

Let's CHANGE Lives!

Sponsorship Opportunities

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A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

25 Years - We're Not Just Another Fundraiser

Whether introducing ourselves for the first time or you know us well, we want to take the opportunity to share some information which includes our event information and Foundation's past, present, and future.

Denver's very first Derby Party was held at the Washington Park Boathouse in 2001. We served grocery store fried chicken, bought a keg of beer, and watched the race on a 36-inch TV that we hung from the rafters. We passed a hat to cover costs and welcomed anyone who walked by and wanted to join. Everyone had such an amazing time we decided it should become a tradition.

The following year our good friend, Sean "Ranch" Lough, passed away in a tragic mountain biking accident. As a tribute at the 2nd annual Denver Derby Party, we collected money from attendees to help Sean's family cover the cost of his funeral. Everyone was so generous we had money left over which we donated to our alma-mater, Colorado State University.

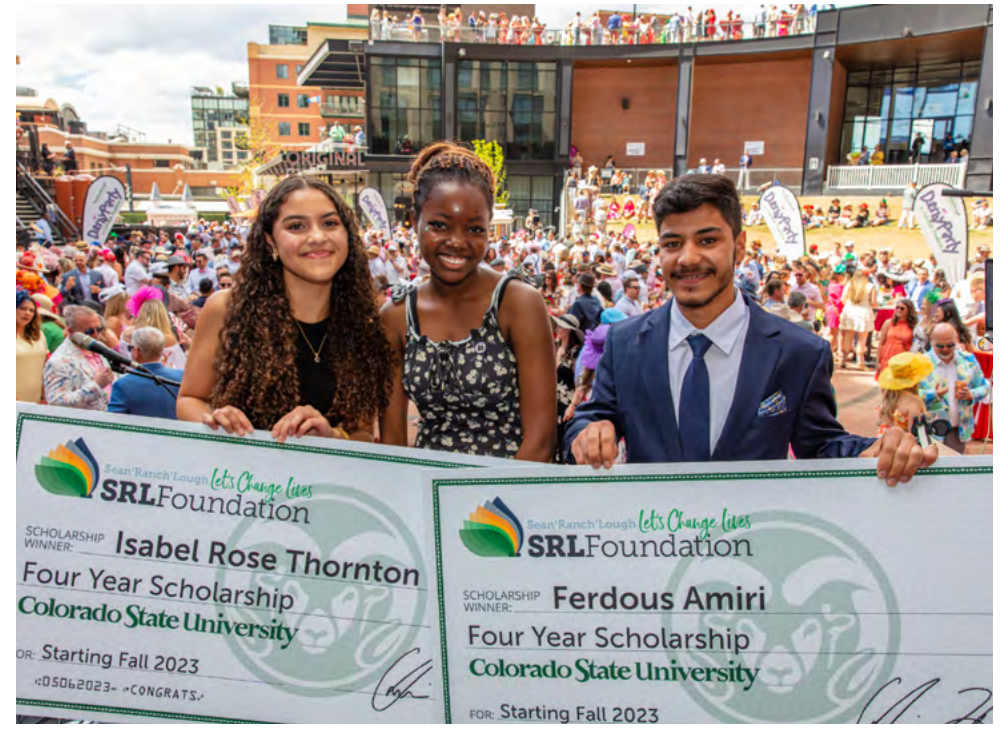
The legend of Denver's Derby Party grew and attendance skyrocketed, quickly becoming the most successful (and most anticipated) fundraising event in Denver. Our crowd eventually outgrew the Boathouse, then the Botanic Gardens, Infinity Park, and even the streets of Downtown Denver. After numerous successful years at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, we moved to then brand-new McGregor Square.

Often imitated but never replicated, the original Denver Derby Party, now celebrating its 25th year, is the biggest of its kind in the country outside of Kentucky. The fundraiser is held annually on the first Saturday in May. Its popularity has made it an annual tradition for guests from around the world.

Thanks in large part to our sponsors, donors, volunteers and staff, we are proud to say that 100% of all proceeds benefit the Foundation which, to date, has helped over 82 first-generation students attend college without financial burden, and all exemplify the values that Sean was so well known for.

The Sean "Ranch" Lough Foundation invites you to learn more about our cause and get involved with Denver Derby Party by visiting our website.

Our last event was a sell out with over 3500 affluent attendees, making Derby Party is the perfect place to launch, showcase, or advertise your company or brand while helping to help support higher education. Private Sponsorship Tents and spaces fill up quickly, so act now!





THE REASON WE DO IT

SEAN "RANCH" LOUGH

In his twenty-nine years of life, Ranch accomplished more than many do in a lifetime. One of his greatest attributes was his ability to live every day to its fullest and have a good time, while focusing on accomplishing the high goals he set for himself.

Sean Lough (AKA 'Ranch') was a dear friend, brother and son who tragically passed away in June of 2001 as a result of a mountain biking accident. This Foundation was started in memory of Sean 'Ranch' Lough, a remarkable individual who touched many people with his spirit, aspirations, humor, and kindness. Although his life and bright future were cut short, his spirit will remain in everyone he knew and, thanks to sponsors and donors like you, his legacy will provide scholarships for deserving young students.

As every one that knew him will attest, Ranch was a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many people with his spirit, aspirations, humor and kindness. Sean completed his undergraduate degree at Colorado State University and the purpose of this scholarship is to commemorate Sean's life and accomplishments. This scholarship shall be awarded to a high school student who exemplifies the qualities Ranch possessed. These qualities include a high grade point average, an economic need and, most of all, a hearty personality and a love for life.

The Denver Derby Party was started by a small group of friends as a way to help raise money for another friend. 20+ years later it serves a greater purpose and helps students from around the world achieve their dreams and aspirations. Our end goal has always been to follow Sean's lead of placing an importance on education while balancing it out with fun, laughter, and excitement. His legacy lives on as each year we team up with sponsors, donors, and our guests to raise money and provide four-year scholarships to those who would otherwise not be able to attend college.

We invite you to learn about our cause and jump on board through sponsorship or by making a donation. Our ongoing efforts with our partners have yielded incredible results, and it is our hope that we keep growing and have a bigger impact each year. As we surpass 20 years of throwing the biggest and best Derby Party in the country, we are excited to say that Sean's life means more and more to each one of us.

The Most Fun You'll Have CHANGING Someone's Life!



College has been a dream come true for me- and for my family. I'm loving the experience and have been excelling in all my classes. I've met so many incredible people and forged relationships that will last a lifetime. None of it would be possible without the SRL Foundation Scholarship - I am blessed!

MAHAMOUD - 2020 Recipient



Every day I'm at CSU I'm more and more grateful for the opportunity to be here. I feel my education has given me purpose and a canvas to define who I am. I'm managing a busy schedule and extracurricular activities as well. Chemistry is killing me but my GPA last semester was 3.7 - I can't thank SRL Foundation enough for this opportunity!

CELINA - 2019 Recipient

THE ORIGINAL DERBY PARTY

WHY SPONSORSHIP WORKS

The Denver Derby Party welcomes thousands of guests each year from across the country and around the globe. 75% of our attendees are affluent professionals between 25–37. Our lasting success means we've struck the right balance between fun and philanthropy.

Imagine showcasing your product, brand, or company to one of the country's best demographics, while supporting a worthy cause that provides four-year scholarships to kids who otherwise couldn't attend college. Now imagine doing it at the biggest, and best, Derby event outside of Kentucky's Churchill Downs.

Sponsors of the Denver Derby Party get tickets to the fundraiser, a special code to purchase additional discounted tickets for employees or clients, prime activation locations, signage, social media exposure, plus the opportunity to get in front of over 3500 people at a day-long event. While the majority of our sponsors and donors return year after year, we are constantly innovating and working to add value for our guests.

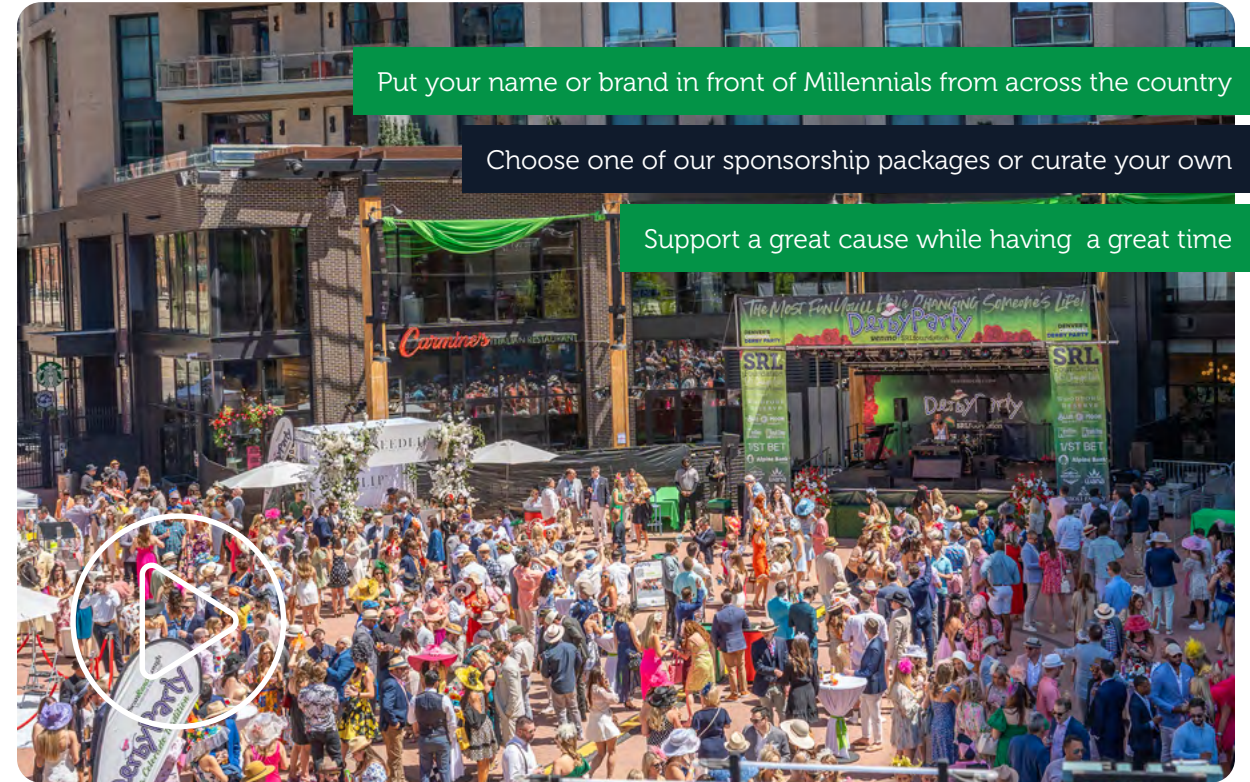
We currently have limited sponsorship opportunities for select organizations, businesses and individuals looking to take part in this one-of-a-kind event. You'll find we have numerous, predefined sponsorship levels, but we can work with you to build a customized sponsorship package that fits your needs.

We strive to find partners who are interested in multiple year relationships and who can provide something new or unique for our guests. We also recognize that our event is a great place to launch a new product, or the next big thing, and support entrepreneurs from across the country.

Unlike most other Derby Party events, we have an amazing location that's centrally located in the heart of Downtown Denver and has easy access to public transportation, ride sharing, and ample public parking. Our location features ample outdoor space with views of the giant LED screen, and multiple indoor areas with their own identities and activations.

Your sponsorship donations and contributions are tax deductible under our 501c3, The Sean Ranch Lough Foundation. Unlike any of the other Derby events around the state, which are mainly for-profit, 100% of all proceeds from the Denver Derby Party go towards our Foundation.

We look forward to partnering with you!



Put your name or brand in front of Millennials from across the country

Choose one of our sponsorship packages or curate your own

Support a great cause while having a great time

CHECK OUT VIDEO FROM OUR EVENT ONLINE | [VIMEO.COM/DENVERDERBY](https://vimeo.com/denverderby)

Positive Results

Our annual market analysis, conducted by a third party survey company, has shown that brand awareness for sponsors of Denver Derby party is significantly elevated following the event. Proving that sponsorship, and the exposure gained within our demographic, produces tangible and meaningful results.

Our expert event planners will work with you and your team to ensure your brand's activation makes a real impact.



With over 3000 guests spending the entire day with us, you'll have a great opportunity to make an impression.

THE MOST FUN YOU'LL HAVE CHANGING SOMEONE'S LIFE

Sponsorship Packages

Our event relies heavily on the generosity of sponsors like you to keep ticket prices reasonable and offset the costs of throwing a world-class event. Most sponsors return year after year but we are constantly finding new ways to enhance our guest experience and find more space. Basic sponsorship packages are listed below but, in most cases, we can work to curate a custom package that can benefit everyone. All packages include tickets to the event and a special link to purchase additional tickets at a reduced cost.

Premium

A GREAT SHOWCASE

\$7,500

You'll have your logo or name included on our website and emails both leading up to, and post-event. Logo will link to your specified URL. Your logo will also be included on printed and online pieces distributed during the event.

INCLUDED HOSPITALITY: An allotment of Infield & Plaza tickets are included with your partnership.

Platinum

ELEVATE YOUR BRAND

\$15,000

In addition to all the other benefits, you'll get to send a targeted message or offer to our entire audience via email and social media. In addition, our emcees will give a special 'thank you' to your brand from the main stage. We'll also hang an approved banner in a high traffic area.

INCLUDED HOSPITALITY: An allotment of Jockey Club and Infield & Plaza tickets are included with your partnership.

Enterprise

BE SEEN EVERYWHERE

\$25,000

All the benefits of the lower packages along with the ability to link your brand to one of our events on the Main Stage. This includes the Scholarship Presentation, Hat Contest, or Band/DJ performance.

Additional perks include your logo on our red carpet step-and-repeat, ability to participate on stage and make an announcement, and your logo on the Main Stage banners and signage.

INCLUDED HOSPITALITY: An allotment of Jockey Club and Infield & Plaza tickets are included with your partnership.

Custom

CREATE A PACKAGE

Let's Talk

Not seeing something that would be a good fit? No problem! We'd love to work with you and create a curated sponsorship package that makes sense for your brand.



SPACES ARE LIMITED - CONTACT US TODAY

Let's Do This

Our event relies heavily on the generosity of sponsors like you to keep ticket prices reasonable and offset the costs of throwing a world-class event. We greatly appreciate our donors and make every effort to accommodate just about any request. See you May 2!

If you have questions or need assistance in figuring out what package works best for your company or organization, please contact us using any of the methods below.

We are proud to say that 100% of all proceeds go towards sending deserving students to college. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if we can provide further information.

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Denver Derby Party Attracts THE BEST Crowd and Most Desirable Demographic You'll Find Anywhere!