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The Colorado Crush/Dick's Sporting Goods Assist Children

Denver, CO – On Monday May 12, Dick's Sporting Goods Belmar store at 7313 West Alaska Drive in Lakewood will provide \$2,000 in vouchers to 20 children with developmental disabilities so they may shop in the store. With the vouchers the children, ages 7-15, will be able to purchase sports items from any area of the store. The Crush's quarterback **John Dutton**, a spokesman for arc Thrift Stores, will be on hand as will **Luke Stahmer**, vice president of operations for The Crush, **Lloyd Lewis**, president/ceo of arc Thrift as well as other executives from arc Thrift and other Crush players. The children will be coming from the Jefferson County, Aurora, and Larimer County ARC chapters. Also in attendance will be **Michelle Sie**, Executive Director of the Anna and John J. Sie Foundation which is dedicated to helping children and adults with Down Syndrome, and **Cindy Peña**, wife of former Denver Mayor Federico Peña. Stahmer said that "Dick's Sporting Goods shows great community responsibility in helping children with developmental disabilities, and I look forward to Dick's continued involvement with The Crush in assisting arc Thrift Stores in its mission for persons with disabilities and their families."

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About arc Thrift Stores

Through high standards and a commitment to excellence and integrity, the mission of arc Thrift Stores (www.arcthrift.com) is to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by providing funding to support the ARC and ACL programs of Colorado. Developmental disabilities include Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and all other forms of developmental disabilities. There are 11 ARC and ACL chapters in Colorado which provide advocacy and services for person with developmental disabilities. arc Thrift, with an annual budget of \$40 million and more than 700 employees, has generated more than \$10 million in proceeds during the last five years.