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TEAM DECC presents: Debra Loya, Denver International Airport
Featured Nonprofit: Caruso Family Charities

On July 10th 2013 my daughter Gabby was diagnosed with APML leukemia, she had just celebrated her 13th birthday. She was admitted to Children's Hospital Colorado immediately. She started an aggressive chemotherapy treatment immediately. In the midst of the storm/journey after several months had passed I gathered myself and sat down and look at our finances and how were we going to deal with the financial burden of this. During this journey several friends called me and told me about Caruso Family Charities. They also told Caruso Family Charities (Jerry) about us. Jerry Caruso was waiting for me to call him. I struggled with my pride and kept delaying the call I kept saying "we will make it we will get by". Thing were getting tough and I put my pride aside.. I called him and we talked about his charity and what they do for families who have children with life threatening illness's he said



could help lighten some of our financial burden. I went through the process, filled out all the paper work, Caruso Family Charities helped us. Jerry came to the house to meet us a few days right before Christmas Gabby had just got home from the hospital, she had completed an aggressive round of chemo. We had not yet put up a Christmas tree or even thought about the Holiday. If it was not for Jerry Caruso's charity Caruso Family Charities we would have not been able to celebrated Christmas in a special way. Having our daughter well was Christmas enough for the Loya's but Caruso Family Charities made it possible for our family to have a little extra special Christmas that year. This organization is incredible. Debra Loya

This week's featured agency: **Caruso Family Charities**



Mission Statement

Caruso Family Charities is a 501c3 dedicated to financially assisting families who have a child suffering with cancer. We help mainly Colorado families but also families of children being treated in Colorado. We partner with the Rocky Mountain Childhood Cancer Foundation to cover a range of needs for these families. The financial needs vary from family to family. Everyday living expenses, like groceries, rent, insurance payments, phone or energy bills, insurance co-pays, gas and tuition are common. Sometimes hotel stays are needed if the family lives far away from the treatments their child needs. We have even purchased an airline ticket for a mother in Virginia. Our mission is to help relieve some of these financial pressures so the family can concentrate on taking care of the needs of their sick child.

Click [here](#) to learn more about **Caruso Family Charities**.