program.

Q: What do you find most rewarding?

A: I enjoy working in the prevention program and getting to work with the students. It is very rewarding when I return to a school and the children remember the safety lessons they learned the previous year.

Q: What do you find most challenging?

A: Parents not willing to let their child participate in the prevention program.

Q: If you had a superpower, what would it be and why?

A: If I had a superpower it would have to be omnilingualism. It would be great to be able to speak, understand, and read any language without getting trained in it. I love the idea of being able to connect with people from different parts of the world without any stress.

Q: What do you love to do when you are not working?

A: I love spending time with family and sharing quality experiences with them.

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