

*On the court - play hard, play smart and play with heart.  
Off the court - reach deep, reach out and show kindness.*



**LAKESWOOD, CO, May 16, 2016** - The family of Mackenzie Forrest - parents Holger and Denise and brother Gavin - Monday presented Gold Crown Foundation ([GoldCrownFoundation.com](http://GoldCrownFoundation.com)) Co-Founder Bill Hanzlik and Executive Director Kevin Petty with a check for over \$26,000 in memory of “Lil’ Mac,” who died in a car accident March 13.

“It has been very hard for us to understand why this happened,” said Holger, “and nearly impossible to bear the pain. But we know Mac’s spirit and kindness are guiding us.”

The Forrests say Gold Crown represents much of Mackenzie’s life - her love of basketball and her dedication to impacting the lives of underserved kids. Soon after Mackenzie passed away, people began sending the Forrests donations in Mac’s honor. As a family, they’ve decided to pass these along to Gold Crown to help fund scholarships to the enrichment program ([GoldCrownEnrichment.org](http://GoldCrownEnrichment.org)), where young participants have access to 3D Design and STEM programs, hands-on building workshops, and much more.

“We think of our enrichment space as an artist’s studio, inventor’s workshop, design house, hacker space, music studio, even a computer game development lab - all at once,” said Gold Crown Enrichment Director Fran Baker.

“And we love this program because it enables young people to explore their own potential and have opportunities to grow that might not otherwise have come their way,” added Holger.

“Gold Crown Foundation is honored to work with the Forrest family to carry on the memory of Mackenzie through our enrichment and sports programs,” said Gold Crown Executive Director Kevin Petty.

Gold Crown has established the Mackenzie Forrest Legacy Fund, which has already received over \$11,000 in additional donations and matching funds from Cisco, for a total of over \$37,000 to date. To donate, visit [MacForrest33.com](http://MacForrest33.com) or [GoldCrownFoundation.com](http://GoldCrownFoundation.com).

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*The Gold Crown Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation founded in 1986 by former NBA great Bill Hanzlik and Colorado business leader Ray Baker, operates with a mission “to educate youth and community through sports and enrichment programs.” In the past 12 years, Gold Crown Enrichment has served more than 6000 youth in a safe and supportive environment, encouraging young people to imagine creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively in order to learn continuously.*



Photo Caption: Denise and Holger Forrest with Gold Crown Foundation Executive Director Kevin Petty (L) and Co-Founder Bill Hanzlik (R). The Forrests presented a check for over \$26,000 to Gold Crown in memory of their daughter, Mackenzie. The funds, plus ongoing donations and matching funds from Cisco, will support scholarships for the Gold Crown Enrichment Program. [GoldCrownEnrichment.org](http://GoldCrownEnrichment.org)