



**TEAM DECC presents:** Edward Manzanares, Parks & Recreation  
**Featured Nonprofit:** The First Tee of Denver

The First Tee of Denver teaches fundamentals of playing golf and several key maturing values (like, honesty, teamwork, integrity, etc.). April through October; September through May, the First Tee organizes and facilitates educational learning centers in Denver Public Schools to students in need of tutoring and friendship.

I have been connected to The First Tee of Denver for 10 years now. In the beginning as a father of two of their participants (ages then, 5yr and 6yr) and now as a monthly donor and supporter of most, if not all, of their fund-raising efforts. My oldest son, 16yrs, has been a key member of his High School State Champion Golf team while overcoming a disabling hip disease. He turned to golf and the First Tee as a kid and is currently employed with The First Tee teaching young kids the game of golf.



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This week's featured agency: **The First Tee of Denver**



**Mission Statement**

The mission of The First Tee of Denver is to educate and inspire youth academically, socially, and physically through the game of golf.

The First Tee of Denver (TFTD) was created in order to raise dollars to supplement the junior golf program to give opportunities to children who might not have had them otherwise. Providing resources and opportunities for children and ultimately benefiting the community by helping to create good citizens is what TFTD strives to do. The values-based programs reward responsible behavior, provide character development, and provide a fun engaging sport alternative that youth can benefit from for a

lifetime.

Click [here](#) to learn more about The First Tee of Denver.