"Getting to go places with the Senior Center has stretched me, gotten me out of my comfort zone by trying new things, kept me active, been good for my brain, and helped me to make friends. I am so grateful."

- Pauline, a rider

"I get great satisfaction by helping others, and I love learning the stories of their lives when the riders share them. I get to meet so many interesting and fascinating seniors by giving of my time."

- Charlie, a driver

All the statistics in the world about how many rides we provide and how many volunteers drive for the Senior Center can't compare to actually seeing it on the faces and hearing it in the voices of those who readily admit they would be lost without our services and by those who give countless hours to help others for no remuneration other than a smile or a hug. Here is just a small snippet of the feelings of those involved in the Castle Rock Senior Center Transportation Program.
"I am 90 years old and the Senior Center transportation services helps me to remain in my own home. It is very much appreciated." - a rider

"I love the drivers; they are all caring and wonderful people."
- Cindy, a rider

"I drive for the Senior Center because I want to help someone in need and receive smiles and satisfaction that I did something good today." - Rich, a driver

"I am so grateful for your transportation as I can't drive anymore and my husband has Parkinson's and we need to go to the doctor a lot."
- Georgia, a rider

"I am so happy with this marvelous service and appreciate it so much."
- Patricia, a rider

"I am a single full-time working mother. Baylee (who is blind) relies 100% on your transportation services to get to work and day programs for disabled adults."
- Baylee's mom

"I wouldn't know what to do without the Center." - a rider

"The staff are wonderful and always helpful." - a rider
October 19, 2016.

Debbi Haynie, Executive Director
Castle Rock Senior Activity Center
2323 Woodlands Blvd.
Castle Rock, CO

As I watched Jon, our driver today, assist my fellow passengers move toward their Castle Rock home, I thought “What a valuable service the Senior Center’s transportation is!” He using a walker, she in a wheelchair. Smiling, able to go and do!

I’ve been a five-day-a-week rider for more than a year. My husband is an Alzheimer victim, a resident at Metzler Memory Care. I am legally blind. The Senior Center transportation makes spending time with Griff, aiding him, possible! The skilled volunteer drivers make the ride a pleasure!

[Signature]

Sonya [Redacted]
October 20, 2016

Dear Castle Rock Senior Activity Center and transportation funders,

I am a member of the Castle Rock Senior Activity Center. I am not able to see to drive and I use their transportation service. In order to get a ride, I fill out a transportation form a month ahead of time. The Center has well trained drivers that are very kind, considerate and helpful. I use the transportation for my medical appointments, errands and to participate in activities at the Senior Center.

I feel that Castle Rock’s Senior Center has one of the best transportation programs that allows seniors more independence. In fact, this year I moved out of my daughter’s home and into my own apartment, and I wouldn’t have been able to do that without having the availability of transportation.

I would hope this would continue for all of those who need this service.

Dorothy L
Dear [Name],

I hope you know how appreciated you are.

Just saying "thank you."....

Best,

[Name]
Debbie Haynie, Executive Director  
Castle Rock Senior Center  
2323 Woodlands Blvd.  
Castle Rock, CO 80104  

October 10, 2016  

Dear Mrs. Haynie:  

This is a letter of appreciation for the valuable transportation services the Castle Rock Senior Center ("CRSC") has provided for me for nearly 12 years, a veritable lifeline for myself and other disabled seniors.  

As you know, I live by myself in a rural area of beautiful Douglas County, but unfortunately one not served by any public transportation. Neighbors are far apart, much younger, work long hours and although nice, are not available to meet any transportation needs. With the death of my wife, no family is available either and my peers generally do not drive and/or are in worse condition than me.  

My ability to drive has for a long time been severely restricted by total blindness in one eye and low vision in the other. Then after a near fatal auto crash several years ago, I lost full use of my legs and live with chronic disabling back pain that at times does not allow me to walk much less drive. There was a 6-month period during 2015-2016 that I became totally blind after an eye operation.  

During that period CRSC not only provided medical, but also transportation for food shopping, haircut, etc. Without your help I would not have been able to stay in my home. Given these disabilities and my rapid advance to 75 years of age, there is no doubt my reliance on CRSC's transportation services will become ever more valuable and necessary. My doctor advised me to be prepared to lose my severely limited driving privileges and move from my home of many years, unless I can find access to transportation. YOU ARE THAT ACCESS! Having to move would break my spirit and would be so unfair.
Thank you and please thank all the amazing drivers, your transportation coordinator, Tina Whitby, and last, but certainly not least, all your gracious funding sources, who without your transportation services would not be viable and without which, I would not be viable.

Sincerely,

H. Ruhl, Jr.
November 16, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Blessings in our lives!! The #1 blessing in our lives since August 2016 has been the Castle Rock Senior Center transportation service.

I have been the driver for my husband and me for many years due to his impaired vision. When I fell on 12/14/15 never did we envision my recovery would be ongoing until the present time especially after my spending 3 ½ months in a rehab center.

Castle Rock Senior Center transportation has provided rides for us locally and to our dental and medical appointments at Sky Ridge Medical Center, Lone Tree area and Centennial,

Every driver has made us feel that they were here just for us so have become wonderful new friends. Our gratitude is boundless for this awesome service and to the generous volunteers who make it possible.

Many, many thanks to Tina and Stephanie for their dedication and jobs tremendously well done!

Most sincerely,

Dee and Rich