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## **“Eye on the Ball” sculpture adds new dimension to Coca-Cola All-Star Park**

*Sculpture, donated by Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District, will be dedicated on July 15*

**LAKEWOOD, CO (July 9, 2019)** — Baseball fans will soon be able to keep their eye on the ball when they visit Keli McGregor Field at Coca-Cola All-Star Park as The Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District (ACBID) is donating a new sculpture to the Gold Crown Foundation.

Created by artist Price “Ted” Davis, the sculpture is a stainless steel baseball suspended from a supporting steel structure designed to match the steel beams of the park itself.

Dedication of this new art piece is the culmination of a collaboration between ACBID, Gold Crown Foundation, Davis, art consultant Arielle Shapiro and Lakewood Heritage, Culture and the Arts.

“All-Star Park is an important community institution and a landmark on West Alameda,” said Tom Quinn, ACBID Executive Director. “We have long dreamed of placing a major iconic public art work in front of the park to celebrate its place in the community.” Full funding for the sculpture was provided by ACBID.

The [Gold Crown Foundation](#), now in its 33rd year, is a premier Colorado-based nonprofit responsible for educating youth and community through sports and enrichment programs. Moreover, the foundation’s youth sports and education programs impact approximately 17,000 kids each year. Coca-Cola All-Star Park is the proud home of the Colorado Christian University baseball team and sees thousands of enthusiastic baseball fans come through its gates each year.

“We are very excited to have such a unique piece of art displayed in front of Coca-Cola All-Star Park,” said Dillon Barkman, Director of Facilities at Gold Crown Foundation. “We are so thankful ACBID chose Gold Crown Foundation for this piece and look forward to watching it become a key part of the fan experience at our facility.”

The dedication is open to the public and will take place at 2 pm on Monday, July 15 in front of the main entrance of the park.

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**About Gold Crown Foundation:** The Gold Crown Foundation, a Colorado nonprofit 501(c)3, offers youth sports and education programs to nearly 17,000 boys and girls annually throughout Colorado and the surrounding states. Founded in 1986 by former Denver Nugget player and coach, Bill Hanzlik, and his business partner Ray Baker, Gold Crown Foundation’s mission statement is “Educating Youth and Community through Sports and Enrichment Programs.” Through basketball, volleyball, golf and educational programs, Gold Crown teaches youth life skills and grants almost \$500,000 in scholarships annually to kids ages 8-20. Gold Crown operates three sports complexes and two enrichment facilities; Coca-Cola All-Star Park, Jr. Golf Learning Center, Gold Crown Field House, Best Buy Teen Tech Center and the Gold Crown Clubhouse at Edgewater. The 56,000 square foot Gold Crown Field House has approximately 450,000 participants and visitors come through its doors each year. The facilities allow for youth participation in a clean, safe, and one-of-a-kind environment.





**About the Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District (ACBID):** The Lakewood City Council established the Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District by ordinance adopted in 2003 under the provisions of the Colorado Business Improvement District Act. ACBID's mission is to promote a vibrant community in the Downtown Lakewood Business Corridor through thoughtful financial stewardship and strategic partnerships. To learn more, visit [alamedaconnects.org/faq-bid/](https://alamedaconnects.org/faq-bid/).

