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**KARL MECKLENBURG AND 95 COLORADO SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS  
RAISE \$84,423.00 FOR CEREBRAL PALSY OF COLORADO  
AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL STRAIGHT SHOT SPORTING CLAY EVENT**

DENVER, CO – September 5, 2007: Cerebral Palsy of Colorado (CP of CO) recently announced that retired Denver Broncos Star, Karl Mecklenburg, hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event on August 10 & 11, 2007 at Colorado Clays in Brighton. “We were so excited to have Karl Mecklenburg generously donate his time and an autographed jersey to help us. We were thrilled when he offered a second one to match”, states Judy Ham, President and CEO of CP of CO. 2007 was the 2nd year for this unique fund-raiser and one of the largest of its kind in the state raising more than \$84,000. Shooters of all abilities packed the two day tournament complete with cocktails and cigars on the terrace and dinner prepared by Corporate Sponsor Halliburton.

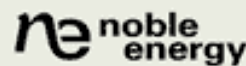
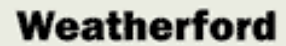
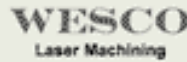


Matt Higgins with Karl Mecklenburg



From upper left to bottom right:  
Kyle Lesniak, Karl Mecklenburg, Brian Murry, Sally Kroger,  
Wendell Salas and Angel Diele.

*A Special "Thank You" To All Of Our Wonderful Sponsors!*



#### ABOUT BENEFICIARY CEREBRAL PALSY OF COLORADO (CP OF CO):

Straight Shot benefits Cerebral Palsy of Colorado and CP of CO's Infantile Scoliosis Outreach Program (ISOP) at CP of Colorado. CP of CO provides early care and education, employment and family support services for Coloradans with a wide variety of abilities. They range from physical, mental health, and neurological challenges to "at risk" individuals and those with other life barriers. Last year, CP of Colorado served nearly 16,000 individuals and families. Children, birth to five years old, received early childhood care, education, intervention and family support. Youth and adults with disabilities or other barriers to employment received job training, placement and retention services. In addition, Children, youth and adults with disabilities and their families received support services in the form of parent support groups, health care forums and access to resources throughout the state.



#### ABOUT KARL MECKLENBURG:

A Former Denver Broncos captain and All-Pro, Karl Mecklenburg rose from being a college walk-on and a 12th round draft pick to a pro career that included six Pro Bowl and three Super Bowl appearances. Considered the NFL's most versatile player, Karl played all seven defensive front positions. Bronco coaches wanted him at the point of attack and would move him throughout the game. There were many games where Mecklenburg played all 7 positions in the course of a single game. In 2001 Karl was inducted into the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. He also serves on the Broncos Alumni Council.

Since retiring from pro football in 1995, Karl divides his time between family, motivational speaking, and his ongoing charity involvements. Karl and his wife Kathi have three children. The Mecklenburgs still live in Littleton Colorado and attend West Bowles Community Church.

The Mecklenburgs have had a strong commitment to many Colorado charities through the years, which they continue to uphold. In 2006 they formed the Karl Mecklenburg REACH Foundation in an effort to further impact the youth of Colorado. To learn more about REACH go to [www.karlmecklenburg.org](http://www.karlmecklenburg.org) Karl has had numerous speaking engagements with church, school and civic groups. Karl and Kathi have both served on the board of directors for "Pros With A Purpose". "Pros" works with Denver Rescue Mission to pair homeless families with community mentor-teams [volunteers]. These teams help the families to help themselves by providing budgeting, spiritual and vocational guidance as well as financial support such as apartment security deposit funds. Karl is a Trustee of Colorado Youth Outdoors.

[www.coloradoyo.org](http://www.coloradoyo.org) CYO brings high schoolers and their parents together to learn about and experience traditional outdoor sports. Karl has also served as an honorary board member with The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Aspen Youth Experience.

Karl has enjoyed speaking to a variety of groups over the years, and his story is both humorous and inspirational. The lessons life in the NFL taught him about teamwork, courage, dedication, desire, honesty and forgiveness, and goal setting can be applied anywhere. Mecklenburg has used his special brand of motivation as an assistant football coach at Kent Denver High School. Karl works with Accent Windows as a spokesman [www.accentwindows.com](http://www.accentwindows.com). He has hosted a radio program, done television sideline reporting and studio work, and written columns for the Denver Post. In 1987 he was the coauthor of *Meck For The Defense*, published by McGraw-Hill.