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Golfers and shoppers gave much more than donations to Hope House during its annual fundraiser. They gave teen moms their support.

Hope House of Colorado, a nonprofit that helps teen moms achieve self-sufficiency through various programs, hosted its seventh-annual Hope House Classic golf tournament and fundraiser at Cherry Creek Country Club July 30.

The tournament included 113 golfers playing 18 holes, a "shoptails" event that combined cocktails and boutique shopping in the club house with a portion of the proceeds going to Hope House, dinner and an auction. This year's event raised more than \$100,000 for Hope House and was the most successful classic since it started, said Lisa Schlarbaum, director of development for Hope House.

"We're blessed to have the support that we do," Schlarbaum said.

The shoptail, which featured clothes modeled by several teen moms, was hosted by Trendz Boutique, and co-owner Jennifer Tiell said the boutique was happy to get involved.

"As a small business, we should be a platform for different issues and concerns to bring quality to the community," Tiell said. "We were so impressed with the passions behind what they do. We are women helping women, whatever their age."

During the dinner, a 19-year-old who is currently participating in Hope House's mentoring program shared her story with contributors.

Aluren, who has been involved in the mentoring program since her 14-month-old daughter was three weeks old, will graduate from the program in September. She said she is now completely self-sufficient, in her third semester of college and working.

She said she was excited to see people support Hope House and the work it does.

"It's nice to see people who care," she said. "A lot of times people automatically dismiss teen moms. The program helps a lot because it's people who think you can succeed, and you're not being shut down."

Shante Rodriguez, 21, an alumna of the mentoring program who has a 3-and-a-half-year-old daughter, said Hope House has helped her in many ways, from material goods to spiritual guidance.

"It was such a blessing to me, and it continues to be a blessing," Rodriguez said. "It's one of the pillars of my life. I encourage them to keep supporting Hope House because their support helped me get to where I am, and that's self-sufficiency."

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Following graduation, Rodriguez started her own line of handmade jewelry and accessories, Bella Bloom Designs. Some of her creations were part of the Shoptails event.

Hap Lundquist, owner of Lundquist Associates, a longtime supporter of Hope House, said he golfs in the tournament to support Hope House and the young mothers.

"What a treat," Lundquist said. "Hope House is the best thing going for these girls and their kids. It's the best cause we've got going, bar none."

For more information about Hope House, go online to [www.hopehouseofcolorado.com](http://www.hopehouseofcolorado.com).

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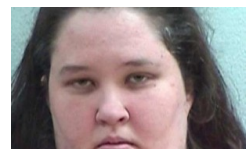
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