



Defending your *family's freedom*  
& helping you *homeschool with confidence*



## Dear Friends,

These are crucial times for the future of home education. Families in Colorado face increased harassment by government tyranny and the Leftist agenda pushed upon students. **Yet we are seeing God use these challenges to do amazing things and open new and exciting doors, and we can't wait to share them with you in this letter!** Truly, what the enemy means for evil, “God meant it for good, to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive” (Gen. 50:20).

This year, parents in Colorado were forced to navigate the complexity of COVID mandates on top of trying to safeguard their children from the onslaught of political agendas, such as Critical Race Theory and perverted sexual ideologies dominating mainstream education.

**Concerned about the indoctrination of their children, more families are considering fleeing the government schools altogether** but are unsure of where else to go.

Then, in September, the National School Board Association wrote a letter to President Biden, requesting that the Department of Justice and federal law enforcement investigate and curtail the ‘threat’ of parents disrupting school board meetings to speak up against Critical Race Theory and unreasonable COVID mandates. **The letter compared their efforts to “domestic terrorism” and “hate crimes,” calling these groups of parents “extremist hate organizations.”** While the NSBA has since issued an apology after receiving significant backlash over the outrageous language of their letter, it exposed the willingness of school boards to ignore and even silence the voice of concerned parents.

That recent incident is only one of many, as parents are targeted for simply desiring the best education options for their children. Like the crowds that Jesus looked upon with compassion, because they were “harassed and helpless,” **so many families are pressured and weary** (Matt. 9:36-38). Christ has called us to take that compassion and put it into action in a world where families are desperate for encouragement, support, and direction.

**I firmly believe God has prepared and equipped CHEC to help these hurting families, and I’m inviting you to be a part of this opportunity.**

*After we discovered our second child was regularly bullied and began to realize that a traditional public school setting was not an environment he would thrive in, we made the decision to homeschool in order to be the strongest influence in the lives of our children, and to have more say in which peers they interact with. Homeschooling has brought our family closer together, partially by virtue of just being home together more, and partially because we now view life as an educational adventure. There's always something to learn, something fun to do together. CHEC has supported us by being our covering, ensuring we are legal in the eyes of the government but have the freedom to raise up our children in the way they should go.*

**KYLE WAYMAN**

Colorado  
Homeschool Dad



## **“ ALLOWING GOD TO LEAD OUR FAMILY**

through the journey of homeschooling was 100% worth it. There were tears, but there was more laughter. There were productive days and days that seemed to take their own direction with surprising benefits. Was it perfect? No, but it was such an incredible journey. I honestly don't know how people do it without CHEC — or why anyone would want to. From the convention, to the Homeschool Day at the Capitol, to the regular and helpful communication I received from this organization, I know this group of caring people has my back.

**CATE RITCHIEY**

Colorado Homeschool Mom



CHEC team works hard to plan events, create tools, and offer support, giving new homeschoolers a headstart in the journey. Whether just starting out or graduating their students, homeschool families in Colorado can be assured we have their back. God is using families like you to equip us to meet the many needs before us but **we need to expand our ministry in the coming year in order to reach families who are not yet aware of the resources and support that we offer.**

Reaching these desperate families begins with getting the word out

about homeschooling. So many parents deeply desire the best for their children, and with the right resources and support, their children could be blossoming with an education tailored to their needs! **Now more than ever is the time to pour into marketing and outreach to find these searching families and share the vision of homeschooling** — “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (Matt. 9:35).

**Join us today as a fellow laborer in this field through your prayers and financial support!**

For 30+ years, CHEC has served as a go-to for Colorado homeschooling.

**Our primary goal is to motivate parents to disciple the next generation of Christians for God's glory.** And that is

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As part of this vision, **CHEC has hired a full-**

**time Director of Marketing**, enabling us to go

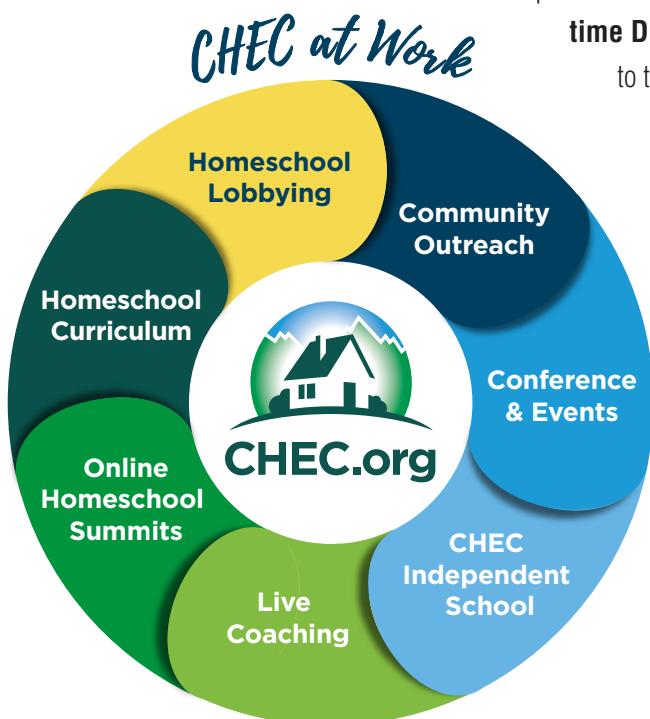
to the next level as we champion homeschooling in Colorado. **With your support, CHEC is also working to hire a Director of Growth and Outreach**, who will focus on sharing the vision of homeschooling

with the broader community. This will allow us to organize outreach initiatives that target community and faith-based organizations,

launch social media campaigns to expose public and private school families to homeschooling, and leverage Colorado's vibrant homeschooling community to become more successful advocates of homeschooling within their neighborhoods and churches. **We're excited for the new ministry opportunities before us!**

Your gift to CHEC today will make this vision possible and have a direct impact on families exploring homeschooling.

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



**While we are truly encouraged that homeschooling is on the rise, the need to protect our freedoms is greater than ever.** 2021 brought continual attacks on parental rights, religious liberty, and homeschool freedom. **The Colorado legislature is bent on coercing every aspect of education and family life to fit their anti-God, unbiblical ideology**, and in many ways, the 2021 legislative session saw the fulfillment of their dreams. They have formed a newly protected gender preference and sexual identity class in the anti-discrimination laws. They have successfully regulated media literacy and civics curriculum taught to children in Colorado to fit the progressive narrative. **Parental rights are no longer valued**, and children as young as twelve were granted access to contraceptives, preventive STD care, and mental health treatment without parental consent or even knowledge.

As of yet, homeschool families have been spared from the worst of the regulations.

However, we are quickly losing our freedoms, and **it is imperative that homeschoilers take**

**a stand** on what we hold most dear: the right to educate and raise our children to honor the Lord, free from government control. **CHEC is passionate about serving as a watchguard in the Colorado legislature, but the pressure against us is growing. We are committed to winning this battle and are excited to have you join us in taking a stand.**

#### **WHILE WE SAW HOMESCHOOLING GROW, WE ALSO SAW THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL IN MANY**

areas of our lives. The goal of the governor and the leadership in the legislature this past year was to boldly transform Colorado. They accomplished that goal by growing the government and increasing the financial burden on families. Much of their work will not be felt until after the 2022 election.

As homeschooling continues to grow, there is pressure being put on lawmakers to increase the regulation of homeschoilers. We understand that increased regulation or oversight by the government does not influence academic outcomes but some believe differently. It is essential that we reach every legislator and convince at least a majority of them of this truth. We also need to help new homeschoilers understand that their new found freedom of educating their children came at a cost. We must prepare all homeschoilers to protect our homeschool freedom during the upcoming legislative session.

Thank you for standing with us in this effort!

**CAROLYN MARTIN**  
CHEC Director of Government Relations

My mom attended her first CHEC conference when I was two, and two decades later, my three younger siblings and I have successfully graduated from homeschool and are all pursuing the Lord in a variety of career and ministry endeavors. CHEC played a huge role in challenging my parents to make our homeschooling and family life centered around Christ, and I'm incredibly grateful for the foundation they laid. I had the privilege of serving alongside the incredible CHEC team in a marketing role for four years, during which I authored the *Colorado Civics* textbook. I am blessed to continue to be a part of CHEC's vital ministry, and look forward one day to giving my own children the kind of Christ-centered education my parents gave me!

**JULIANNA DOTTEN**

Colorado Homeschool Graduate



We have also seen God at work to preserve our freedoms, and **we praise God for the influence He has given CHEC!**

Specifically, Carolyn Martin, in addition to her continued work as the CHEC Director of Government Relations, has stepped up to serve as policy director for Representative Stephanie Luck. This new position provides her with even better access to information and relationships at the Capitol, as she works to protect our homeschool freedom, parental rights, and religious liberty. We are also thankful that many legislators continue to hold homeschoilers in high regard. CHEC's vision is to fight to undergird that perspective and help them develop a positive view of who we are and what we stand for.

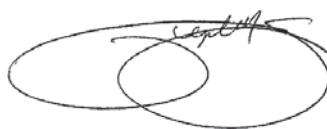
The next legislative session in 2022 is approaching rapidly, bringing many threats to homeschooling families, including the possibility of vaccination requirements and their impact on parents and students alike. **We are gearing up for increased attacks** on Colorado parents who seek simply to raise and educate their children for the Lord, without

government intervention. **We are determined to take a stand, but we need your prayers and support.**

These are challenging but exciting times for families in Colorado. Freedom is never won easily, and **the fight for parental rights and homeschool freedoms in the legislature continues to escalate**. More and more families are facing frustrations over complex regulations and clashing worldviews in the school system and are looking for a better way.

**Please join us through prayer and financial support as we ramp up our efforts to defend our freedoms and equip families for a successful homeschooling journey!**

Sincerely,

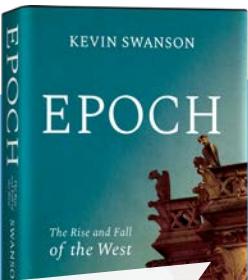


**Steve Craig**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FOR THE ENTIRE CHEC TEAM**



P.S. We're excited to see growing numbers of families choosing to homeschool, and can't wait to see what God does in 2022! You can be a part of CHEC's exciting mission to provide homeschooling support to more families than ever across our state. **Your prayers are essential, and with your generous support we can make the CHEC vision a reality!**

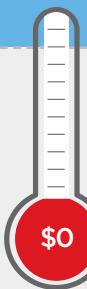


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As a special thanks to those who give a one-time donation of \$200 or more (or begin a monthly donation of \$20), **we want to send you a copy of Kevin Swanson's brand new book, Epoch.** *Epoch* is a 2,000 year survey of the Christian West that will help you to understand the times we are living in and know how Christians should respond. Go to [CHEC.org/donate](https://CHEC.org/donate) to check out some of the other ways that we say "thank you" to our donors!



**Our Goal:  
Raise  
\$100,000  
by  
December  
31st**

#### **Your Donation...**

- ✓ Defends homeschool freedom in Colorado
- ✓ Supports the growing homeschooling community with training programs and free resources
- ✓ Reaches new families to equip them to start homeschooling
- ✓ Passes on a vision for biblical discipleship and building the kingdom of God

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- **\$75 (Stakeholder):** \$15 off HSLDA membership and 10% off CHEC's annual conference.
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