

# GIVING BACK

## STARBURST AWARDS 2016

### BRIGHTON TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR WATER AND SKATE PROJECT

**Sept. 28, 2016, DENVER** – Kids in Brighton are grateful to have a free place to keep it cool and practice hot moves. The Colorado Lottery will honor the City of Brighton with a Starburst Award for using Lottery proceeds for Emi Chikuma Splash Pad and Skate Spot.

The water playground and skate area, named after a Brighton woman who was a champion for outdoor recreation, was completed in August 2014 with help from two sources of Lottery funds; \$263,056 from the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) and a \$33,000 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant.

The award will be presented at the Brighton City Council meeting Tuesday, October 4 at 7 pm.

Following the removal of the 50 year-old City pool and rusting metal half-pipe, the new park project helped revitalize the surrounding neighborhood by offering safe, free, and ADA-accessible recreation amenities. Centrally located in Brighton's Benedict Park, the water park features a low-flow stream with climbable rocks, soaring water spouts controlled by "trigger discs", and misters that create a rainbow-colored tunnel. The all-concrete skate spot includes a half-pipe, a trick gap, and benches.

The Colorado Lottery Starburst Awards recognize excellence in the use of Lottery proceeds in community projects implemented to enhance a community's environment.

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In FY2016 alone, the Lottery distributed \$143 million in proceeds. Since its creation 33 years ago, the Lottery has returned \$2.9 billion back into the state of Colorado. Lottery proceeds are distributed to three primary beneficiaries: GOCO, Conservation Trust Fund, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. These organizations provide grants and direct funding for parks, recreation, open space acquisition, trails, and wildlife and conservation education.

For more information on Starburst Awards, visit [ColoradoLottery.com](http://ColoradoLottery.com)

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