



COLORADO SNOWSPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION
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Dear Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

As a new Honored Member of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame, I was warned that people would ask me to nominate them. Instead, I felt so strongly that I approached Chris Anthony and asked him if I could have the honor of nominating him to the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Living in the Vail Valley, for over 25 years, I have known of Chris as a competitive athlete, ski-movie star, adventure-seeker, and ski guide. I have also seen newspaper and online photos of him in front of a classroom or auditorium filled with school children. As I've followed his pursuits, I've come to be inspired not only by his skiing greatness, but by his dedication to champion causes for the betterment of young people.

Chris's extensive training in ski racing gave him the foundation to become a highly-recognized big mountain skier, Alaskan Extreme Skiing Champion in 1996, and currently, an Alaskan Helicopter Ski Guide. Since 1989, he has starred in 27 Warren Miller films, traveling all over the world. He also toured throughout the country, hosting early-season viewings of the films.

These accomplishments set the stage for the *Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project*, a non-profit foundation that was created in 2013, based on events that began in 1998. It was back then that Chris began leading school assemblies as a youth mentor for Colorado Ski Country, and was the spokesperson for their 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program. In 1991, he was named Youth Ambassador for the State of Colorado, and in 1997, he was appointed to the Colorado Speakers Bureau.

I fully believe Chris deserves recognition for inspiring so many young people. He has spoken to over 70,000 school children and has brought thousands of youngsters from their classrooms to the slopes. Chris captures their attention by sharing his mountain adventures from all over the world, and then he uses these experiences to teach them important life lessons. Furthermore, he exposes them to outdoor adventures of their own.

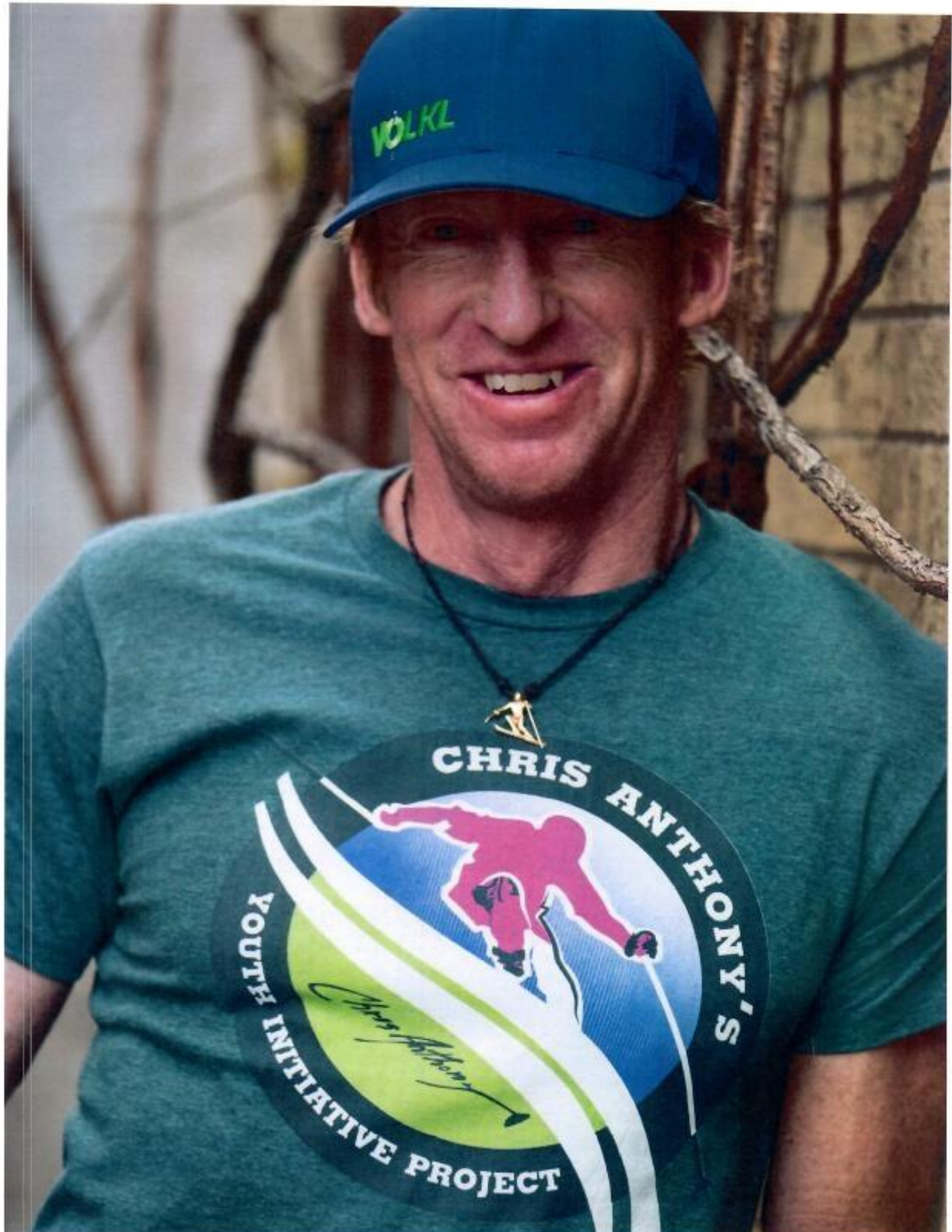
Through his foundation, Chris is developing and underwriting a snow education program, the *Chris Anthony Glide Project*, that includes avalanche certification for high school students in mountain towns.

In addition, Chris was the inspiration, co-producer, and starred in the award-winning documentary, *Climb to Glory*, about America's first ski troopers, the 10th Mountain Division. He shows this piece of Colorado and ski history to the school children he inspires.

Thank you for considering Chris for induction into the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame, and for the opportunity to express my respect and admiration for all he has done and is doing currently. As an athlete and educator, Chris is truly an inspirational role model for everyone in our profession.

Sincerely,
Ellen P Foster

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CHRIS ANTHONY'S
YOUTH INITIATIVE PROJECT



Chris Anthony

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Chris Anthony is a Colorado native, University of Colorado graduate, and longtime Vail resident. His skiing career began as a junior competitor and now he is giving back to the youth of Colorado.

Chris has been involved in youth outreach programs since 1998. In 2013, he created a non-profit foundation called the Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project.

The mission of the Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project is to improve quality of life through introducing youth to educational and enrichment opportunities.

In the years between his early involvement and present time, Chris has touched the lives of over 70,000 students through providing inspirational and educational school programs. As a professional skier, Chris has used his skiing accomplishments and athlete status to open doors and pursue his passion for helping kids. Since the creation of his foundation, he has created programs for Front Range and mountain children to *experience* skiing. Chris has taken thousands of kids from their classrooms to the slopes.

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During school programs, Chris's multi-media presentations transport young audiences on cultural journeys around the planet, highlighting his exploits with the Warren Miller Film Team. He talks with them about chasing their dreams, setting goals, working hard to achieve them, and becoming productive citizens. Furthermore, Chris works closely with teachers to tie the sport of skiing to science and math.



Chris captures the attention of his young audiences, mesmerizing them with visual images of his skiing adventures. They listen intently to him about ecology and the importance of protecting our mountain environment.

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This past winter, Chris started a Snow Science curriculum in mountain towns that includes avalanche education and certification. Not offered in schools, he is underwriting this program through his foundation. It is a much-needed program in locations where kids play in the winter environment that is in their backyards.

Chris has the internal drive and charismatic personality to champion the future participants of our sport. He also has an extensive background and the experience that lends credibility to his profession. For 27 years, Chris traveled all over the world as an athlete and on-screen personality with the sports action film company, Warren Miller Film Entertainment. His feats have been part of the annual Warren Miller feature for longer than any other professional skier to date.



As a pro in the world of freeskiing competition, Chris won many high-profile events, including the Alaskan Extreme Skiing Championships. He is a veteran of 9 World Extreme Skiing Championships, and led going into the final day of competition in both 1996 and 2000. Chris has skied in Iran, Kazakhstan, Ecuador and China. In addition, he spent time with the U.S. Navy, filming on the USS Nimitz as it was being deployed to the Persian Gulf for the film *Off the Grid*.

Between film shoots, speaking engagements, and working with his foundation, Chris hosts programs that take place in Alaska, Chile, Iceland, Italy, and of course, Colorado. He shares his adventurous and outdoor lifestyle with the world by passing on innovative ideas as a helicopter ski guide, journalist, and motivational speaker. During his career, Chris has written articles for several publications, co-authored a guidebook, commissioned and wrote a screenplay, and produced and hosted several television and film projects.

In 2014, Chris co-released an award-winning documentary project he co-produced as well as acted in entitled *Climb to Glory*. For this production, he partnered with the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum and Max Bervy with Warren Miller Entertainment. They provided a limited release of the film to charitable organizations and raised more than a half million dollars on behalf for these organizations.



In 1998 Colorado Ski Country named Chris the spokesperson for their 5th & 6th Grade Passport Program. The Passport Program served as a platform for him to design his own school-mentoring curriculum now operating under the Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project. A proud moment for Chris was receiving the 2014 St. Jude Children's Hospital Sarah Burke Spirit Award for his work with youth.

Chris has volunteered thousands of hours for many charitable organizations and along the way, raised over a million dollars on their behalf. His accolades include being named Youth Ambassador for the State of Colorado in 1991 by the Governor, and appointed to the Colorado Speakers Bureau in 1997. This experience built his confidence as a public speaker and opened doors for him. He now speaks in front of thousands of people, as an inspirational skier for a variety of engagements from charity to corporate events in Colorado.

Generous in his contributions, Chris has worked directly with the following organizations: SOS Outreach, Boys and Girls Clubs of Denver, First Descents, Vail Valley Foundation, The School of Shred, Lake Eldora Ski and Snowboard Club, Montessori School of Denver, Vail Valley Charitable Fund, Heuga Center, E.P.I.C Foundation, Jeremy Blooms Wish of a Lifetime, Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum, Ski & Snowboard Club Vail, Children's Hospital of Denver and The Colorado Non-Profit Development Center.

Most of all, Chris has not forgotten what it's like to be a ski racing kid who watched Warren Miller films every fall with his parents, dreaming about one day skiing on mountains in far off lands. Now, he brings inspiration to every kid who has a dream.

June 13, 2017

Dear Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Nominating Committee:

I am writing to support the nomination of Chris Anthony to the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. Chris accomplished great things on skis through racing, big mountain comps and skiing for the camera. I'd like to share a few things about Chris and why he is worthy of receiving acceptance into the Hall of Fame, given to an influential and passionate person who illustrates a sense of spirit and compassion for sport and our youth. I've had the pleasure of working with Chris as a professional skier while I was the managing director of Warren Miller Entertainment (WME), producing and directing films for 25 years. During my time at WME, no other athlete had the passion and sense of purpose for making documentary and action sports films. Chris has turned his passion for skiing into a successful career as an athlete and tireless promotor of the sport of skiing spanning nearly three decades. Chris has inspired millions of winter sports enthusiasts through his appearances in over 27 annual Warren Miller Entertainment feature films as well as being an emcee and host of hundreds of WME film screenings.

Chris has been on assignments to many far corners of the globe as an athlete and ambassador for the film. Switzerland, France, Austria to Bulgaria, Alaska and throughout North America, to high above the arctic circle in Norway, as well as Equator, China, Kazakhstan and Iran (where they still talk about the peace talks that he personally conducted). He's even been to the US Marines Mountain Warfare Training Center to train with the US Marine Corp and sailed with the US Navy filming on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier as it was being deployed to the Persian Gulf.

These are locations and props are one's that I'm proud of as well, and sent Chris to all of these assignments knowing that if the snow was bad, he'd charge hard to make it look deep and light or if the helicopters couldn't fly or the luggage and skis were lost by the airlines, he'd help make something happen by bringing creative ideas - always understanding that the assignment was not about him, but that he was a sum of the parts and working closely with the director of photography would yield the best results. His experiences have been amazing, and very unusual, especially for a civilian, and most definitely for a professional skier. And with all the untracked powder turns and friendships that Chris has experienced on these assignments, he always leaves behind more than he takes. Chris has a special gift of sharing his love and interest for the mountains, the people, culture and his skiing by connecting with youth to help them Dream It and Be It.

While that in itself would constitute a highly successful athletic ski career, (not to mention his ski camps in Europe, North & South America annually) Chris's greatest accomplishment thus far has been with his charitable efforts and giving back to a vast number of children. His deep interest in sharing the sport of skiing and his global travels lead to school classroom and assembly presentations that have inspired children on so many different levels. For the past 18 years, Chris has shared his global adventures with Colorado's youth and has made hundreds of school visits throughout the state and spoken and influenced thousands of our children to teach them about geographical locations, snow science and national cultures. This is tremendous generosity that truly pays it forward evolving into his own foundation called, Chris Anthony's Youth Initiative Project with the mission to improve quality of life through introducing youth to educational enrichment opportunities.

The hundreds of film screenings and public appearances that he has made, Chris always makes sure there is a good cause attached that benefits people in need - ultimately raising hundreds of thousands of dollars and awareness for various causes.

Some athletes make history and Chris Anthony has made history with his skiing. I have tremendous respect for Chris's originality, creativity and fearless commitment to enhance and grow the sport of skiing. Please consider this and other recommendations to give a deserving friend Chris Anthony acceptance into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Max Bervy



COLORADO
Gov. John Hickenlooper

May 30, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Governor John Hickenlooper, it is my pleasure to provide this letter in support of Chris Anthony. I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Anthony over the past decade, especially in respect to his work with high-risk youth in Colorado.

Work involving underserved populations is tremendously challenging in and of itself, and it is rare that the field of youth services will attract a community leader with the passion, dedication, and skill-level that Chris demonstrates in his work. Chris' experiences both in the private sector and as an active community spokesperson and volunteer speak to his competencies in this area. For the past decade, I have observed a growing passion in Chris for working with homeless and at-risk youth as a member of the Warren Miller Film Team. He is patient and kind, but is also culturally competent and sensitive to the contexts in which he works.

Among Chris's many assets is his ability to step "outside the box", mediate, and negotiate solutions that render positive outcomes. Chris is exceptional in setting attainable yet challenging goals for himself. And his drive to combine practical knowledge with academic experience is definitely a strength. He fundamentally enjoys working with people and is an asset to any cause or organization in which he associates.

Well recognized in the community for his work, Chris was named the Youth Ambassador for the State of Colorado in 1991 and has served on the Colorado Speakers Bureau. He received the St. Jude Children's Hospital Sarah Burke Spirit Award and founded the Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project to mentor young people into successful and stable living situations.

It is without reservation that I support Chris in his future work as an advocate for the young people of Colorado. I have enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with this outstanding individual and am confident that he will contribute significantly to whatever organization or cause that he associates with. If you have any additional questions regarding the work that I have done with this exceptional person, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Van Leeuwen".

Jamie Van Leeuwen
Senior Advisor
Governor John W. Hickenlooper





MISSION STATEMENT:

The Mission of the Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project is to improve quality of life through introducing youth to educational enrichment opportunities in Arts, Athletics and Academics as well as provide financial support where needed.

What We Do:

1 The Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project underwrites Classroom Presenters from experts in their fields upon request from teachers, coaches and educators. An example of popular topics:

- **Peer Pressure and Group Think**
- **Documentary film, *Climb to Glory*** - the story behind the WWII 10th Mountain Division.
- **A Geographical journey** around the planet through a multi-media presentation with Chris Anthony's Warren Miller segments.
- **The Glide Project** offers age-appropriate avalanche education and snow science curriculum for youth who wish to learn more about our natural winter environment.



2 **Bridging students** to educational and experiential enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom as well as providing the financial aid necessary for every student to attend.

3 **Underwriting and building educational tools** to enhance the classroom LEARNING experience.

*Also available to present,
the strings fusion group,
Spinphony*



Three Violinists and a Cello player will perform at schools upon request and availability. The goal is to share the gift of music and introduce the violin to students.

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OUR OBJECTIVES:

- Provide Mentors & Guest Speakers at no-cost to schools for classroom presentations
 - Expose students to a world beyond the classroom and provide teachers a cultural platform from which to expand upon
 - Underwrite field trips that extend the purpose of the school visit and provide further educational experiences.
 - Build innovative educational tools
 - Provide individual scholarships
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WHO IS CHRIS ANTHONY:

Chris Anthony is a Colorado native and professional skier, producer and writer. His adventures have taken him all over the world as one of Warren Miller Entertainment's go-to athletes for 27 years.

MOTIVATION FOR THE PROJECT

Chris Anthony grew up with a learning disability. Surrounded with the discipline of sport and wonderful mentors, he found the perseverance to develop a skill-set that gave him the confidence and foundation to excel.

In retrospect, he realized that the greatest impact on his childhood development came from experts in their field who guided him through learning experiences. It is this awareness that inspired the mission of the CAYIP.

IMPACT:

Since becoming a 501(c) organization of the **Colorado Nonprofit Development Center** in 2013, the Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project has reached over 30,000 students. Since 1988, Chris Anthony has reached well over 70,000 students through various programs.

DONATIONS:

- Donations are Tax- Deductible and made to the Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project (CYIP) CNDC EIN 84-1493585.

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