



Dear Friends of Homeschooling in Colorado,

2018 was a significant milestone for homeschooling in Colorado, marking the 30th anniversary of Colorado's first Homeschool Law, which acknowledges that "it is the primary right and obligation of the parent to choose the proper education and training for children under his care and supervision."

But sadly, 2018 was also the year when Colorado became the first state in the nation to elect an openly homosexual governor. **An extreme progressive, Governor Elect Jared Polis has a radical agenda concerning traditional marriage and education in particular.**

His pledge to bring free, universal, full-day kindergarten and preschool to Colorado within his first two years of office underscores his belief that "it takes a village" to raise a child.

His agenda will be backed by the Colorado House of Representatives, Senate, and all state executive offices.

In 1973, Colorado was considered to be one of the top 10 most dangerous states in which to homeschool. Although homeschoolers enjoy great freedom today, our homeschool freedom is more tenuous than many realize. **Under Colorado's new political leadership, CHEC expects a new wave of legislation that will undermine homeschool freedom, parental rights, and religious liberties.**

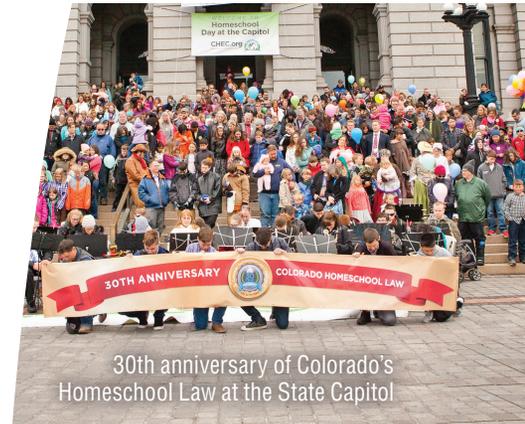
It is imperative that homeschoolers stand with CHEC as we fight to keep our freedoms secure by showcasing the success of homeschooling to our legislators and opposing the efforts of those who want us to return to the "dark ages" of Colorado's homeschool freedom history.

Leading this charge is CHEC's Homeschool Legislative Liaison, Carolyn Martin.

Carolyn keeps vigilant watch on the legislation at the Capitol in both the House and Senate with consideration for Colorado homeschool freedom, parental rights, and religious liberty. During the legislative season, she researches and testifies against bills that threaten our freedom, coordinates broader opposition to dangerous legislation, and provides regular updates to homeschool families that keep them informed and educated on the current legislative front. (You can sign up for these updates at CHEC.org/Freedom.) Throughout the year, Carolyn also oversees and trains CHEC's Colorado Homeschool Freedom Team, invests in key strategic relationships, and stays abreast of national homeschooling concerns and legislative trends.



CAROLYN MARTIN
CHEC Homeschool
Legislative Liaison



30th anniversary of Colorado's Homeschool Law at the State Capitol

CHEC EXCLUDED FROM CHARITY PROGRAM FOR BIBLICAL STAND

This year, at the direction of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Amazon stopped allowing homeschool families to choose CHEC as the charity that would benefit from their AmazonSmile purchases. **Michael Farris, CEO of Alliance Defending Freedom and founder of Homeschool Legal Defense Association**, wrote that "Amazon has decided that the Southern Poverty Law Center gets to decide which nonprofits are 'hate groups.' SPLC is a far left, money making apparatus that has been exposed as an inaccurate smear machine. Any group that defends traditional marriage ends up being a hate group under this approach."

CHEC ENVISIONS
families
honoring Jesus Christ
by embracing
home discipleship
that is **Christ centered**
parent directed
and **free** from
government control

“GOD HAS INCREDIBLY OPENED DOORS FOR ME.”

“I know I wouldn't be here without having the foundation of homeschooling and having my parents' mentorship in my life,” Jenna Ellis, a homeschool graduate and now Director of Public Policy for the James Dobson Family Institute, says. *“Homeschooling was for me the foundation of what has become an ability to speak into the evangelical Christian base about why Constitutional Law is important, and bringing these timeless truths to ultimately protect parental rights and the family.”* Jenna grew up attending CHEC conferences and says, *“CHEC played a very important supportive role and community role for my family.”*



JENNA ELLIS, ESQ.
Colorado Homeschool Graduate

CHEC EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- Introductory Seminars
- High School & Beyond Seminar
- Meet Your Legislator Day
- Homeschool Day at the Capitol
- Refresh Ladies' Encouragement Day
- Rocky Mountain Homeschool Conference
- Father Son Retreat
- Banquet for Widows & Single Moms
- Homeschool Graduation Ceremonies
- Homeschool Spelling Bee
- Online Homeschool Summits

“FOR US, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS KNOWING GOD.”

*“Education is such a big part of [a child's] upbringing; for us it is clear that [home education] is the best way we can **teach God's Word**, teach godly character, and foster a personal relationship with each of the children with their Savior.”* The CHEC conference has been a highlight for the Boehlers: *“As students, [we appreciated the] fellowship with like-minded folks that are going through the same joys, struggles, and difficulties. As parents, we look forward to the homeschool conference as a time where we can be **refreshed and have a renewed excitement, vision for homeschooling, and reasons for homeschooling.** That's where we get fed and encouraged to continue in the pursuit of homeschooling.”*

— Justin and Lindsey Boehler, homeschool graduates and homeschool parents of ten children



BOEHLER FAMILY
CHEC Conference Attendees

Colorado is facing serious threat from those who are seeking to undermine homeschool freedom through increasing the regulation and monitoring of homeschool families. **CHEC needs your support to be able to counteract these attacks. I invite you to stand with us by making a donation this year to CHEC's Colorado Homeschool Freedom Fund.**

Standing for homeschooling freedom is only one of the many significant things that CHEC does as an organization.

Chances are that you have attended one of CHEC's many in-person or online events. If so, then you know first-hand how important it is to receive the training and encouragement you need to homeschool with confidence and persevere in providing your children with a Christ-centered education ... even through the tough times.

Some of our most important events are our year-round Homeschool Introductory Seminars where I get a chance to talk face-to-face with families who are either brand new to homeschooling or are just exploring it as an option. Homeschooling is an **OVERWHELMING** thought for many of these families. While a major focus of these seminars is educating them on the *how* of homeschooling, one of my biggest goals is to give them the *why*.

As a homeschool graduate now homeschooling my own kids, there are few things that I am more passionate about than homeschooling. I love to share what God has done in my life through my dad and mom who saw homeschooling as a context for discipling me in the ways of Christ. This is a new concept for many of these parents and for some, it will change the course of their family forever! I invite you to partner with CHEC in this ministry through your financial support. **Know that your investment will make an ETERNAL IMPACT!**

This brings me to the heart of what really drives the ministry of CHEC: The desire to see Christian families discipling their children in the ways of the Lord whether they are sitting in their houses, walking by the way, rising up, lying down, or teaching them math! We believe that as moms and dads are faithful to this biblical calling by the grace of God, **we WILL see generations of young people rise up to make an impact for Christ and His Kingdom, not just here in Colorado, but also in the farthest corners of the world.**

As a matter of fact, one of the most exciting recent expansions to CHEC's ministry is headed up by a team that consists primarily of homeschool graduates!

Last year, CHEC began producing free online homeschool events, which are hosted at HomeschoolSummits.com. Through these events, CHEC is now providing top quality training and encouragement from nationally recognized homeschooling and parenting experts to families around the world who otherwise could not obtain it.

Over 21,000 families registered for CHEC's most recent online event, the Homeschool Parenting Summit. Participating in this event were families from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, and many more!

While CHEC's primary ministry focus is Colorado families, our vision of Christ-centered homeschooling and discipleship transcends state and national boundaries. Homeschooling is growing globally, but international homeschooling families have MUCH less access to resources and support while facing MUCH stronger opposition to their efforts. We have been incredibly blessed to hear the testimonies of international homeschooling families who are now getting the encouragement and training that they so desperately need through our online events. **I invite you to support the global homeschool movement by supporting the ministry of CHEC.**

Now more than ever, families are seeking alternatives to the increasingly anti-Christian and underperforming public education system in our country. **The opportunities to help hurting families with hurting children are all around us.** It is thrilling when we hear the stories of how God has used the ministry of CHEC to change lives!



ATTENDEE FROM POLAND

"Thank you very much for the free access to the lectures.... I live in Poland, where homeschooling is not popular or even on the radar for the most part. We have just begun to homeschool our six-year-old and there are truckloads of challenges ... it's hard to wade through the majority of sources and find a biblical solution. You helped provide that for us ... I woke up today more encouraged than I have been in a long time. Thank you."



AMARAH WHITE

"If it hadn't been for CHEC, (my granddaughter) would probably be headed for drug addiction," a grandmother says.

CHEC homeschool student Amarah had only known a life of abuse when her mother was finally arrested for drug abuse. When rescued by her grandmother, Vicki White, Amarah was dressed in summer clothes in the Colorado winter, a girl of mere skin and bones who had resorted to eating her hair and nails to stay alive.

Due to her mother's substance abuse, the spatial area of Amarah's brain had been injured, making math and even grasping simple time concepts nearly impossible. Her dread of school was heightened when her sixth-grade teacher, who was aware of her learning difficulties, humiliated her in front of the entire class. Amarah was crushed.

Vicki tried everything to help her granddaughter with no results until a friend told her about CHEC. CHEC was able to not only get Vicki and Amarah started on the homeschooling journey but has also been able to provide continuous support through the Casterline Widows and Single Moms Fund.

Homeschooling immediately transformed Amarah's world, opening opportunities she had never dreamed about. She began to soar in her writing, authoring a column in her local newspaper, "Kids Like Me," through which she raises awareness of children impacted by drug abuse. In addition, she organizes an annual Christmas donation drive that reached 160 at-risk children last year alone. *"If it wasn't for CHEC,"* Vicki said, *"she would not have discovered her talents."* Vicki described Amarah's heart behind it, similar to Joseph's. *"The devil meant it for evil, but God turned it around and is using it for good. ... I can't say how grateful we both are."*

Friends, God has called CHEC to a unique and exciting mission field. If you believe that the Christian family is under attack right here in Colorado and around the world, if you believe in the long-term fruitfulness of Christian education and discipleship, if you believe that this world needs young people who have a sincere love for God and a rock-solid biblical worldview, then **I invite you to partner with us through a donation to our ministry. We need your financial support.**

Most of all, we desperately need your prayers. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

May the Lord bless you and your family as you celebrate God's goodness during this holiday season. My prayer for you is that He fills your heart with joy and hope for the future, **for the battle is the Lord's!**

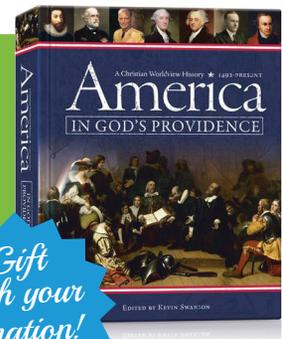


Yours in Christ,

Steve Craig

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P.S. CHEC's fight for homeschool freedom and our support of Christian homeschooling families, both here in Colorado and around the world, cannot continue without your support. **As a special thanks to those who give a one-time donation of \$200 or more (or begin a monthly donation of \$20), we want to send our newest affiliate ministry product, *America In God's Providence*.** Go to CHEC.org/donate to check out some of the other ways that we say "Thank you" to our donors!



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