DENVER — On April 6, 2024, supporters of National Jewish Health raised more than $163,000 for the Morgridge Academy, a K-8 school for children with chronic illnesses located on the campus of National Jewish Health. The annual Hoops and Hoopla event was held at Empower Field at Mile High Stadium. Morgridge Academy, the only school of its kind in the country, is a tuition-free school for students in kindergarten through eighth grades, who have a chronic illness. Students learn to manage their diseases while succeeding academically.

“For these kids, Morgridge Academy at National Jewish Health has been a game changer,” said Jennifer McCullough, MA, MSEd, director of education at Morgridge Academy. “This level of care just would not be possible in a traditional setting, and it makes all the difference in helping our students stay in school consistently.”

The fan's night out event, presented by Greiner Electric, is held annually in conjunction with the men's college basketball semifinal games. The evening program, positioned between the two games, was emceed by Ryan Harris, former NFL offensive tackle, Super Bowl 50 champion with the Denver Broncos and radio host.
Guests at the event watched the seminal match-ups on more than 70 screens at the venue. While fixated on the best of college basketball, guests enjoyed a gourmet buffet and participated in a silent auction, arcade and casino games, and sports simulators. More than 300 people attended the event, and more than 40 companies contributed to its success.

Kris Wintroub and Tom Tarver participated as volunteer coaches of Team Greiner Electric, and were named MVPs for raising $100,000 in sponsorships, ticket sales and donations for the event. Greiner Electric has been the presenting sponsor since 2007.

The entire Hoops and Hoopla volunteer coaching lineup included Gavin Ekstrom, CrossCountry Mortgage; Jerry Laflen, FORVIS; Andrew Langston, Roof & Solar Brokers Group; Jeff Lindsay, Mortenson Construction Company; Kaia Noonan, Mortenson Construction Company; Tom Tarver, Greiner Electric; Sabra Taylor, Colorado Auto Glass; and Kris Wintroub, Greiner Electric.

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We have many faculty members, from bench scientists to clinicians, who can speak on almost any aspect of respiratory, immune, cardiac and gastrointestinal disease as well as lung cancer and basic immunology.

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