

Peter Forsberg & Denver Chop House Foundation Help Fund Adaptive Adventures' Youth Programs

Colorado Avalanche forward Peter Forsberg and the Denver Chop House Foundation presented a check for \$35,000 to Adaptive Adventures this February. Cofounders Joel Berman and Matt Feeny were thrilled with the infusion of funds into their children's programs. "I've always known Peter was a great hockey player, but clearly he has a passion for helping children as well," said Feeny.

The funds were raised during Forsberg's February 24th *Step Right Up For Kids* fundraiser held in the *Sing Sing Room* at the Denver Chop House. The event raised more than \$175,000 for five charities in the Denver Metro area and abroad. The star-studded evening showcased Forsberg and many of his NHL colleagues, who donated items for both a silent and a live auction. Forsberg himself and former Colorado Rocky Mike Lansing each contributed by bidding 5 figures to ride in a Russian MIG fighter jet. The evening also included a guest appearance by the American Furniture Warehouse white tiger, and a soulful performance by *Hazel Miller*. The final act of the night was a powerful performance by Denver's own *Opie Gone Bad*.



Matthew McLaughlin gets some hockey tips from Peter Forsberg during the check presentation.

"I want to thank Adaptive Adventures for making my first year of mono-skiing one I will always remember." Travis Snow - Participant



Executive Director Joel Berman accepts a \$35,000 check from Peter Forsberg and Bill Schallmoser.

Opie's front man Jake Schroeder and Bill Shallmoser of the Chop House Foundation were both instrumental in putting the event together.

Evergreen-based Adaptive Adventures, provides progressive, recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in the Denver Metro area and nationwide. The 4-year-old nonprofit organization has always put a big focus on youth programs. According to Adaptive Adventures' Executive Director Joel Berman, "The money raised by Peter and Bill will help us deliver some of the kids programs we've been trying to implement for a few years now." Adaptive skiing, cycling, water-skiing, and kayaking are just a few of the activities offered throughout the year. "This funding will help us create new opportunities within the Denver community, and I think it will go a long way towards changing the lives of children with disabilities," said Berman.

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