



Hello From The DeSo Foundation!

In early April, Jim, Karen, and Suraya joined a group of trustees and senior administrators from Kent Denver School in Englewood, CO to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for *Justin DeSorrento Memorial Field*. After many months of discussion and planning, we are thrilled to begin construction on this latest and largest project for The DeSo Foundation. The all-weather, synthetic grass playing field will be the first of its kind among Colorado independent schools and will provide a regulation sized surface for soccer, football, lacrosse, and field hockey. Additionally, a press box, concession stand, public restrooms, and both home and visiting team locker rooms will enable a wide variety of fans to enjoy their favorite sport from the nearly 1,000 seat stadium and knoll areas.



Jim, Karen, and Suraya at the field groundbreaking in April

Completion will be in time for the fall sports teams to play. A formal dedication and retirement of Justin's #18 will take place on Friday, October 10th in connection with homecoming weekend. Finally, an award for leadership and excellence on the soccer field will be established in Justin's name.



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The DeSo Foundation has been sponsoring the DeSo's Dream: Patagonia scholarship with NOLS (the National Outdoor Leadership School) since 1997. The Foundation has provided assistance to 9 persons to participate in this rigorous and rewarding program. Our success with NOLS has led to the decision to support

our first two students on Instructor's Courses. This is a natural progression for the Foundation as we believe Justin would have loved to be a NOLS instructor were

he given the opportunity. Both students recently graduated from their IC courses and are ready to begin working for NOLS.



Ski for DeSo is an annual event which is held each year in Steamboat Springs, CO on Justin's Birthday, February 5th. A group of family and friends have come together to remember and celebrate Justin's life for the past six years. In conjunction with **Ski for DeSo**, The DeSo Foundation makes a donation to Steamboat's Yampa Valley Community Foundation. The funds are put toward helping local high school seniors go to college.



The annual sleigh ride dinner helps everyone remember Justin on his birthday.

*We hope you have enjoyed this DeSo Foundation update! Have a great summer and keep in touch! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact Suraya at:
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