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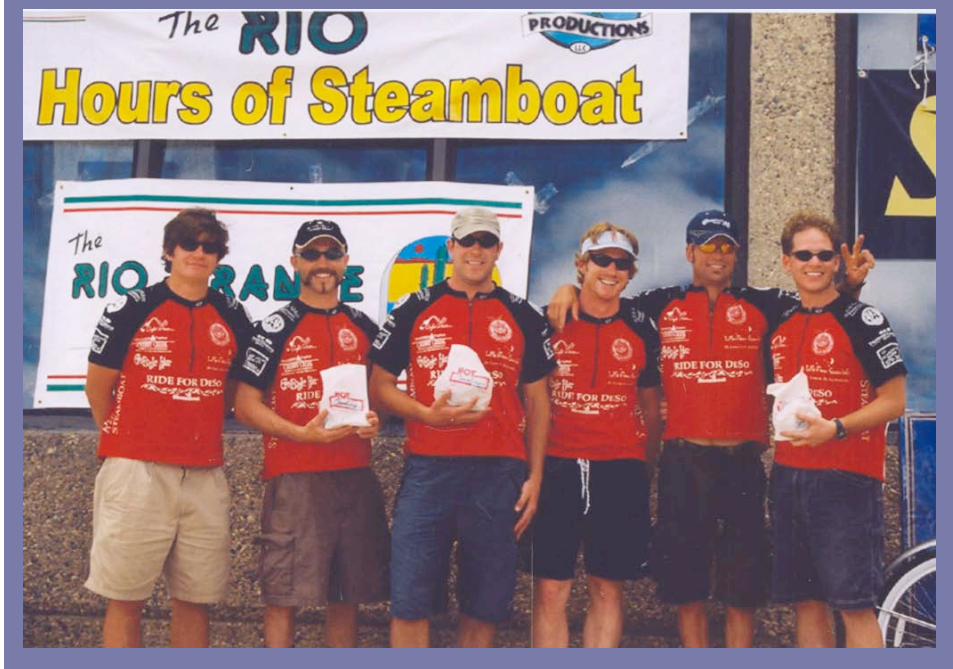
## GREETINGS FROM THE DeSo FOUNDATION!

In February, Justin's family and friends gathered in Steamboat Springs, CO for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual ***Ski for DeSo***. Once again, nearly 100 people joined us to remember and celebrate Justin's love for Steamboat. As has been our practice, The DeSo Foundation made its annual contribution to the Yampa Valley Community Foundation supporting scholarships for Steamboat high school students.

This year, we were pleased to have Emile Eckart, one of The DeSo Foundation's NOLS Patagonia scholars, join us for the festivities. To date, we have sponsored 11 students on Semesters to Patagonia and 4 instructor level courses conducted in the Wind River Range in Wyoming, in Alaska, and in British Columbia. Next January, a 12<sup>th</sup> student will embark on an adventure of a lifetime when he heads to Patagonia for the spring semester course.



Friends and family gathered in Steamboat Springs, CO to remember Justin in February 2004



Ride for DeSo team claiming their victory in the corporate open division

On June 14, 2004 The DeSo Foundation helped support the **Ride for DeSo** team as it competed in the first annual **Rio 24 Hours of Steamboat** mountain bike race. The team peddled for 24 hours straight, through rain and hail, and managed to win the corporate open division! We are thrilled to have been a part of such a fun event and look forward to more like it in the coming years.

In 2004, The DeSo Foundation contributed to *cityWILD*. The mission of *cityWILD* is to provide Metro Denver youth with experiential and outdoor learning opportunities that promote personal empowerment, leadership, and community participation. *cityWILD* motivates participants to reach their potential at home, in school, and within their community.



We hope you have enjoyed this DeSo Foundation update! As you can see, 2004 has been a busy year for us! In addition to Ski for DeSo, NOLS, Ride for DeSo, and *cityWILD*, we graduated our 4<sup>th</sup> student from Bridgton Academy in Maine this past May. And, Suraya, who earned her MBA in June, has been working with The Cable Center in Denver to revamp and launch the Justin DeSorrento Opportunity for Excellence Award & Internship Program in 2005. We will be sure to keep you posted regarding these undertakings, as well as our newest big project, which will be formally announced in our next newsletter! We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

***PLEASE note: The DeSo Foundation and Suraya have moved!***

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