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TEEN DRIVER SURVIVAL COURSE AWARD OFFERED BY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Parents with a new driver in the family discover a whole new level of worry as they watch their newly-licensed teen drive away. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among 15 – 20 year olds. Parents are rightly concerned about their teenage driver's safety.

A Driving Skills course teaches skills that can save lives. For the ninth year, donors to the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley are providing a tuition-paid, 2-day Defensive Driving Training Course through MasterDrive of Colorado Springs. Gunnison Valley teens with a Driving Learner's Permit or a Provisional Driving Permit (ages 15 to 18) are eligible for the award that teaches car control in various conditions and situations. The award also includes an allowance for some expenses.

The student receives two full days of in-car training, gaining lifesaving skills from a professional instructor. The course includes crash avoidance and precision maneuvering, controlling the vehicle's changing weight dynamics, braking, backing, and skid control and recovery. Last year's winner, Jamey Albers, spoke enthusiastically of the program: "MasterDrive was capped off by a parent recital, where my father commented on my recently learned skills. He said that I was taught different things than he was, and that I was already a better driver!"

Another previous winner stated, "I think this course should be required for all beginning drivers. I would definitely take the course again if I got the chance!"

For more information about the driving experience, please visit MasterDrive's website, www.masterdrive.com. Applications for this award are available on the Foundation's website, www.cfgv.org, at GHS, GVS or CBHS Offices, – or stop by the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley office, located at 805 West Tomichi (11th Street Entrance). Please call 641-8837 for more information. Application deadline is Monday, April 19.

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