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**Motivational speaker William Green lifts up Ihan Guerrero, 6, a Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo County East Side Clubhouse member, by a towel to represent pulling him up to his dreams during a presentation.**

#### EDUCATION

## Former NFL player motivates Pueblo students

### Tells them to overcome obstacles, stay in school

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William Green was excelling in his football career and in life before adversity set in that led him to finding God and turning things around so he could impact others.

Green played college football at Boston College where he was a consensus All-American before being a first-round draft pick of the Cleveland Browns in 2002.

Green had a good rookie season for the Browns, rushing for 887 yards and six touchdowns, but his life experienced turmoil after that year and he was out of the

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NFL following the 2005 season.

In the years following the tumult, Green went on to find God and become a Christian, and started delivering motivational speeches across the country. He later became an ordained minister.

Green traveled to Pueblo on Wednesday to speak to a group of kids at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo County's East Side

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